

GULLANE AREA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

(Representing Aberlady, Dirleton, Drem and Gullane)

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MINUTES OF THE ONLINE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 26 November 2020

Minutes are subject to adoption at the next meeting

Present	Tom Drysdale (TD)	Dirleton
	Frank Neat (FN)	Aberlady
	Gordon McLelland (GM)	Gullane
	Dorothy Arthur (DA)	Gullane
	Karen Chapman (KC)	Gullane
	Martin White (MW)	West Fenton
	Hugh Smith (HS)	Drem

In Attendance ELC Councillor Jim Goodfellow (Cllr JG), ELC Councillor Jeremy Findlay (Cllr JF), Liz Forsyth (LF), Chair Aberlady Village Association, and Bonnie Macmillan, GACC Secretary.

Item	Title	Action By
1	Sign On, Welcome and Apologies TD welcomed all to the online meeting and noted it was quorate. Apologies were received from Les Sibbald (Gullane), Malcolm Duck (Aberlady), David Tait (Dirleton), ELC Councillor Jane Henderson and PC Paterson.	
2	Minutes of the Previous Meeting The minutes of the October meeting were approved, and all present agreed with decisions taken.	

3	<p>Matters Arising and Actions from the Last Meeting</p> <p>Drem Station Parking and Traffic – TD was still awaiting input from the relevant ELC officials and had no progress to report.</p> <p>Village Gateways for Aberlady – TD was still awaiting suggestions and guidance on this from ELC officials as to how to proceed and had no progress to report.</p> <p>Aberlady Burial Ground Space –Ongoing discussions about this with Wemyss and March Estates are on hold due to Covid-19 restrictions.</p> <p>Aberlady Footpath from the Pleasance to the Bothy - Ongoing discussions about this with Wemyss and March Estates have been put on hold due to COVID-19 restrictions.</p>	
4	<p>Membership</p> <p>There remain 2 vacant seats for Aberlady. Interested parties should speak to MD. There is one vacancy in Gullane. TD will compose text for GM to add to the Gullane and Aberlady Facebook pages.</p>	TD/GM
5	<p>Local Priorities Fund (LPF)</p> <p>The awards to the East Lothian Countryside Volunteers as a contribution to a base at Aberlady Nature Reserve (£1500) and to Dirleton Village Association as a contribution to the costs of refurbishment of the Dirleton War Memorial (£2000) have been paid. There are 2 new applications:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Aberlady Community Association has submitted an application for a grant of £400 to help meet the cost of running a community day and a voting day relative to a participatory budgeting project, “Keeping Aberlady Healthy, Active and Connected, for which a grant of £3000 had been promised by the Area Partnership. The total cost of the community and voting days had been estimated at £553.77. It was felt that a higher proportion of this should be met by the community but agreed that an award of £300 should be made, on terms to be formalised by the LPF committee, including a time deadline in the event of the days being held after 31 March 2021. 2. Gullane Forest School, which had only just been received, was for a grant of £2000. It was noted that an application had been made to the Area Partnership for a grant of £1800 and it was felt that any award made from the LPF should not exceed that amount. TD will circulate the application to members of the LPF committee with a view to their making an early recommendation. 	TD
6	<p>Treasurer’s Report There was nothing new or outstanding in the Treasurer’s report this month and it was approved. KC and GM to discuss the COVID-19 grant and report back.</p>	KC/GM

7	<p>Police Report</p> <p>MW commented on the incident of fire raising at Fenton Barnes, TD will follow up with Mr Chalmers Watson to ask about the security arrangements relating to the catering truck that is located near the mushroom farm.</p>	TD
8	<p>Smoke/heat/carbon monoxide alarms – New Regulations</p> <p>The deadline to adhere to the new regulations has been extended until 1 Feb 2022, subject to amending regulations being passed by the Scottish Parliament. GM has had correspondence that is relevant here and will forward this to TD/HS for their review.</p>	GM/TD/HS
9	<p>Village Reports</p> <p>Gullane – KC reported that the Cubs defibrillator project is moving forward. They are liaising with ELC re the best location to place the defibrillator, close to the beach. KC will speak to Jude Leslie, who is leading this initiative, regarding her making an LPF grant application. DA spoke about the Fenton Green CALA development saying that it is due to be finished before Christmas. She also mentioned the fence that CALA has placed across the path at the south end of Muirfield Grove. It crosses private land so there is not much that can be done. DA also spoke about the Saltcoats CALA development as she has been told by CALA that it will begin in the Spring. DA is concerned about issues with Scottish Water related to this development and is going to contact ELC about the conditions that were attached to the planning permission in regard to this. She will copy Cllr JF in on emails regarding this.</p> <p>GM reported that the bicycle stands at the Old Smiddy are to be installed this week.</p> <p>West Fenton – nothing to report</p> <p>Drem – HS reported that ELC has applied for Sustrans funding to help identify better routes through Drem for the Gullane/Drem path.</p> <p>Aberlady – FN spoke about the flooding on the main street and how the gutters need to be cleaned. He also brought up the fact that the streets have not been swept for some time. TD will look into who to contact re street sweeping and flooding.</p> <p>Dirleton – TD has contacted a Church representative to see if they can offer DART any alternative space if needed in the future in connection with Covid-19 and awaits a reply. He reported that MNM Developments the developer of the housing site at Castlemains Place for which planning permission has been granted, will undertake an archaeological assessment of the site in December. FN brought up the fact that Dirleton is on the NB sewage network, which is understood to be at full capacity already and will discuss with TD the implications of this in the context of this development.</p>	<p>KC</p> <p>DA</p> <p>TD</p> <p>TD/FN</p>
10	<p>Website and Communications</p> <p>GM reported that the GACC web site had a lower number of views than expected during November but that the Facebook page was well received, with particular interest in the toilets in Gullane being re-</p>	

	opened.	
11	<p>Planning</p> <p>MW spoke about a current planning application for a house extension in The Pleasance in Aberlady involving the insertion of two pairs of double roof windows on the front elevation. The property is within the conservation area and it is understood that no other houses on the street have such windows. FN reported that the community is not concerned about the issue. FN, MW and MD do not think that GACC should object to the application and this was agreed.</p>	
12	<p>North Berwick Coastal Area Partnership (NBCAP)</p> <p>TD noted that although he is at present the only GACC member on the Partnership (with DA as his alternate) a second member should have been nominated following James Barbour’s resignation. FN volunteered, TD and FN to speak about this.</p> <p>TD attended the Partnership Zoom meeting on November 10, nothing out of the ordinary to report. The next scheduled meeting is in February.</p>	TD/FN
13	<p>AOCB</p> <p>Future of Gullane Recreation/Scout Hall – ELC plans to put the hall on the market. GM has asked ELC if it can continue to be used on a month to month basis for the book exchange and the scrubbers. GM has not had a reply from ELC. Cllr JF will follow up on this with Caitlin McCorry, Service Manager, ELC Connected Communities. He will also speak with ELC officials about separating the open space in front of the hall from the hall itself.</p> <p>GM would like to see the new Gullane Village Association apply for charitable status and then possibly take over the running of the hall.</p> <p>Gullane Cub Scouts Defibrillator – discussed under the Gullane Village report.</p> <p>FN brought up the need for a litter bin in Longniddry Bents No 3 car park, which is understood to be within the GACC boundary. TD will advise FN who to contact at ELC.</p>	<p>Cllr JF</p> <p>TD/FN</p>

There will be no meeting in December. The next regularly scheduled online meeting will be on Thursday, 28 January at 7:00pm. If members of the public wish to raise any issues for discussion at the meeting, or beforehand, these should be sent by email to gaccsecretary@gmail.com