

GULLANE AREA COMMUNITY COUNCIL
 (Representing Aberlady, Dirleton, Drem and Gullane)
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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 25th FEBRUARY 2016

Held in Gullane Recreation Hall

Minutes are subject to adoption at the next meeting

Present:	J Findlay (Chair)	Gullane
	T Drysdale (TD)	Dirleton
	D McDonald (DMcD)	Dirleton
	J Hendry (JH)	Gullane
	K Chapman (KC)	Gullane
	M White (MW)	West Fenton
	S Morris (SM)	Drem
	M Duck	Aberlady
	A McCallum (AMc)	Aberlady
	Cllr J Goodfellow (CllrG)	East Lothian Councillor
	Cllr D Berry (CllrB)	East Lothian Councillor
	Cllr T Day (CllrD)	East Lothian Councillor
	T A Lonie (TAL)	Secretary
	NB: A number of members of the public were also present (approx 80 in total)	

Item	Title	Action By
1	APOLOGIES Apologies were received from: Rosanne Ainslie and Veronica Sked	
2	MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING The minutes of the previous meeting, as circulated by the Secretary, were confirmed as a true reflection of the meeting.	
3	MATTERS ARISING – REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENCE The Chair had received a letter from Catherine Montgomery of the Gullane Village Hall (GVH) Committee thanking the CC for their support in their application to Viridor for a new heating system, which has been successful. The new system will be installed in the near future. On behalf of the CC, the Chair thanked the GVH for all their hard work and congratulated them on their success.	
4	POLICE REPORT A police report was e-mailed in advance of the meeting and PC Kerry Black attended the meeting. The report was based on incidents between 25/01/16 and 23/02/16 with 96 calls being made to the Police. Ward priorities are as follows: Road Safety – officers have been carrying out road safety patrols and numerous drivers have been warned about their speeding through Aberlady and Gullane in particular. Officers are aware of the CAPP priority of anti-social motorists in Gullane Bents and Yellowcraig car park and will continue to monitor this area. Antisocial Behaviour –there have been no antisocial behaviour issues reported over the last month. Substance Misuse – a male was found in possession of a controlled substance in Aberlady and subsequently charged with a report submitted to the Procurator Fiscal. Theft – there was a house breaking in Archerfield on 8 th February with enquiries still ongoing.	

	The date of the next CAPP meeting is Wednesday 30 th March.	
5	<p>LOCAL PRIORITIES</p> <p>The Chair reported that no applications had been received since the last meeting and that £2,500 was still available in the allocation fund. He urged those members of the community present at the meeting to consider submitting an application to the CC in the next two weeks for local worthy causes that would benefit from funding.</p>	
6	<p>PLANNING MATTERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CALA presentation on proposed housing developments in Gullane <p>The Chair introduced Tony Thomas (of APT Planning and Development, planning consultant to CALA Homes), Alan Stewart (representing JTP Architects) and Derek Lawson (Strategic Land Director of CALA) to the meeting. CALA expect to be the developers for Saltcoats Field and Fenton Gait East sites in Gullane and were keen to show their proposals to the community during the early stages. A PowerPoint presentation was given to residents in attendance explaining that CALA had commenced the planning process with ELC in full support. They wanted to attend the meeting in order to listen to the community and take on board their wishes and announced that there would be a two-day consultation event held on the 18th & 19th March in the Golf Inn in Gullane and that a planning application was likely to be submitted in the early summer. An opportunity for residents to ask questions was then given. Jude Leslie (JL), representing Gullane Primary School Parent Council, outlined clear reasons why the development should not go ahead on the Saltcoats site including detrimental effects to the dynamics of the village and primary school as well as transport and infrastructure issues. She also pointed out that 76 objections had been received by ELC in the Main Issues Report consultation – the second highest number of objections received in East Lothian. JL agreed to pass on a copy of her document/research to Tony Thomas in order that all points could be considered. Martin White expressed a high degree of concern about impacts on large numbers of pedestrians, dog walkers, boy scouts, horses, etc using the narrow and twisty West Fenton roads, with a risk that the West Fenton lane exit promoted greatly increased use of the road as an alternative to the main road. Others expressed similar concerns.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed Anaerobic Digestion Plant (ADP) at Ballencrieff <p>Mr Haig Hamilton and his brother Mr David Hamilton attended the meeting and had requested to update the meeting on the revised proposals and planning application for the ADP at Ballencrieff, which had been submitted to ELC on 1st February. They described the changes and highlighted the fact that the tanks had now been sunk into the ground by 1.5 metres, with a view to making them less visual from the road. TD stated that the CC had lodged objections to the first planning application and it was likely that they would object again on the basis that it is more ‘industrial’ than ‘agricultural’ and should, therefore, be positioned in an industrial setting rather than on prime agricultural land on a greenfield site as proposed. He also questioned the traffic projections, which had been put forward with the application. The advantages and disadvantages of the ADP were discussed in length and it was agreed that the CC should consider the new feedback and vote on how to proceed.</p> <p>ACTION: TD to review his comments and circulate by e-mail to CC members who would then vote on whether to proceed to object again to the second planning application submitted by Mr Hamilton.</p>	TD
7	<p>WEBSITE</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>	

8	<p>VILLAGE REPORTS</p> <p>Aberlady – AMc reported that a meeting was to be held between the Community Association and Cruden Homes, who plan to develop on west side of the village, on 12th April in Aberlady Kirk Stables.</p> <p>The Chair enquired if the new sign at the Church was in place as the CC had part funded this project and asked AMc/MD to report back.</p> <p>It was also noted that the speed indicator on the approach to Aberlady from the east side of the village was now in place and seemed to be effective so far. A local resident present at the meeting requested that the CC have the sign moved after three months in order for it to remain effective in reducing speed.</p> <p>ACTION: Chair to put in request to Colin Baird at ELC.</p> <p>Drem – SM reported that she plans to write a letter to ELC addressing the concerns of a number of residents in Drem who don't necessarily agree with the approach of Iain Monk and his continued effort to increase awareness of the need for a core path between Dirleton and Drem for pedestrian and cyclists. The Chair requested that copies of such letter be sent to Iain Monk and himself.</p> <p>Dirleton – TD reported on the public consultation event to be held by CALA in the Open Arms Hotel on 9 March for their proposed housing development at Castlemains Place. He also said that Muir Homes were proposing another development, at Foreshot Terrace/Ware Road, which would be the subject of a later public consultation event. TD stated that the DVA have a neutral view on both these sites at present.</p> <p>He also updated the meeting on the renovation of the public toilet block being funded from the Local Area Partnership budget, with the external work now completed, and improvements outside the Church with additional hard core parking provided from the same budget.</p> <p>Gullane – concern has been expressed from local residents over the plans for development of the Saltcoats site (refer to item 6).</p> <p>West Fenton – MW enquired if there had been any progress on the situation with the lack of reflective bollards on the West Fenton Road approaching Fenton Barns. SM confirmed that this is being dealt with and new bollards will go up in April.</p>	Chair
9	<p>ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS (AOCB)</p> <p>Gullane Post Office - the Chair confirmed that a meeting had been held recently with CllrG, Iain Gray MSP and George Thompson from the National Postmaster Union to discuss the future of postal services in Gullane. CllrG reported that Iain Gray was in communication with the relevant authority but no response had been received as yet.</p> <p>ACTION: feedback to be reported at next meeting in March.</p>	Chair
10	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next meeting will take place on Thursday 31st March 2016 at 7:00pm in Dirleton Kirk Hall.</p>	