**GULLANE AREA COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

(Representing Aberlady, Dirleton, Drem and Gullane)

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**in Aberlady Kirk Stables**

Minutes are subject to adoption at the next meeting

**Present**

Dorothy Arthur (DA) Gullane

Gordon McLelland (GM) Gullane

Malcolm Duck (MD) Aberlady

Martin White (MW) Drem area

Frank Neate (FN) Gullane

Karen Chapman (KC) Gullane

David Tait (DT) Dirleton

Rebecca Hughes (RH) Aberlady

Ian Malcolm (IM) Aberlady

**Apologies**

Hayden Edwards (HE) Aberlady

Nicky Black (NB) Gullane

Simon Paterson Brown (SPB) Dirlelton

Jamie Tough (JT) Aberlady

ELC Councillor Jim Goodfellow

**In Attendance –**ELC Councillor Jeremy Findlay (CllrJF), 1 member of public

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| **Item** | **Title** | **Action By** |
| 1 | **Sign On, Welcome and Apologies**  Apologies from Hayden Edwards, Nicky Black, Simon Paterson-Brown, Jim Goodfellow, Ruth Butterworth (incoming secretary)  MD asked that everyone would work as part of a cohesive team and work in a constructive manner to make the Community Council more effective in future. |  |
| 2 | **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**  The minutes of the meeting of 21st October 2021 were approved after two amendments.   1. Item 1. TD changed to MD 2. Item 5. ‘MD says most appropriate to put limits around schools’   Should read *‘After discussion it was agreed that the Community Council would support 20 mph around schools but not around the rest of the area. This was carried by the members present with one objection from IM and one abstention from MW.*  A vote was taken and it was passed, there was one objection by IM. |  |
| 3 | **Matters Arising and Actions from the Last Meeting**  Spaces for People / 20mph  IM asked about the status of Spaces for People.  MD said it had been agreed at the last meeting.  IM said GM hadn’t drafted a proper reply.  GM said that he had only commented on the 20mph consultation and includes comments from each village. There is another consultation for the public which everyone could complete.  GM attended the “On the Move” meeting.  DT said that each individual village made their own comment.  IM said that the letter circulated on 19th November raised no objections.  MD had met Aberlady Community Association and Aberlady Primary School Parent Council. He had forwarded them the links for their feed back to ELC  RH said that 20mph was not mentioned as an issue by any respondents in April 2021 village wide CC(HEdwards) online survey in Aberlady.  A discussion took place following comments made by IM regarding the draft letter and the lack of reference to a 2018 survey. After much discussion MD explained that the letter had beensent to East Lothian Council after it had been circulated to the Community Councillors who were given 48 hours to respond as to whether they wanted any changes re the letter drafted by GM.  There was one objection from IM as per the meeting on October 21 but no further objections therefore there was no change to the position at the previous meeting, so the Councillors agreed to the draft letter being sent.  Spaces for People Response – Timeline  Subject on the Agenda and discussed at Community Council Meeting, Aberlady 21st October 21.  A vote was taken and there was a majority in agreement.  Chair of Aberlady Community Association present. Poor attendance from public.  Letter to ELC drafted and circulated to Community Councillors and Chair of Aberlady Community Association. One objection from IM. No other objections, comments or disagreements aired.  Letter circulated on 16th November 21 with 48 hours response time  Letter submitted to ELC prior to meeting of Aberlady Community Association Meeting as timetabled. |  |
| 4 | **Discussion on Cala Application/Football pitch**  MW – surprised by statement from Cala received by DA that there was no urgency, yet they had previously been saying otherwise. LDP is clear in the outline for development west of Saltcoats should be green space. Housing estimates for Gullane were to be 295 yet there is already 339. The view is that the green space should be maintained. A way should be found in offloading this land to ELC. Money from section 75 could be used for a community football pitch. ELC planners have not yet made a decision whether houses should be built in this area.  MW will write a letter to CALA | MW |
| 5 | **Local Priorities Fund**  KC - Money has been distributed to the Queens Canopy trees project.  No new applications have been submitted.  MW – Drem Xmas lights owned by the C.C. have free storage due to Andrew Black and Hugh Smith. ELC used to pay for the electricity.  MW – proposed that the electricity is paid for by GACC but not out of the LDF but the general fund instead. This was agreed. |  |
| 6 | **Treasurer’s Report**  KC – agreed that £100 per meeting should be paid to the new secretary Ruth Butterworth. She could not attend due to illness.  £2069.89 was still to be distributed from the LPF  Still waiting for the application from Gullane Children’s Hub.  Dirleton lights application has not yet been submitted.  Cash in the bank is £3683.05 (used for hall rental, secretary etc) |  |
| 7 | **Police Report**  RH- Police had not responded to an incident in Aberlady.  DA - Several incidents in Gullane last month were still not on the Police report.  MD commented again about the lack of representation by the Police at the CC meetings.  DA thought that CAPP meetings should resume and will contact police.  GM reported that local speed checks were carried out over 2 days.  MD would follow up with the Police to ensure that they attend some of the CC meetings. |  |
| 8 | **Village Reports**  **Dirleton**  DT – Road resurfacing is causing problems with parking around the school.  Resilience teams are to be activated in January/ February.  **Gullane**  GM - Cala are dragging their feet re the core path. It is unsafe to walk along it due to the heavy lorries.  GM reported a large gap in the fencing last weekend. Photos were sent to Cala.  GM would like to meet Derek Lawson and the site manager to walk along the core path route. MD would like to be included and JF kept informed.  GM – state of road from Luffness to Aberlady is very poor.  JF – will contact ELC roads when the resurfacing will take place.  **Aberlady**  IM – condition and maintenance along Coffin Lane is required. Water is lying and trees have to be cut back  RH – Aberlady Mains – 15 year history of planning permission clarified with ELC and was finally granted in July 2021 along with stringent Section 75 conditions. There are safety concerns for nearby residents when certain works are to be done.  FN – has compiled an extensive report on the pollution in Aberlady Bay. There is clear evidence that GWWTW has insufficient capacity. SW and SEPA refuse to acknowledge the facts. FN wants GACC to support the letter which he plans to send to the Scottish Minister.  RH – there is concern about the future of Aberlady Bay and its unique biodiversity which is already being affected by the pollution. This is a wider coastal issue in Firth of Forth.  RH – will pursue contacts re Aberlady Bay natural heritage designations conservation  **Drem and West Fenton**  Nothing to report |  |
| 9 | **Website and Communications**  GM – good response from FB last month. There are problems with the website and working with Gary Hitchin to resolve.  Need more photos for website. |  |
| 10 | **Planning**  MW – to write letter supporting DVA objections ref Speedwell application in Dirleton not in the previous LDP.  Hall Cres., Gullane. Proposed ancillary accommodation in the garden. Gullane councillors will need to come back to MW re their views on any objection. Concern about parking space and a possible access from a side gate near the village hall.  After consultation with other parties in Aberlady RH to come back to MW re the two Pleasance applications in the Conservation area. |  |
| 11 | **North Berwick Coastal Area Partnership (NBCAP)**  X5 bus campaign still being pursued by Craig Hoy |  |
| 12 | **AOCB**  Jamie Tough JT has resigned from GACC.  MD thanked him for all his hard work during his time on the Community Council. MD said he will be sorely missed.  GM - GVA artisan fair raised over £1000. 3rd newsletter has been distributed. The newly refurbished Recreational Hall shows how funds have been spent.  DT – Dirleton are holding a Xmas market on the main green in December. |  |

**The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on Thursday, 27thJanuary2022 at 7:00pm, the meeting will take place in Gullane Recreational Hall. 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**](mailto:gaccsecretary@gmail.com)