**GULLANE AREA COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

(Representing Gullane, Aberlady, Dirleton,and Drem )

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 25thNovember 2021

MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON THURSDAY 31stMarch 2022, 19:00 hrs in the Dirleton Church Hall

The draft minutes are subject to adoption at the next meeting

1. Present

Malcolm Duck (MD) Aberlady Chair

Gordon McLelland (GM) Gullane

Martin White (MW) Drem area

Frank Neate (FN) Gullane

David Tait (DT) Dirleton

Simon Paterson Brown (SPB) Dirleton

Karen Chapman (KC) Gullane

Rebecca Hughes (RH) Aberlady

ELC Councillor Jeremy Findlay(CllrJF),

Note That Jeremy is no longer a ELC councillor (The ELC Council elections are on the 5/5/22).

Apologies

ELC Councillor Jim Goodfellow

Dorothy Arthur (DA) Gullane

Hayden Edwards (HE) Aberlady

Ruth Butterworth Secretary

In Attendance –10 members of public

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

2.1 The minutes of the meeting of 24 February 2022 were approved, proposed by GM and seconded by MW.

Theses minutes can be viewed on our web-site <http://www.gaddabout.org.uk/meetings/minutes/>

3. Matters arising and actions from last meeting

3.1 Aberlady traffic Proposals

MD read out his correspondence to Alan Stubbs the ELC contact on this subject.

The following is a transcript of the letter

At an on- site meeting between thefollowing;

Liz Forsyth heads the Aberlady Village Association.

Anna Holland heads the Aberlady Primary Parent Council.

              Eric Usher speaks for the affected residents.

              The rest are the Aberlady Community Councillors.

  Unfortunately Provost John McMillan who leads this area as an ELC Councillor could not attend but he has been kept informed of the status

It was agreed that there is a problem with the sharp bend at the intersection of the Haddington Road and the A198 and therefore preventing parking in the area of the existing double white lines and the "No Parking" signs on both sides of the road is deemed reasonable on the main road.

It was also felt that preventing parking on the HaddingtonRd to the start of the first gate on the left and from just past the Grace of India to the same point as the other side is reasonable.  It was suggested that the area outside the Grace of India could be a single yellow line to allow the business to have delivery vehicles stop and pick up.

It was also obvious that crossing points are needed in the village, probably two. It was understood that that the existing statutory vehicle / pedestrian flow ratios don’t allow for this but we would look for practical solutions in which the village could back East Lothian Council.  Having all three-village organisations on side I think would be a great result.

Everyone is looking for solutions to the village traffic problems.  Nobody wants to go backwards.  I know you feel the required consultation was undertaken; in fact you feel you did more than required.  This is a wider problem I know.  I am really keen not to go down this rabbit hole, I think we all are.

3.2 Pollution in Aberlady Bay

At the February GACC meeting it was agreed that a brief status report would be attached to the March minutes.

A brief introduction to the background of this issue

In June 2018 SW confirmed the comment made originally in the 2016 Local Development plan: The Gullane Waste Water Treatment works did not have the hydraulic capacity to accommodate the first 49 of the 450+ new house connections to the Gullane catchment area sewage network.

By July 2018 SW stated in various emails that the capacity issue would be resolved by operational changes: Unfortunatelyin Nov 2018 SEPA confirmed to SW et al that these operational changes would not resolve the capacity problem. It follows that in Dec 2018 the WWTW did not have the hydraulic capacity to accommodate the 450+ new house connections.

At a meeting between SW and the GACC (12/12/18) SW inferred that the original 2016/2018 SW capacity analysis was wrong.

SW then used the SW 2017/18 Dry Weather Flow measurement of 1360 m3/d as the premise behind their claim that the WWTW and associated sewage network had sufficient capacity to accommodate at least 444 new connections.

The purpose of the spreadsheet and associated notes is to demonstrated using simple algebra that this premise was flawed and it follows that the June 2018 SW commentwas correct: the Gullane WWTW did not have the hydraulic capacity to handle the 450+ new connections.

The table in the spreadsheet clearly demonstrates that the WWTW is continually in breach of the SEPA issued statutory discharge licence. These are dry weather dischargesand are therefore due entirely to the increase in the connections to the network from before 2016.

SW has recently published a "Route Map to stop sewage discharges" but has failed to even acknowledge the main cause.

3.3 Condition of Roads

GM stated that the road between Gullane and Aberlady was bad with pot-holes etc and that he had received a reply from Alan Stubbs saying that whilst he agreed the road was rutted there were no plans to re surface in 2022.CllrJF commented that no work had been scheduled and that this issue should be raised with the new councillors after the May ELC elections.

3.4 CALA Feed back

GM reported that DA and him had had meeting with Cala to discuss transport and fencing issues and the segregation of the core path. In view of the recent West Fenton residents remarks on Facebook it was agreed with CllrJF that a meeting be set up with the residents to discuss their specific issues. Action Cllr JF

3.5 Consolation on East Lothian Short Term Lets.

The committee and the majority of those in attendance voted in favour of the regulation of Short Term Lets with none voting against.

MD to complete the survey on behalf of the Community Council reflecting this view.

3.6 Reduction of Speed limits

3.1 The ELC have issued their proposal and the details are to be posted on the Gaddabout web site. The council will be asking for comments at a later stage.

Links

4 Local Prioritiesfund distribution.

4.1 Aberlady Hall bench

The application for funds to support this had been approved by the

4.2 The Gullane Food and Drink festival

This application was not approved by the committee. The reason for this been sent to the applicant

5. Treasurer's report

5.1 The report is attached to theses minutes.

5.2 KC has initiated an on-line banking service to enable faster payments.

6 Police report

6.1 The monthly report is now on the GADDABOUT website.

The CAPP meetings are still not being held.

6.2 There was a report about a black car with 2 occupants talking to children playing on the Dirleton Village green. The details including the vehicle's registration number have been reported to the police.

7 Village reports

7.1 Dirleton

DT commented that although the castle was closed (for safety reasons0 the grounds were still open to the public.

Sue Oliver a Dirleton resident, complained lack of cycle lane on south side of A198 from North Berwick to Gullane. The pavement on the north side is a dual purpose east west pedestrian and cycle way and therefore dangerous. It was suggested that the DVA discuss the issue and GACC could then interface with the New County Councillors after the May Election.

She also questioned the No Entry at Castle Inn which she felt was not being recognised by motorists and the junction was dangerous.

7.2 Gullane GM raised the matter of full bins at the Smiddy .ELC had responded by saying that there were no funds to install larger seagull proof bins.

7.3 AberladyCovered out with village reports

7.4 Drem Nil

8 Planning application issues.

MW

a) Clarified that Auborn House Application had been passed.

b) The CC have taken a neutral stance on the Main Course application.

c) The planning application for a house at Rothamstead was discussed.A neighbour to the property was in the audience who felt the the CC should have a view on in fill property developments. MW explained that it was ELCs policy to encourage in fill developments but stated that he should respond direct to the Council.

d)MW was actioned to research the possibility of Local Place Planning for the Gullane Recreation Area, Millenium Wood and the adjoining area of Saltcoats, south of the primary school.

9 NBCAP

GM had attended the recent meeting and encourages all Gullane members and residents to attend the meetings in order to maximise benefit to the area.

10 AOB

None

Next meeting: The next meeting will be on Thursday 28th of April at 7 pm, Gullane Scout Hall