**GULLANE AREA COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**(Representing Gullane, Aberlady, Dirleton and Drem)**

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 26 MAY AT 7 PM IN THE KIRK STABLES, ABERLADY

*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)-Aberlady

 David Tait (DT) – Dirleton

 Karen Chapman (KC) – Gullane

 Philip Coll (PC)-Gullane

 Liz Allan (LA)-East Lothian Councillor

 Ruth Butterworth – Secretary

 **APOLOGIES**

Rebecca Hughes (RH) – Aberlady,Dorothy Arthur (DA) – Gullane, Hayden Edwards (HE) – Aberlady, Simon Paterson Brown ,Jeremy Findlay (JF) – East Lothian Councillor, Carol McFarlane (CMcF)-East Lothian Councillor

**IN ATTENDANCE** – 4 members of the public - Ros Richardson (RR), Liz Forsyth (LF), Lauren Tough (LT) and Sadia Ward (SaW)

**2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 28 April were approved – proposed by MW and seconded by GM.

These minutes can be viewed on our website – <http://www.gaddabout.org.uk/meetings/>

**3 MATTERS ARISING AND ACTIONS FROM LAST MEETING**

Aberlady Bend Yellow Lines - Meeting was held on 29 April with ACA and PTA represented by HE, MD, Liz Forsyth and Anna Holland. The yellow lines will be opposite the double white linesup to the first gate on Haddington Road. Keen to protect Grace of India business for deliveries etc. LF said that other traffic issues such as crossing points and speed had been discussed at the Aberlady Community Association meeting. GM asked if there were plans re traffic for Gullane and Dirleton-could the planners come to the next meeting? MD said that the issues would need to be clear for any discussion and that if people had issues they wished to raise they should contact their local councillor. GM asked if the back road was on the planners ‘agenda or not-there are still, for example heavy goods vehicles coming through all the villages. GM said that the ’On the Move’ meeting is still referring back to the 2018 report compiled by Ian Malcolm. The recent ‘On the Move’ meeting was very focused on the one way system in North Berwick. GM reported that at the recent NBCAP meeting an application for £30,000-£40,000 submitted by On the Move for drainage had not been approved.

GM said it was important to have a presence at the ‘On the Move’ and NBCAP meetings as they are currently very North Berwick-focused.FN and DA are representatives to attend the NBCAP meetings and GM to attend On The Move sub group and to stand in if others unable to attend. MD said that each village should raise concerns with Doug Haig at ELC.

**4 CALA FEEDBACK**

GM reported that he and DA had a meeting with CALA and Fentongate Association representatives. CALA confirmed that the work will be done during the school holidays. There will be an expansion of the current site to the west and expansion to the south may be on the agenda for the future .,

**5. ELECTION OF NEW COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS-NICKY BLACK AND PHILIP COLL**

This was agreed

**6. LOCAL PRIORITIES**

**Aberlady**–£800 has been approved for new bench, additional funding will be applied for to ACC cover the balance (£400). A suggestion was made that there should be a photo opportunity for the presentation of the cheque. KC said that the LPF for current year has not yet been received (£6,600).

**Dirleton** – DT said the Dirleton Playgroup will be applying for funds. KC had received an invoice from ELC for Dirleton Christmaslights and DT will look into.

Gullane-The application for funding for a youth worker was discussed but it was agreed thnat this was not fundable as it was for staffing therefore does not fit the guidelines. GM reported that an appointment has already been made.

**7. TREASURER’S REPORT**

KC reported that there was still £1,600 in the Covid fund for a Gullane post Covid event. The GVA will liaise with Doug Haig as required. KC said that ELC will again contribute to rent now that in-person meetings have returned. MD suggested that he/KC and RB meet up.

**8. POLICE REPORT**

GM noted that the parking fines were much lower than last year and LT said this may have been because of lockdown and people working from home in 2021. MD will again invite police to attend the meetings.

**13. AOB**

MD moved this item from the end of the meeting. LT said that there are huge issues in early years provision especially in Aberlady. Not all children who should be offered a place can be because of lack of capacity. This puts huge pressure on families which will increase because of all the new houses in the area. FN said this should be registeredas a complaint, it is a similar situation with the pollution issue, i.e.increased housing but no increase in capacity. SaW said that the Health and Social Care consultation ends on 31 May and all should participate. GM noted that SNP had stated they had achieved all aims in terms of childcare provision. LT said that one of the issues is that nurseries are seen as short termprovision and she has contacted councillors about this issue several times. GM asked if it was a space or staffing issue and LT said that it was mainly a staffing issue . At present the nursery could have 8 more children space wise but ELC will not fund the additional staff required. LA said that she is on the Planning and Education Committee <https://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/councillors/10064/liz_allan>

LA said she understood the problem-there are two ‘bubbles’ of lack of capacity at either end of the age spectrum. MW asked if other villages faced the same issue. KC asked if children not offered an Aberlady place were automatically offered a place in Gullaneand LT said that she wasn’t sure if that was the case. LT added that she had moved here to be part of a community as many people did but the lack of provision meant some children don’t meet their peer group until much later. LA asked LT to email her setting out the issues. GM said that there was a Children and Youth Network sub group.

**9. VILLAGE REPORTS**

Gullane – GM was pleased to report that the lamp standardshave been replaced. GM said that it was very important that residents used the X5 on its return to ensure it was not removed from service again. This was particularly important given the reduction in train provision. LA said that she has spoken to Paul McLennan MSP about this very important issue. GM said that the A1 near QM University is very slow at the momentdue to roadworks.

Aberlady-LF reported on discussions at ACA about increased provision of bike racks and the ongoing issue of road repairs. FN reported that a potential meeting with Paul McLennan at the end of June re pollution. If there is no satisfactory outcome this issue will need to be escalated. GM said that there were a number of sources for funding for bike racks-Sustrans, NBCAP, Spaces for People and On the Move. LF also said that the poor state of the Ballencreiff roundabout had also been discussed. She advised the meeting that the Big Litter Pick is taking place the following weekend.

Dirleton-DT reported that the Jubilee Tree Ceremony will be held on Friday 3 June and a time capsule will be buried. Lord and Lady Dirleton will attend. The Castlemains application is still ongoing. He reported that the Village Association is going through a major overhaul.

 Drem and West Fenton – Nothing to report.

**10. WEBSITE AND COMMUNICATIONS**

GM said that he had added new topical photos to the website and reported on positive feedback on Facebook especially about the housing survey. GM said that he and RB met about the GADDABOUT website.

**11. PLANNING**

MW reported that there was not much activity by way of planning applications in the last month. He also gave an update on his action to research the possibility of creating a Local Place Plan for Gullane (covering Recreations Park, Millennium Wood and the area south of the Primary School). He has met with Paul Sadowski in planning. The next stage is to approach Planning in Scotland. There may be grant funding available but there needs to be clarity about what is wanted.

**12. NORTH BERWICK COASTAL AREA PARTNERSHIP (NBCAP)**

GM had attended the meeting on 3 May. He reported that North Berwick Coastal Area Planconsultation 2021-2024 has been published. He said that there was some discussion on Sole Scotland <https://www.sole.scot/>and the app will be launched on 1 June. There is a Health and Welfare Roadshow in September, date TBC.

**13 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on Thursday 30 June at 7 pm in Dirleton Church Hall.