



**Gullane Area Community Council**

**Thursday 27 June 7pm Dirleton Church Hall**

1. Welcome and apologies.

Attendance: - Malcolm Duck (MD) Chair, Gordon McLelland (GM), Frank Neate (FN) Ruth Butterworth (Secretary) Alan Fraser (AF), Doug Haig (DH) Rebecca Hughes (RH) Phil Coll (PC) Martin White (MH), Cllr Jeremy Findlay (JF) Cllr McFarlane (CM), 15 members of the public.

Apologies: Karen McDougall, Bill Watson, David Tait, Haydn Edwards, Simon Paterson Brown Cllr Allen (LA)

2. Minutes of previous meeting, held on 25 May 2023 - see copy on our website at <http://www.gaddabout.org.uk/meetings/minutes/>

The minutes were approved, proposed by GM seconded by FN.

3. Declaration of interest  
No declarations were made

4. Matters arising and actions from last meeting.

4.1 Scottish Open Traffic

[https://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/news/article/14090/genesis\\_scottish\\_open\\_2023\\_traffic\\_and\\_travel](https://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/news/article/14090/genesis_scottish_open_2023_traffic_and_travel)

MD had received a letter from Douglas Proudfoot (Separate document) ELC Executive Director of Place. The letter had been sent by email but not included on the circulation lists were non-public sector such as ACA, Aberlady PTA. MD said that the point had to be made that this was disrespecting the local community. A meeting needs to be held with the council, including the Councillors themselves. There had been two other meetings, one with LA, PC, MD and police and one about the European Tour. On each occasion meetings had to be requested by locals, not offered by council.

Parking restrictions were enforced last year at the time of the Women's Open, not the men's. Locals need to be invited to post event wash-up meetings. Liz Forsyth (ACA) commented that she has not met anyone who approved of the parking plans, elderly people particularly badly affected. GM commented that with only two weeks until the event nothing is likely to change, should we concentrate on next year instead? MD said it was important that a meeting was held before this year's events. He added that he was concerned about what appeared to be a lack of communication between council and Councillors. Sharon Douglas (Aberlady) said she felt there was very little consideration for residents. MD said that the situation had worsened recently, need to get the message across about engagement in advance. GM suggested requesting a meeting during the tournament. FN suggested that organisers should remind those working on the tournament are not allowed to go through Aberlady. GM commented that there



was some consultation but was it enough, should the On the Move Group be consulted? JF will write to Douglas Proudfoot asking for a meeting, Councillors had been excluded from the planning process. LA said that council officers and elected members had different roles, Councillors cannot interfere with operational matters. Sharon Douglas asked if residents permits could be considered?

#### 4.2 Aberlady Bay Pollution

FN confirmed that the "GADCC" had sent a email with an attachment to the ELC CEO Ms Patterson and Councillor N Hampshire Council Leader and council spokesperson for Planning: The subject of the email was "The Gullane Waste Water Treatment Works hydraulic capacity shortfall.

The email's primary purpose was to establish if Scottish Water had officially notified the ELC of SW's imminent decision to reject all future connections to the GWWTW unless and until the treatment work's capacity is increased.

A copy of the original email and its two-page attachment is attached to these minutes

The background to this, which is detailed in the email's attachments, was a SW asset planner's announcement at a meeting between SW, SEPA, local MSPs and councillors on the 11 Nov 22.

The asset planner confirmed that in mid 2022, SW had rejected a CALA request to increase the Saltcoats Farm development from 150 to 172 new builds. The reason given was that the GWWTW did not have the hydraulic capacity to accommodate the new builds. She also confirmed that the funds for any program to increase the capacity would be the developer's responsibly.

GM asked if the decision to not allow further development unless developers funded Increased capacity may have unintended consequences-will this perhaps lead to larger developers with ability to pay?

PC asked if the costs of new works were substantial, and FN confirmed they would be and added that the issue was debated and presented as a preferred option by East of Scotland Water executives in November 2000.

MD suggested next action would depend on the response to the email

#### 4.3 Action Point Form

KM unable to make meeting, discuss at next meeting.

#### 4.4 Hawthorns

To be discussed under planning

#### 4.5. On the Move Walkabouts

Aberlady-



LF reported on walkabout-looked at volume of traffic, speed of traffic, dropped kerbs, safety of children and crossing points.

Gullane

Gm reported on Gullane walkabout with BW ,and PC and I Lennox and M Shilligworth from the ELC. Resurrected old issue about congestion at bend near church. Also, entry to village from west end. Lot of concern in village about volume of traffic and parked cars. The council does not accept that there is an issue with traffic volume. Digital speed indicators issue had been

outstanding for 8/9 months since approval. Goose Green parking had become an issue-lot of Bonnie Badger local staff parking there meaning lots of other parking on the grass itself. Discussed the possibility of extending the plastic grid system to the east side of the Green. Also issue of cars parking on zigzags at zebra crossing near Goose Green. The council's view was that all regulations were in place, enforcement for police and traffic wardens. Also, an issue with single white line on Broadgait (West), nothing to do with traffic regulations. Broadgait (East) has no road marking but junction presents a problem with parked cars. Suggested ELC use double yellow lines at both junctions. Walkabout also raised issue of crossing the main A198 at Gullane Golf Club between for courses 2 & 3 -could the safety signage be better? GM commented that council action is very slow. LA said that some departments are in Business Continuity Mode -meaning that they are short staffed without enough quality applicants for vacancies. DH explained Business Continuity Mode by facilities management department-47 members of staff sick and 45 vacancies and now staff on holiday-can only deal with emergencies. PC asked why there are still so many vacancies, is it a question of salaries, training? LM said not just a money issue, lot of competition for staff.

MD reiterated that the CC was trying to help, not hinder.

#### 4.6 Gullane Butcher Shop

Thanks to Mr. Anderson

5. Digital Speed Indicators (DSI) in Gullane  
GM has written to council re timeframe. No response, again poor communication.
6. Cala Feedback  
JF said that road closures will make difficulties for Cala deliveries, 5 days from 10-14 July.
7. Local Priorities Fund  
Gullane PTA application did not meet criteria, HE will contact on return.  
Aberlady in Bloom-criteria met, application accepted.
8. Treasurer's Report  
Nothing to report. Outstanding invoice from Dirleton Church-RB will contact KM.
9. Police Report



Report has been circulated. GM commented that in the past parking ticket stats had been provided-LA agreed to raise at meeting on 12 July.

10. Village Reports

Aberlady. LF will remind council about state of toilets at Nature Reserve-DH advised of most effective method. Paul Hassock best person to contact.

Gullane. GM reported on Hill Road issue for residents on street parking. People possible parking there to avoid parking charges at beach. GM had received letter re A198 between Luffness and Aberlady. Council does not see problem, JF will raise again.

KM had raised the issue of seagull-proof bins for Gullane. Agreed to rent up to three for 5 months (£500 each) to see if use indicated worth purchasing (£3500 each) MD suggested sub-committee to look into.

AF said that proposal had been put forward to ban overnight parking in car parks 10pm-6am. Would 11am to 4am be more acceptable? Would residents permits offer a solution? Should it just be campervan and wild camping ban? MD to action.

11. Website and Communications

Website up to date. Will be running social media campaign re walkabout in Gullane.

12. Planning

MW reported. Hawthorns we will be ready to comment if any development comes forward materially impacting the trees, but the current set of concerns are related to relatively minor changes to quite a complex house for which there was already an approved planning application. There are often nonmaterial changes to planning applications. In the case of Hawthorns there were also some needing a further application.

Muirfield Wood, we asked for trees to given protection if planners were minded to approve the development. Like Hawthorns it has a pocket of trees.

Aberlady-CC has fed back about rear access at Number 2 Bickerton. Loan Villa application outstanding. MD asked Aberlady members to look into.

Local Development Plan

MW encouraged all members to make some sort of return individually then collectively. Written response looked for in September. DH said that Robin Edgar is leading on LDP2 and will be in attendance at next NBCAP meeting on 29 August. RH had attended the Haddington LDP meeting, very interesting in terms of woodlands and tree networks. RH asked if CACC could fund a facilitation day for Aberlady for LDP-independent facilitator. Something needs to be submitted by March 2024. MW said that LDPs have no set format.

13. NBCAP

LF reported that new defibrillator will be installed at village hall in Aberlady.

14. CAP Meeting

Report attached



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**GADDAbout**

15. On the Move Group  
GM said mostly concentrated on North Berwick. Love to Ride presentation to promote cycling.  
Ian Malcolm made presentation re climate change-increasing funding and full time staff.
16. AELCC  
No meetings recently, change of leadership, now Kenny Miller
17. Any other business

RB and DH will progress recording equipment for minutes

Discussion to be held at next meeting re frequency of meetings.

**The next meeting will be on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2023 7pm Church Hall, Dirleton**

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