



**Gullane Area Community Council**

**Thursday 27 July 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) Martin White (MH), Cllr Jeremy Findlay (JF) Bill Watson (BW) Simon Paterson Brown (SPB) Haydn Edwards (HE) Karen McDougall (KM), Phil Coll (PC) 1 member of the public.

Apologies: Cllr Allen (LA) Cllr McFarlane (CM),

2. Minutes of previous meeting, held on 29 June 2023 - see copy on our website at <http://www.gaddabout.org.uk/meetings/minutes/>

2 amends required:

PC was in attendance and under item 4 indicators not cameras

The minutes were approved after these amends, proposed by RH seconded by FN. MD requested that suggested amends are sent before each meeting.

3. Declaration of interest

No declarations were made

4. Matters arising and actions from last meeting.

#### 4.1 Scottish Open Traffic

Douglas Proudfoot had met with ACA and Old Aberlady Inn. Agreed that a meeting needed to be held next year well in advance of the Scottish Open. Consultation needs to be with the village, representatives from the community council and elected members. SPB said that the whole of the village green in Dirleton had been coned off to allow access for any emergency vehicles meaning the green was lost for five days. GM said that there were no restrictions in Gullane. MD said that the parking order notices were incorrect, the map was wrong. There were long queues at the car park and the traffic orders were changed as a result. MD said that the real pinch point in Aberlady is at the church which was not coned off. MD emphasized that there needs to be early consultation next year with Aberlady and Dirleton. FN commented that in his view the notices were illegal. MD added that he had been mis-quoted in the East Lothian Courier. RH said that she had noticed that during the period there had been more speeding and less traffic.

#### 4.2 Aberlady Bay Pollution

Exchange of letters with Paul McLennan MSP attached. **MD/AF/FN to get together as a sub-group to take things forward.** SPB suggested that the issue should be made more public.



#### 4.3 Action Point Form

RB to complete and add to end of each set of minutes.

#### 4.4 Digital Speed Indicators

All now installed and working. GM commented that this had taken 10 months to realise. He said that there was still an issue of traffic speeding into Gullane but JF said that the restrictions cannot be one way coming into the village and another going out.

#### 5. Cala Feedback

Query whether this should be a standing agenda item as frequently nothing to report. AF reported that he had had a mainly positive meeting with Cala on 26 July with KM. They have requested confirmation of their correspondence between SW and SEPA. The pavement membrane on the path will be laid shortly. Road cleaning is being carried out twice daily. Under the traffic management plan there should be no more construction traffic going through Gullane. RH suggested that the standing agenda item re Cala should be moved to village reports and this was agreed.

#### 6. Local Priorities Fund

HE/SPB/KM supported the procurement of sewing machines for Gullane. CC approved. BW asked if LPF sticking to 50% of costs and HE agreed roughly. GM asked if the application form should be amended. HE said that the % can be flexible as long as some sort of matching funding was made.

FN asked if the Aberlady Noticeboard could be funded out of LPF and it was agreed it could.

#### 7. Treasurer's Report

Aberlady in Bloom has been paid

#### 8. Police Report

PC has received and will post on website. Parking reports not received currently LA had agreed to raise with police at last CC meeting. JF will raise again.

#### 9. Village Reports

**Dirleton.** SPB reported on 2 September music festival at Archerfield. Posters to be posted in all villages. Discussions ongoing about village hall, DH and JF will take forward.

Issue about overnight parking at Yellowcraigs-fine of £100, £50 if paid early. Ongoing discussion with ELC re overflow parking.

David Tait has resigned, need to advertise for replacement, SPB to discuss with PC.

Ongoing discussion about Wi-Fi and mobile reception being very poor in village. Internet is down a lot. SPB in discussions with ELC and Openreach. SPB said he hoped Renaissance may be able to assist with mast, SPB and MD to discuss.



Gullane. Luffness to Aberlady road still in very bad state. GM wrote to ELC, requested information under the Freedom of Information Act. Under Environment Scotland Act information can only be supplied with a cost. Request has been forwarded to the validation officer. JF asked GM to send a copy of his letter and response to see if he can obtain further information. JF said that ELC will look at state of road again in January 2024. MD said the request for information could come from the CC.

BW said that the report from the Gullane Walkabout had been sent to ELC but no response. DH said that reports from all walkabouts will be presented at the next On the Move Group meeting on 9 August. Dirleton still awaiting a response from theirs. Dh said On the Move Group papers will be circulated next week. MD said that there was still an issue of lack of communication from the Council and that this was not acceptable. FN had sent a letter and no response.

10. Website and Communications

All up to date. There had been a small issue and now all uploaded documents had to be in PDF form.

11. Planning

MW said again very quiet. An application had been withdrawn which CC had objected to. LDP-MW had been asked to send out pointer, anything major that hits? BW asked if we should be responding to the survey as individuals or CC? Each village responding as Local Place Plan rather than Local Development Plan. SPB said that there are lots of different issues, not just buildings based. BW agreed saying there was for example, a woodland and trees strategy. MW tried to encourage everyone to look at the survey, it was a basis for moving forward. Answers to this first phase required by mid-September.

LDP will be discussed at next North Berwick Area partnership meeting on 29 August in the Community Centre.

LPP to be finalised by Spring 2024. ACA getting together end August to discuss LPP.

RH said that we should all regard this as an opportunity, not a problem. MD suggested that each village planning group reported back to the next CC meeting.

12. NBCAP

13. Next meeting 29 August.

14. On the Move Group

Next meeting 9 August

15. Any other business

RB to attach action points to end of each meeting

RB to include Councillors in circulation of draft minutes



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**GADDAbout**

HE raised point about number of meetings in a year and it was agreed that it should be reduced to 10 by a vote and that the July meeting should be cancelled.

**The next meeting will be on Thursday 31 August in Gullane Recreational Hall at 7pm**

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