



Gullane Area Community Council

Thursday 31 August 2023 7pm Gullane Recreational Hall

1. Welcome and apologies.

Attendance: - Malcolm Duck (MD) Chair, Gordon McLelland (GM), Frank Neate (FN) Ruth Butterworth (Secretary) Alan Fraser (AF), Rebecca Hughes (RH) Martin White (MH), Bill Watson (BW) Simon Paterson Brown (SPB) Haydn Edwards (HE) Phil Coll (PC) Cllr Allan (LA) 6 members of the public.

Apologies: (JF) Doug Haig (DH) Karen McDougall (KM), Cllr McFarlane (CM) Cllr Jeremy Findlay

2. **Minutes of previous meeting**, held on 27 July 2023 - see copy on our website at <http://www.gaddabout.org.uk/meetings/minutes/>

The minutes were approved, proposed by RH seconded by HE.

3. **Declaration of interest**

No declarations were made

4. **Matters arising and actions from last meeting.**

4.1 Scottish Open Traffic

Douglas Proudfoot will be meeting MD and HE on 7 September and will report at next meeting.

4.2 Aberlady Bay Pollution

Sub group has not met yet. FN reported that he had been in touch with Herald, article published. The journalist had contacted Paul McLennan MSP, SEPA, SW and ELC. SEPA said no issue, no action will be taken. <https://www.heraldsotland.com/news/23732479.sewage-they-added-housing-system-cant-cope/>

MD will pick up.

4.3 Action Point Form

Has been added. Outstanding-LA **will look into obtaining parking ticket numbers and MD will discuss the issue of the mobile phone mast with SPB.**

5. **Cala Feedback**

AF had met with Danny Ellison of Cala. **He will put together minutes and forward.** He brought up the issue of the damage to the road and verges. These will be fixed when the building works are finished. The works are ahead of schedule. New planning application has been submitted for the affordable homes to install heat pumps not boilers. FN queried if this is for additional homes but AF understands it is just an amendment to their heating sources. RH suggested



asking for clarification to check that not new buildings. AF asked the site manager if they have sufficient capacity re waste water and the site manager said that he did not know.

Sharks' teeth will be installed on speed bumps. **AF asked for further assistance** as KM very busy.

6. North Berwick Parking

GM said that the proposals were very detailed. He asked the CC if an objection should be lodged from the CC, he thought it should. PC and HE agreed. 5 weeks to appeal against. Acknowledge and push back. **GM will draft letter for submission on behalf of CC.** 2 main issues: the width of the pavement at the east end and the proposed parking charges.

7. Local Priorities Fund

Application had been submitted for funding for maintenance of defibrillator in Gullane Village Hall. HE reported that KM had not been in favour as revenue rather than capital cost. SPB said that maintenance costs normally out of local association funds. GM said that as this was an ongoing cost it did not fit this CC criteria. HE said that CC had not contributed to original purchase so could funding be allocated to this and revenue running cost taken from original funding raised? It was important that this did not create a precedent.

Aberlady Notice Board-FN has discussed with John Robertson and Anne Frost -CC will probably support but will require completion of application including costs.

8. Treasurer's Report

No comments.

9. Police Report

Has been received and circulated. RH said that the period it covered was unclear and requested more detail. **RB agreed to contact police and request further detail.** RH asked if Aberlady break-ins, specifically about break-ins for car keys to steal cars. There have been a number in Aberlady. **GM asked for clarification on the 89 calls to area and 17 crimes-what does this mean?**

10. Village Reports

Gullane. Update on Belly Bins-GM will clarify with KM. GM said it was important of siting of bins to avoid vandalism. KM suggested they should be bought rather than hired, **KM to clarify that purchasing rather than renting will still mean they will be emptied. GM will contact KM.**

Overnight parking. CC had proposed 11pm to 5am RB to add to action log SPB.

Aberlady. Next ACA meeting on 7 September.



Dirleton. Dirleton and Gullane joint issue-the blind exit from the cemetery. The exit is very dangerous. BW had contacted roads department of ELC. It is not possible to erect a mirror, reduced speed sign or concealed entrance as the cemetery and road are council rather than privately owned. **LA agreed to escalate.**

Zena Trendell (ZT) had applied to be the replacement Dirleton representative following David Tait's departure. SPB proposed her appointment and PC seconded. ZT will be one of the representatives from the next meeting and MD welcomed her to the CC.

Drem and West Fenton. MW confirmed no updates.

11. Website and Communications

All up to date. PC had emailed round the maps of defibrillator locations.

He said that there was now a nominal charge of £100 pa for twitter/X. This allows us to look at tweets/X from police, EL Courier etc. All CC in favour of retaining and review on an annual basis.

12. Planning

12.1 General. MW said again very quiet. There had been a small spate of retrospective Airbnb planning applications in Gullane-CC will submit comments.

12.2 Local Development Plans and Local Place Plans. Has everyone had a chance to look at? DVA will be submitting a village application and also individuals will be submitting. RH attended the recent ACA meeting and Aberlady is putting together a LDP. It is the only opportunity for 10 years so very important and only six months to apply. ACA getting together to get dialogue going. RH said that it was important that what the community wanted was to go in the LPP. There seems to be a lack of cohesion, a lack of understanding. AF reported that Gullane had a preliminary meeting the previous evening. North Berwick putting together a LDP and has submitted an application to North Berwick Trust for funding. The On the Move Application covers the whole of NBCAP.

For other villages no funding available for LPP. GM had looked at Oban LPP-could this be used as a template?

13. NBCAP

Updates as above

14. On the Move Group

GM reported on presentation. Not very impressive, missed out car use. Climate Change Strategy very much NB focused. There was a discussion about parking at the East End of NB High Street as above.

15. AELCC

RH said that there will be a further meeting on 13 September online which she will attend. Nothing to report from sub-group at this point. There will be a discussion about drawing on the community benefits from windfarms which RH will raise.



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16. Any other business

Museum. MW reported on the Coastal Community museum in North Berwick. He has been a board member for a number of years and is standing down. The annual elections for Board members will be held in October. Anyone can stand as long as reporting back to GACC. MW said the biggest thing that is missing from the museum is the Anglo Saxon story of Aberlady. MD thanked MW for all he does for GACC.

Tourism Levy. MD said there had been very little consultation about this levy, 20 businesses across Scotland. Link has been circulated to GACCC members. There is a lack of clarity about the VAT position on this levy.

The next meeting will be on Thursday 31 August in at 7pm Kirk Stables Aberlady

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