



**Gullane Area Community Council**

**Thursday 28 September 7pm Kirk Stables, Aberlady**

1. Welcome and apologies.

Attendance: - Malcolm Duck (MD) Chair, Gordon McLelland (GM), Ruth Butterworth (Secretary) Rebecca Hughes (RH) Martin White (MH), Bill Watson (BW) (Haydn Edwards (HE) Karen McDougall (KM), Zena Trendell (ZT) Doug Haig (DH) 3 members of the public.

Apologies: Frank Neate (FN) Alan Fraser (AF), (JF) Cllr McFarlane (CM) Cllr Jeremy Findlay Simon Paterson Brown (SPB) Phil Coll (PC) Cllr Allan (LA)

MD welcomed everyone present to the meeting but expressed his disappointment that no councillors were in attendance. He suggested that they coordinate their diaries so that at least one could attend. KM will compose a tally of Councillors attendance over the last 12 months and circulate.

2. **Minutes of previous meeting**, held on 31 August – RH will be sending RB some amendments re LPP and LDP see copy on our website at <http://www.gaddabout.org.uk/meetings/minutes/MD> requested that amendments be sent through to the secretary prior to the meetings.

Other than these amendments 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

MD reported on the meeting with Douglas Proudfoot (DP) and MD expressed his thanks to Douglas Proudfoot for hosting and all that attended. DP accepted a number of issues including that the 'old' system of controlling the traffic flow had worked so why change it? Police had reported very few incidents. Cameras had recorded Open and Non-open speeds though the village and FN had also recorded these manually. Ian Lennox was also in attendance and will be looking at alternative methods of controlling the traffic such as only having parking on one side of the High Street, possibly blocks on the road. They are happy to have another meeting in January which will be prior to their SAG (Safety Advisory Group) Meeting. LF (Liz Forsyth) commented that they were listening and added that the signage was very poor. Another member of the public commented that parking in the village is very poor and there are not enough speed bumps near the school. MD said that a lot of work is being done on that aspect. LF said that these issues were discussed at the Aberlady Community Association (ACA) meetings and these are held 6 times per annum. Next meeting 24/10/23 village hall. Next On the Move Group 2/10/23 Village Hall. GM commented that the traffic survey had been very weak despite costing £12,000.



#### 4.2 Aberlady Bay Pollution

Sub group has not met yet. There will be an update at the next meeting when FN will be in attendance. HE asked if our ward had been included in the local widespread publicity about bathing quality in Scotland. LF said that Aberlady is not tested but Gullane is. RH commented that Gullane Point is a problem.

**MD will pick up.**

#### 4.3 Action Log

MD ran through Action Log which will be updated once the minutes have been circulated and any amends incorporated.

ZT raised the issue of Dirleton Village Hall as the adjoining farmer has launched a bid. A query was raised-can it be sold to a private person? DH said that a meeting has been arranged for the end of this month.

Mast in Dirleton-MD said that Renaissance keen to work with the local community.

AF has forwarded minutes of his last meeting with CALA to CALA.

Cemetery (see previous minutes) No update. Issue is with LA.DH had contacted amenity services re installation of a mirror but BW had already done so and as the cemetery is not private this cannot happen.

RH and MD will email the Councillors, lot of action points with them.

### 5. **Cala Feedback**

No further update. Timing of resurfacing not good enough (i.e. after all work done) Road to West Fenton very poor. CALA had promised to resurface pavement-not yet done. ON a positive note KM commented that CALA had carried out some work on entrance to MRT and that communications with CALA had improved.

### 6. **North Berwick Parking**

GM has drafted a letter re parking proposals. Needs to be submitted by 1/10/23, MD will look at and send.

### 7. **Local Priorities Fund**

HE reported no applications received this month.

FN awaiting quote for replacement Noticeboard in Aberlady.

Application for running costs for Gullane Village Fayre rejected-did not fit criteria.

an ongoing cost it did not fit this CC criteria.

GM reported on current status of Belly Bins. To rent three would cost £4,300 for 5 months, to purchase £8,000 for three. ELC had agreed to cover maintenance if the bins are purchased. If



CC could award £1,000-£1,500 the rest could be raised from others and the NBCAP GM stated that he had preliminary discussions with the Gullane Village Association to take over the project as they would have better access to funding. This was agreed

## 8. Treasurer's Report

KM reported still sitting with over £9,000 in LDF. KM agreed to make two photos of Big Cheque.

## 9. Police Report

Has been received and circulated. GM said it was a very good report this month. Lot of comments about parking on zig zags next to crossing in Gullane. Police did take action and a number of tickets were issued. GM will ask PC to highlight certain points for website.

## 10. Village Reports

**Aberlady.** MD advised the meeting that his address is still at Ducks Inn. Fencing will shortly be put up round the Inn and the Inn will be closed for 6-8 months. Building work will be from 8am to 6pm each weekday and shorter on Saturdays.

LF raised the issue of the blocked drain opposite the old church. She has reported it but no action. DH will raise. She said that toilets at the bay are slightly better but still need decorated. Cleaned every day. DH will raise as KM queried where all the money raised from parking was spent.

**Gullane.** GM attending a meeting tomorrow re safe route to school-lot to discuss. GM has contacted Ian Lennox at ELC because speed indicators do not thank drivers driving at under 20. DH will raise both issues. To escalate DH suggested contacting Ian Lennox and DH line managers.

GM said road surface between Luffness and Aberlady has been raised a number of times. He had requested a copy of the survey under FOI legislation but was advised a charge would be made. This has been referred to the ombudsman and a response is expected in three months. MD will pick up. NBCC had the same issue re charging. MW commented that there has been a huge spate of FOI requests but transparency in the first instance would reduce this dramatically.

KM said that she wanted to raise the issue of a lot of parking on Hill Road, parkers avoiding the charges at the car park. Not really anything CC can do.

MD suggested that a discussion should be had at the November meeting about the new proposed legislation on short term lets.



**Dirleton.** ZT asked who the winter resilience rep is? In Dirleton, David Tait and in Gullane Lorna Scott. Aberlady does not have one, should this be re-introduced? DH said that there is Single Point of Contact Training on 2 November.

ZT reported that there had been two recent crashes at Dirleton Toll.

**Drem and West Fenton.** MW said that there is a proposal to close one of the laybys between Drem and Fenton Barns.

**11. Website and Communications**

In PC absence nothing to report, all posts up to date.

**12. Planning**

**12.1 General.** MW said again very quiet. Weekly reporting continues to be a bit chaotic.

**12.2 Local Development Plans and Local Place Plans.**

MW will write to Robin Edgar about three LLPs. RH reported that Aberlady has started the process of formulating a LPP and there will be a meeting in the Village Hall on 28 October 2pm-4pm, all village invited to attend. It involves CC and ACA. KM asked if other villages are doing the same and GM said that Gullane was not. MD will raise with AF, good to engage with process even if no progress made. RH said that the East Lothian LDP runs out in April 2024 so time is short.

**13. NBCAP**

No meeting since last CC meeting

**14. On the Move Group**

No meeting since last CC meeting

**15. AELCC**

RH is trying to obtain an update re community benefit entity. This is focused around the Belltown Project at Gifford. This could be up to 2 years. RH reported that Paul McLennan MSP very keen on idea. Discussion is getting bigger and bigger. The next meeting will be a formal update on progress.

**16. Any other business**

Connectivity-HE reported that Dirleton had submitted an application to OpenReach. There is ongoing discussion about location of masts.

HE wanted to express the CC gratitude to DH for picking up actions due to Councillors non-attendance. This was echoed by MD

MW said that he not received any notes of interest from anyone wanting to take over his position as trustee of Coastal Community museum in North Berwick. He will carry on



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meantime at a reduced level. MW will contact PC to post on website again. Perhaps contact Courier? Or Lorna could include in next Gullane Newsletter.

MD sent his apologies in advance for next meeting and RH has agreed to chair.

**The next meeting will be on Thursday 26 October in at 7pm Church Hall Dirleton**

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