



Gullane Area Community Council

Thursday 26 October 7pm Dirleton Church Hall

1. Welcome and apologies.

Attendance: - Gordon McLelland (GM), Ruth Butterworth (Secretary), Rebecca Hughes (RH) (Chair) Martin White (MH), Karen McDougall (KM), Frank Neate (FN), Phil Coll (PC) Simon Paterson Brown (SPB), Zena Trendell (ZT) Doug Haig (DH) Cllr Jeremy Findlay (JF) Cllr McFarlane Cllr Allan (LA (CM) 3 members of the public.

Apologies: Malcolm Duck (MD) Alan Fraser (AF), Bill Watson (BW) (Haydn Edwards (HE)

RH welcomed everyone to the meeting. She assumed the role of Chair for this meeting in MD's absence.

2. **Minutes of previous meeting**, held on 28 September. Minutes were approved, proposed by FN seconded by GM.

3. **Declaration of interest**

No declarations were made.

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

4.1 School Access

GM had raised this issue (safe school access to Gullane Primary School) with ELC. From the floor- the access proposed is not safe. The path is in an unsafe state and CALA have no plans to erect a fence. Ownership of the path is in some doubt. JF said that CALA had assumed they had the right to run the path to Muirfield Grove but the residents would not allow access. GM agreed to take the matter forward with the Council, Alan Fraser CALA and Homes for Life. RH asked if there could be a temporary safe route to school? JF said the three councillors would get planning enforcement with CALA.

4.2 Aberlady Bay Pollution

FN reported that he had received a letter from ELC CEO Monica Paterson. This letter referred to the November 11 2022 meeting (see previous minutes) RH said that the pollution issue had to be sorted out by SEPA and SW and for ELC to consider planning applications. Planning applications must include the costs of increasing capacity for sewage treatment. FN will forward letter to RB to circulate.

SPB said that this is not a local issue, it is a national issue and needs to be part of a much wider discussion. FN reported that the minutes from the November meeting have finally been signed off. A new sewage plant is planned for North Berwick but will only serve the North Berwick area. FN said that for a relatively small additional investment the plant could serve a wider area. The CC (MD to action) will write to ELC, no more houses should be built until this issue is resolved.



MD will pick up.

4.3 Action Log

RH ran through Action Log which will be updated once the minutes have been circulated and any amends/additions incorporated. Completed actions will be removed.

Aberlady Noticeboard-some progress but ongoing. Funding application still to be done. GM suggested FN contacts Lorna re Gullane Community Council noticeboard.

SPB -Dirleton Village Hall discussions ongoing, had meeting with ELC, applying for asset transfer.

Mobile phone mast for Dirleton-MD in discussions with Renaissance. SPB has also been in discussion with Ofcom re mast-thanks to HE for assistance.

GM reported that he had sent a letter on behalf of the CC re North Berwick parking proposals. The petition signed by over 4,000 residents had been rejected on a technicality and a judicial review is contemplated. GM said the proposals will have unintended consequences. People will use the free parking at the station meaning that parking for commuters will be limited.

Overnight parking issue still ongoing.

LA is looking into potential safer solutions for the cemetery issue raised at previous meetings. SPB will identify name and ownership of cemetery.

Speed indicator-GM has written to Ian Lennox-no response yet.

GM also wrote about need for hedge to be cut at Sandy Loan-no response-DH will raise.

Blocked drain opposite converted church in Aberlady-DH will raise.

5. Local Priorities Fund

Aberlady Noticeboard-covered under action log.

Contribution towards purchase of Gullane defib made .

KM said she required photos of Aberlady Bunting and Aberlady in bloom. Photos of awards may encourage further applications

6. Treasurer's Report

Report has been circulated. KM reported still sitting with over £11,000 in LDF. KM main request was assistance with year end accounts. GM suggested contacting Lorna on Gullane CC. KM will check Green Book to see what is required in terms of accounts.

7. Police Report

LA suggested members of CC attend meetings with police and raise questions in response to ZT comment that the dates are a bit haphazard. PC commented that the police are very helpful but clearly under-resourced and becoming more so. PC will send diary invite to ZT for the next meeting.



8. Village Reports

Gullane. GM reported that Scottish Water will be installing a Top Up Tap on the west side of the noticeboard, good news.

Belly bin funding has been agreed and GM is taking forward.

GM said road surface between Luffness and Aberlady has been raised a number of times . JF confirmed that nothing will happen until January 2024.

GM had attended a meeting about Transport Hubs in East Lothian. GM asked Councillors to raise, seems a lot of money wasted.

Aberlady. FN raised the issue of lack of advance notice about the recent Virgin Media work. It had been posted on 'Tell Me Scotland' on 8 October. FN said communication very poor. MD to draft letter to ELC regarding the process.

Dirleton. SPB said that the same had happened in Dirleton.

He reported that Dirleton LDP had been submitted and he will share with the rest of the CC.

Drem and West Fenton. MW said nothing to report

9. Website and Communications

All up to date. Good reception and feedback.

10. Planning

12.1 General. MW said again very quiet.

12.2 Local Development Plans and Local Place Plans.

Gullane LDP-with AF to progress.

Aberlady-joint ACA and CC meeting 28 October 1400-1600 village hall to progress

RH emphasised time limitations, deadline April 2024, one opportunity for ten years.

Plans not just about land use and development, also thought needs to be given to protecting areas.

11. NBCAP

RH had attended last meeting. Agenda very full, no time for questions or feedback.

12. On the Move Group

Next meeting on 1 November

13. AELCC

RH reported next meeting early November and RH will report back at next meeting. Main issue, wider distribution of funds referred to in previous minutes.



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14. Any other business

The next meeting will be on Thursday 30 November in at 7pm Recreational Hall Gullane

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