



Gullane Area Community Council

Thursday 30 November 7pm Gullane Recreational Hall

1. Welcome and apologies.

Attendance: Malcolm Duck (MD) (Chair) Gordon McLelland (GM), Ruth Butterworth (Secretary), Rebecca Hughes (RH) Frank Neate (FN), Simon Paterson Brown (SPB), Zena Trendell (ZT) Alan Fraser (AF), Doug Haig (DH), Brett Walker (BW) (Chair of On the Move Group) 3 members of the public.

Apologies: (Haydn Edwards (HE) Martin White (MH), Karen McDougall (KM), Cllr McFarlane (CM)

MD welcomed everyone to the meeting and said that it was disappointing that there were no Councillors present. MD announced the departures of Bill Watson and Phil Coll and recorded thanks for their service on the CC.

2. **Minutes of previous meeting**, held on 27 October. 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.

On the Move Group

BW referred the CC to the map that had been distributed re quiet roads/ways/lanes. Hedges need to be cut back by 1 metre so that pedestrians can step onto the side of road safely. Increase 'care' signage. Can ELC support this as a pilot project? BW has discussed this with Michael Naismith at ELC. AF asked whether speed limit on these roads should be reduced. BW said no, should be self-controlling at 40mph. SPB commented that he cycles that road regularly, sees very few walkers if any. He asked if we should be looking at roads which are needed e.g. cycle path between Gullane and Drem. BW hopes that this is back on the ELC agenda. FN said that traffic speeds need to be slowed down at the road next to West Fenton. MD asked what the costs will be, cutting down the verge? Is the CC supporting? RH asked if the plan is going beyond Kingston and BW said not at the moment. RH said that a lot is being put into operation for cyclists at the moment and cyclists do not currently contribute to road maintenance. GM queried why there was a disproportionate advantage to cyclists? Very few cyclists use this route. AF asked how much consideration is being given to commuters and BW said he hoped this would come out of the action plan. MD asked if CC would support this proposal, the costs seem very low and wondered if a year's trial would be a good idea? RH said in principle yes, totally no. 4 against and 2 for and 1 undecided.

BW said that there will be a feasibility study into cycle path through Gosford from Aberlady to Longniddry Station. Queries were raised about how this feasibility study was being paid for.



DH said that Connected Communities meeting scheduled for 11 December had been cancelled but hoped that it can be rescheduled when senior colleagues can attend.

5. Action Log

MD/RH/RB to arrange meeting to discuss how this log is dealt with in the upcoming year.

SPB reported that still holding meetings about village hall.

SPB has emailed ELC twice about overnight parking at Yellowcraigs, no response. Will email again.

SPB has circulated Local Place Plan to rest of CC.

GM reported that GVA has taken on the Belly Bin Project. . AF -meeting planned for January.

FN reported that Aberlady noticeboard being renovated.

MD taking up Aberlady parking issue with Virgin Media.

NB parking-650 objections to current proposals-each has to be acknowledged and responded to-with Peter Forsyth at ELC.

CALA feedback-AF reported that work should be completed this week.

Saltcoats Farm development still to be discussed. Access to school has been dealt with. There has been some feedback. In hands of 'Homes for Life'. GM has sent email, no response yet. AF actioning with CALA.

6. Local Priorities Fund

No applications

7. Treasurer's Report

Report has been circulated. Nothing to report.

8. Police Report

Report has been circulated, ZT will attend January meeting. She will discuss what they can and cannot report on.

9. Village Reports

Gullane

Local Place plan-meeting on 21/1/24. KM/GM/AF have met.

Vacancies-No interest so far

Speed camera and hedge-has been reported-no response as yet, stated 12 week response time. DH said that 'report it' comms issue. Needs to be moved up agenda . MD said that this lack of communication puts ELC in bad light. DH said that he had escalated drainage issue opposite converted church in Aberlady.

GM said that he had raised parking tickets report with councillors-no response yet.

GM said that 7% rise in council taxes but lot of money seems to be spent on surveys and projects e.g. clearway between Dunbar and Tranent.

MD commented that no money in government, lack of communication between public and private sector. Is this something which could be taken on by CC Chairs Group?



Aberlady

Planning very quiet

FN raised the issue of very short notice re TRO Aberlady High Street up to Haddington- 29/11/2023 to 22/12/2023, no more than 5 consecutive days. MD said lack of communications again, take up with ELC. AF asked if data process could be raised with ELC. Announcement still not on 'Tell Me Scotland'. MD will discuss with DH and Douglas Proudfoot and re Scottish Open.

RH reported that LPP meeting had been held in Aberlady on 28 October, approximately 30 attendees. Next meeting will be held in January-Steering Group-Stephen Polwart, RH, Sadia Ward and Naomi Sweeney.

Aberlady Bay Pollution-FN notes and attachments have been circulated. Paul McLennan had chaired November 2022 meeting but now not doing anything. Paul McLennan now housing minister.

FN/RH/MD will meet next week and draft letter. FN commented that a statement had been issued in 2015 that if Scottish Water cannot fund development expansions the developer has to fund. SPB says this issue needs to be escalated, needs, Courier needs to be involved.

Dirleton

Virgin Media have cut electricity cable meaning Christmas lights cannot be switched on, four week wait to be fixed.

Council owns cemetery (see previous minutes) Council looking into alternative gate, one way system through cemetery, ELC recognises danger.

Drem/West Fenton-no updates

Ballencreeff-no updates

10. Website and Communications

All up to date. Good reception and feedback. GM has taken over meantime, ZT has volunteered to take over.

11. Planning

No updates

12. NBCAP

Nothing significant to feed back

13. On the Move Group

GM reported on consultation on journey hubs-local/village/employer hubs. Essence-to have cycle repair shop at each hub. GM thoughtnot very well thought out.

Ballencreeff Roundabout-still in bad state of repair. Not good for East Lothian image when traffic for Scottish Open etc. routed that way. Has been raised with ELC, signage and safety poor.

Extra bike racks in villages discussed-in progress



14. AELCC

RH reported couple of meetings held. Resilience workshop very well attended. Each village should have one and to be updated. DH reported that NBCC had excellent post-pandemic report DH will send links to RB for circulation.

AGM 15 November-new Vice Chair Ralph Averbuch and Kenny Millar Chair. The AGM vote was to develop the proposal for a separate entity / body to distribute community benefits funds from renewable energy developments across East Lothian. The vote was unanimous for this proposal.. The Community Development Fund will be managed as a completely separate entity. The amounts involved are substantial.

15. Any other business

SPB suggesting holding an AGM, open to everyone

CAAP Meeting

GM reported. Priorities-are anti-social behaviour in North Berwick and Gullane. Police will be attending Gullane and North Berwick more frequently in the evening to monitor. Lot of high value vehicles being stolen

DH said that his line manager is leaving and is not being replaced so he will not be able to attend as many meetings. MD thanked DH for all that he has done.

SW said lot of concern in Aberlady about crossing between church and school.

The next meeting will be on Thursday 25 January 2024 Aberlady Kirk Stables