



**Gullane Area Community Council**

**Thursday 25 January 2024 7pm Kirk Stables, Aberlady**

**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), Karen McDougall (KM), Cllr McFarlane (CM) Cllr Jeremy Findlay (JF) 4 members of the public.

Apologies: Haydn Edwards (HE) (JF) Doug Haig (DH) Simon Paterson Brown (SPB)

MD welcomed everyone and added thanks to the councillors for attending.

**2. Minutes of previous meeting**, held on 30 November 2023 - see copy on our website at <http://www.gaddabout.org.uk/meetings/minutes/>

The minutes were approved, proposed by MW seconded by AF

**3. Declaration of interest**

No declarations were made.

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

**4.1 Applications for Community Council**

There are spaces, can bring someone in as a non-voting member.

**4.2 Quiet Route - Gilsland to Kingston update – GM**

This is going ahead despite being voted against. Disappointing. GM said although no cost, see no need for it. Could we invite a member of On the Move Group to the next meeting to make the case? MW asked why our opinion would matter, do know where the boundary is? FN queried whether this CC voting against it will make a difference. Is it the principle of CC supporting the wider area of quiet roads?

GM said the project involved having the verges cut and better signage. MD queried why this group opposed and from the floor the response was that it was not voted against, just not seen as a priority for this area. RH said the issue should be looked at strategically and AF added that it is a concern for North Berwick and the coastal villages. MD will discuss the issue with DH and bring to next meeting.

**4.3 Councillors attendance at CC Meetings**

MD reiterated how important it was for at least one Councillor to attend each meeting.



## 5. Action Log

MD/RH/KM and RB to meet up to discuss colour coding of action log to make it clearer.

Aberlady noticeboard-FN reported tidied up and fixed, don't need a new one.

Parking reports-JF confirmed that the police will not provide these. GM had raised this issue in the first place and JF will investigate whether overall stats can be provided. The police do not have responsibility for parking tickets.

ACA-application to be submitted for village hall work.

Dirleton Village Hall-ZT reported that progress is being made. CM said that Tom Reid sent JF response re refusal for funding for planning. GM said that the process for valuation to buy or lease had not been undergone. JF will progress to establish cost for valuation. JF and CM will investigate to ascertain whether already valued by Council.

Mobile phone mast in Dirleton-no progress as yet.

Overnight parking timing issue still in progress-with SPB.

Cemetery issue-with LA

GM-safe route to school-waiting for feedback and land to west (Homes for Life) ongoing. GM waiting for response from Nick Srevens (ELC) re the Homes for Life. A meeting may be necessary with ELC and the Muirfield residents and Homes for life.

Blocked drains opposite converted church in Aberlady-clear.

FN raised lack of notice from Virgin Media re works in Aberlady. Notices are still up but dated. Who is responsible for posting and removing notices-CM and JF will look into.

## 6. North Berwick Planning Proposals

JF reported that new proposals will be presented at the February ELC meeting. Everything is on hold at the moment. JF said that about 950 objections had been raised and each should have been responded to but that now everything is on hold they do not need individual responses. KM asked if ELC has to confirm how much has already been spent on the proposals and JF and CM will investigate.

## 7. Cala Feedback

AF reported that a meeting had been arranged for 22 January but no representatives from CALA had attended nor at the previous meeting. CALA could not provide a representative re waste water as that was a different department. Some of the edges on the path have been cut



back. AF said he was disappointed with the lack of engagement from CALA. GM asked if these issues could be raised through ELC. JF said it would depend on the issue such as core paths and GM confirmed that the core paths are in a very poor state.

## 8. Local Priorities Fund

KM said she was waiting for application for seagull-proof bins for Gullane. Gullane football club had submitted an application, but this had been rejected and asked to re-apply. Gullane Hockey club had submitted an application. GM said that an application may be submitted from Gullane Table Tennis club.

## 9. Treasurer's Report

KM reported that our own account has £3,500 and £8,000 in the LPF account. KM said that she is still trying to find an accountant to sign off year-end accounts and asked GM to post an advert on the website. KM will draft the ad.

## 10. Police Report

It was noted that very little advance notice had been given of the police visit in Aberlady. ZT will pick up at next police meeting.

## 11. Village Reports

**Aberlady-FN meeting re planning with Sadia Ward and ELC.**

Drain on High Street still blocked. See above from action log

Speed indicator at west of village still not fixed.

Top of Coffin Lane in very bad state-DH dealing with

Problem of parking on zig-zag lines outside Ducks

Very poor lighting between Kirk Stables and Church-JF will raise

### **Dirleton-Working on Local Place Plan**

Village Hall update covered above.

Sustaining Choices Report re sustainable transport-feedback required. GM commented that survey was very disproportionate, and the conclusions skewed.

**Drem /West Fenton** MW reported no update.

**Gullane-CC** had received complaint about West Fenton Road and damaged bus shelter. GM had reported to Report It but no response. GM has taken this up with DH. GM said an issue had been raised about double yellow lines at church and hearses receiving parking tickets. Ian Lennox has responded so this won't happen.

GM asked who to contact re disabled parking spaces on East Links Road-JF suggested Alan Stubbs.



GM commented that some potholes on the back road have been repaired but not the main A198 Road. JF confirmed that the road review will be completed by the end of January.

**12. Website and Communications**

GM reported that all up to date

**13. Planning**

MW reported that planning applications very quiet. MW will check dates for objections for Ducks planning application.

Local Development Plan-MW nothing to report.

Local Place Plan-SW has sent mapping note to RB-RB to apply. Free for 12 months then approximately £250 per annum

Local Place Plan-Aberlady. RH reported on recent meeting. Steering group of 5 focusing on specific tasks. Submission to ELC by end of May. Use submission as a starter exercise.

Dirleton-meeting will be held on 16 March. Include new areas of the village, lot of background material to bring in.

Gullane-meeting held 21 January. Good feedback from limited attendance.

MW confirmed that the Local Place Plans do not need to be combined.

JF said that North Berwick LPP will be submitted separately.

**14. NBCAP**

Next meeting is 6 March. RH commented that very long agenda at each meeting, very little time for feedback. Very little time for CC input apart from North Berwick.

**15. On the Move Group**

GM said already covered in quiet roads section above. GM referred to Erin Foulton recent presentation-no credence.

**16. AELCC**

Meeting in February, previous meeting canceled due to bad weather



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**17. Any other business**

Issue raised about lack of space in Aberlady graveyard. MD has spoken to Martin Andrew at the estate and will report back.

FN reported on recent meeting with Paul McLennan re sewage including Scottish Water and SEPA. Scottish Water had turned down application for more building from CALA re sewage capacity. There is no guarantee that there will be no more buildings. FN referred to the 2015 legislation that increased capacity will be the responsibility of developers to pay. If developers do build without increased capacity this will be a statutory offence. JF will take up with ELC.

MD will raise issue of damp estate houses with Martin Andrews

**The next meeting will be on Thursday 29 February 7pm Church Hall Dirleton**

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