



**Gullane Area Community Council (GACC)**

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2024 (7pm) at the Dirleton Kirk Hall**

<b>In Attendance:</b>	<b>Apologies from:</b>
<u>Committee</u> Malcolm Duck (MD), Chair Hayden Edwards (HE) Alan Fraser (AF) Karen McDougall (KM) – left the meeting at 8pm Alasdair Muir (AM) Frank Neate (FN) Zena Trendell (ZT)	Ruth Butterworth (RB), Secretary Rebecca Hughes (RH), Vice Chair Simon Paterson Brown (SPB) Martin White (MH)
<u>Councillors</u> Cllr Carol McFarlane (CM)	Cllr Liz Allan (LA) Cllr Jeremy Findlay (JF)  Doug Haig (DH) - ELC

1. Welcome and apologies (see above)
2. Minutes of the previous meeting (28<sup>th</sup> April 2024) - approved  
<https://www.gaddabout.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/GACC-Minutes-April-2024.pdf>
3. Declaration of Interests: No declarations of interest were made.
4. Matters Arising:
  - 4.1. Quiet Route – Gilisland to Kingston Update (MD) – Ongoing
  - 4.2. TTRO Lack of Notice Update (MD) – MD met with the police and ELC roads department (the outcome is that Aberlady will incur a large coned off section, however, the conversation will be ongoing as it will enable discussions next year at the CAG meeting. Arrangements for 2024 have now been finalised)
  - 4.3. Traffic Speed Wardens (AM/ZT) – 4 volunteers in Drem (have submitted the required paperwork) plus FN for Aberlady. There was a question around public liability insurance, however, RB feedback to AM that the current level of insurance coverage should be adequate.  
 There was positive feedback from the public gallery for the initiative.  
**ACTION:** AM to follow-up regarding potential costs for Disclosure Scotland checks
  - 4.4. Parking in Gullane [90-minute zones] (MD)  
 MD stated traffic wardens are now operating in this area. One member of the public has complained to MD regarding equity of fines. On a constructive note, the bus stop area at the ‘Bonnie Badger’ is to be painted to ensure visibility and dialogue with the police more positive.
5. Action Log – to be discussed at the next meeting.
6. North Berwick parking proposals – No update but remaining on the agenda.

7. Cala Feedback – no update for this meeting. **ACTION:** Escalation is required to ensure ongoing communication and regular progress updates (including the route to school).
8. Core Path – Drem to Gullane (AM/AF) –AF provided an update from the NBCAP & ‘On the Move’ group perspectives as they are now on both agendas. ELC are supportive of the project (via Jo, Development Officer) and will provide support to enable progress. CC in support of the path development.

Ian Monk & Jonathan Kinna attended the meeting. Ian provided background on the project. It has been a longstanding campaign to develop a pathway from Gullane to Drem. ELC commissioned assessments regarding a potential path and solutions were proposed to the local landowner (via his agent). He has refused to release the section of land required to finalise the project. Future discussions with the landowner are key to resolving the issues for a popular project that has support from the community. ELC state that if the landowner’s position changed the path would be feasible. The reasons for the landowner’s resistance to releasing the land are unknown at this time.

It was noted that only a small section of path will be new, the remainder will be created using existing pathways.

**ACTION:** Over the next few months MD, AM & AF will aim for progress as this is now a priority for the Community Council.

9. Outreach Post Offices – Aberlady & Gullane –member of the public has used the service and stated it worked well. **ACTION:** MD will follow-up
10. Local Priorities Fund – 2 applications currently require decisions. It was agreed that Dirleton play group are awarded their request of £238 for equipment. The remaining application is a collaboration between Dirleton Primary School and Heriot Watt University. **ACTION:** HE is seeking clarification prior to any decision.
11. Treasurers Report – circulated prior to the meeting. £11.6k is available for the 2024/25 financial year (consisting of £4.9k from 2023/24 & new allocation of £6.7k). There’s a further £138 ringfenced for Pencaitland (re: COVID resilience). It was noted the Community Council is still seeking an accountant for the annual accounts.
12. Police Report/CAP (Community & Police Partnership) – no report submitted. The latest meeting was held on 29<sup>th</sup> May with the next meeting taking place on 17<sup>th</sup> July.
13. Village Reports:
  - 13.1. Aberlady – Cruden estate is almost complete and they are finishing off the road work as promised. This is positive in terms of traffic calming measures. FN provided a history & overview the waste water & sewage issue at Aberlady. He has summarised data relating to the issue.  
**ACTION:** To be circulated following the meeting (FN)  
**ACTION:** Deadline for councillors to review is 4 weeks (27<sup>th</sup> June).
  - 13.2. Dirleton – No items to discuss
  - 13.3. Drem – Lay-by cleared by ELC; it is understood the lay-by may close
  - 13.4. Gullane – Ban for overnight parking in the beach car park (ELC changed the hours of use as requested which has been helpful). Deer crossing signs requested

(several crossing places are used by deer and badgers). Flooding on the corner entering Gullane recently meant road safety was compromised.

**ACTION:** CM to ask Peter Forsyth for more detail

**ACTION:** MD will also raise with ELC

13.5. West Fenton – No update provided

14. Website & Communications (MD/ZT) – Thank you to ZT for maintaining the website & social media account (as well as the minutes temporarily).

Table tennis club publicity shot to be placed on social media.

15. Planning:

15.1. General – Duck’s Inn renovations (MD stated that no parking should be lost).

Update on the planning application. HE stated there are no material changes (16 actual spaces, have been reduced to 9 in the planning application) therefore the detail will need to be reviewed.

Ballencrieff farm – AM requested more detail (AF stated the detail requested relates to material issues).

Retrospective planning permission sought for garden play equipment in Gullane - Members of the public stated the submitted plans are incorrect & are discussing this with ELC. The current plans are not valid therefore retrospective planning permission will be sought. There’s potential for 15 local households objecting regarding the height of the build, safe fall zones & general spatial issues.

**ACTION:** The Community Council agreed to represent the issue with AF & MW raising it via ELC

Short-term let license application – A member of the public raised concerns regarding a short-term license request for 2 flats in a shared stairwell (Gullane). The individual has been invited to the licensing sub-committee meeting & are aiming to understand the process. At present shared access is the key area of objection from ELC (certificate of lawfulness) in terms of security and disturbance. CM stated that a manager must be available to be contacted.

15.2. Local Development Plan (East Lothian Council LDP) – no items discussed

15.3. Local Place Plans (Association potential/submissions to ELC) – The 3 villages within the Community Council area met 3 weeks ago to explore common themes. Aberlady have ended their association with planning consultant & haven’t spent all provided funds therefore some will be returned. The LPP will be published for consultation to ensure the local community requests are appropriate.

Gullane have approached the process differently in terms of community feedback & engagement pieces. Common themes were waste water, core path completion, affordable housing, infrastructure & short-term lets. The Community Council will write a statement of support for the LPP’s.

16. NBCAP (North Berwick Coastal Area Partnership) Meeting – meeting in May. New bins, and fringe by the sea were discussed.

17. On the Move Group – The key message from the meeting related to underfunding of the roads department as they have budget challenges. The aim was for the group to select/approve road repair options, however, this is a departure from the normal process & it was felt that ELC are better placed to make these decisions. It was noted there are other routes for funding for small projects.
18. AELCC (Association of East Lothian Community Councils) Meeting – no update
19. Any Other Business:
  - 19.1. Wind farm fund (reported in February 2024) – Discussion focussed on progress of the fund and the potential dates for releases. ZT provided update on discussion with Chris Bruce.
  - 19.2. New Councillors – MD to arrange interviews for 2 potential members

**The next meeting will be held on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June (7pm) at Gullane Recreational Hall**