



Gullane Area Community Council

Thursday 29 August 2024 Aberlady Kirk Stables

1. Welcome and apologies.

Attendance: - Malcolm Duck (MD) Chair, Frank Neate (FN) Ruth Butterworth (Secretary) Alan Fraser (AF), Simon Paterson Brown (SPB) Rebecca Hughes (RH) Vice Chair, Zena Trendell (ZT) Alasdair Muir (AM) Cllr Liz Allan (LA) 6 members of the public.

Apologies: Haydn Edwards (HE) Martin White (MW) Karen McDougall (KMc) Cllr Jeremy Findlay (JF) Cllr McFarlane (CM)

MD welcomed everyone

2. Minutes of previous meeting, held on 26 June - see copy on our website at <http://www.gaddabout.org.uk/meetings/minutes/>

After two amends the minutes were approved, proposed by AF seconded by FN

3. Declaration of interest

No declarations were made.

4. Matters arising and actions from last meeting.

4.1 Quiet Road issue on hold-

ACTION: DH has suggested a meeting with the North Berwick community councillors.

4.2 Golf Traffic

Dirleton happy with route, Gullane no issues, Aberlady less so no parking on seaward side. FN noted an increase in speeding through the village during this period. Liz Forsyth commented that courtesy cars and tour trucks came through the village. **Action: MD planning to meet with Ian Lennox's successor to discuss.** AM commented that promised speed limit in Dirleton did not materialise. FN commented that he thought the TRO should have come from ELC although letters were received in advance by organisers of Open. **Action: MD will raise with ELC. Action: ZT will check with neighbours how the Ballencreiff experience was during that period and report back (ZT was on holiday).**

4.3 Speed Wardens

ZT reported no progress, change of police community officers' personnel. **Action: ZT will keep raising issue.** Disclosures have all been submitted.

Action: MD will raise white line issue between Gullane and Aberlady with ELC, is road more or less dangerous with the lines? GMc and MD agreed to differ on the issue.



4.4 Public Toilets at Aberlady Nature Reserve

Under renovation. No automatic closures on doors so birds can still get in.

4.5 New Community Councillors

Ongoing

4.6 Parking Tickets

Occasional ticket issued. The issuing of tickets seems to be not consistent across the area.

ACTION:Councillors to feed back to traffic department

5. Action log

Separate document.

6. North Berwick parking proposals

ZT asked if this is still going ahead, paying for parking is a bit of a sting to those having driving as only option. GMc reported that a letter had been submitted by CC with objections when last proposal issued. NBCC is probably going to take up this issue and arrange a public meeting. GMc reiterated the problem that it would cause for rail users as parking at the railway station will remain free. Consultation ends 29 September. Ian Monk asked what the proposals are for to raise money or to discourage car use? Both. MD said that CC is supporting and challenging the council on this issue. **Action:ZT will draft letter and post information on the website/FB.** SW queried whether there could be concession rates for locals? AF queried whether there is a problem or it it just busy?

7. CALA Feedback

AF anticipates that a planning application for 17 new units/houses in Gullane near the school. If it was approved it will be subject to increase in waste capacity. MD commented that the huge amount of work done by FN is having an impact. MD and some CC had meeting with CALA, no decisions made as no members of public in attendance. CALA happy to work with us on sewage issue. Developer contribution of £5.5 million not all allocated to Gullane. IM will forward breakdown. RH queried why it hadn't all been spent on solving sewage issue. FN said this was a Scottish Water, not CALA problem. **Action:MD/AF to check with CALA republishing letter and minutes.** FN stated that Scottish Government makes assumption of 2.1 people per household interms of provision for waste water-does it also apply to e.g. Education and transport?

8. Core Path-Gullane to Drem

Ian Monk (IM) had very productive meeting with Douglas Alexander and Martin Whitfield. He commented the CC sees this as a priority. The politicians are keen to engage with the landlord. MD speaking to Martin Whitfield on 30 August. MD suggested the process should be a collaborative congenial approach. AM reported that the Stantec Consultants report had suggested options that were too costly and there



are less expensive options. There may be an issue with the path containing a road crossing. A plan is needed that will suit all, **Action: MD to arrange meeting including the politicians.**

9. GACC Organisation/Reports/Roles

ZT reported on the meeting with MD and AF.

The following was discussed:

An annual statement from the Chair-what has been achieved in the previous year and what is planned for the following year such as the ongoing sewage issue, Speed traffic wardens, Local Place Plans, CC position on second homes and tourism and its effects. MD would like to compile a list of all meetings held that would be relevant to CC and to ensure that they all have CC presence.

10. LPF

SPB-Dirleton PS and Heriot Watt want to put up solar display. He explained that it would not be temporary (thus against funding criteria) but taken down each winter. Have permission from Ellie Douglas Hamilton for land use. CC agreed to fund materials. Route will be 1.2 km long. RH said it was important to find alternative to cement for poles and with this caveat it was agreed to fund this. **Action: SPB will look into what base will be used.**

11. Treasurer's Report

Has been circulated.

12. Police Report

Has been circulated. ZT reported increase in calls, crimes less than average Mostly anti-social behaviour. LA commented not enough CCTV in North Berwick, she has raised with ELC. Potential less expensive system in the pipeline, also for Haddington. RH asked if this was related to anti-social behaviour on buses, LA said yes but not exclusively.

Yellowcraigs-campers camping after 9pm when toilets closed and arriving unprepared. Cannot keep toilets open all night because of potential anti-social behaviour in toilets. SPB commented that rangers are very good at talking to campers about rules, clearing up etc. He added that there are fines for parking but no tickets are issued due to staff shortages. **Action: LA will feed back to ELC**

13. Village Reports

13,1 Aberlady

RH reported on the planning application from Gosford for conversion of Bothy on Kilspindie Golf Course into a holiday let. There is a lot of dismay in the village, objections are very strong. The



building is listed. The application is on hold as objections very strong. **Action: MD will call Martin Edwards at Gosford to discuss.**

SW reported that the application for the refurbishment of the Village Hall has been submitted.

Aberlady Gateways

This is on the On the Move agenda and discussions are due to take place between LF, Doug Haig, Chris Milne, Brett Walker and Alan Stubbs.

Aberlady in Bloom

The Flower Tower Tubs are in place at the three entrances to Aberlady creating the beginnings of gateways to the village. It has been proposed that there will be a combined Area Partnership application for funds on behalf of all Bloom groups.

Bike Racks

Chris Milne will revisit this project and is optimistic that there will be funds for this again this year. It is envisaged that funding and agreement for the concrete bases will have to be met by ACA, GACC, and NBCAP

Traffic Speed Indicator

The device at SOC at the East end of the village has not functioned for a number of years. It has been reported that it is completely past repair. It was suggested that this be discussed at the next NB Partnership meeting and if approved LF to apply for the funding of a replacement.

13.2 Dirleton

No updates

13.3 Drem

Illuminated sign in middle of green not working

13.4 Gullane

AF reported progress on the installations of the seagull proof bins.

13.5 West Fenton

Representative not present, no updates

14. Website and Comms

ZT keen to increase traffic for Facebook Is now following all local CC FB except one private one. Need to have something new to post every week to maintain/increase traffic and could everyone please spread the word. **Action: GMc will contact ZT about sharing on website, links to village associations.**



15. Planning

15.1 General. MW absent, report at September meeting

SW asked if planning applications could be flagged on FB page to alert everyone? **Action: ZT to contact MW about keeping up to date on weekly basis. It was also requested that MW copies CC into and objections submitted by CC**

Poultry Application-objections have been submitted. SW commented that the objection letter from GACC does not put forward a suggestion to require screening of the site if ELC is minded to approve it or if ELC reject it and the applicant then appeals

15.2 Local Place Plans

Gullane-3rd and final plan has been submitted has been submitted to ELC.

. MD keen not to track back on all the work that has already been done on all the LPPs.

Dirleton- plan also submitted, taking into account ELC queries/comments

- **Aberlady-** Second stage consultation is now underway phase. Some slightly controversial items will be included, some polarised opinions. Appendix will contain comments from survey.

ACTION: ZT will put all LPP on GADDABOUT website

MD said well done for all the hard work on LPP!

15,2 Local Development Plan

Next meeting 24 September at 6pm-MD keen that all those involved in LPPs attend

16. NBCAP

On sabbatical for summer period

17. On the Move Group

LF reported

Aberlady Gateway discussed-who can they be raised with?

Bunting Roundabout-improved with bunting but still not as visible as others, safety issue.

Coffin Lane Aberlady needs resurfacing

Bike Racks in Aberlady-there are none but 5 possible locations suggested.

Might be application submitted for flower baskets at either end of Aberlady

SW added that there is an issue around pavement parking, particularly on Haddington Road.

GMc raised the issue of the state of Gullane to Aberlady road-still full of potholes-dangerous.

GMc will continue to raise

18. AELCC

MD/AF to meet about battery storage systems for windfarms

19. AOB



Gullane Area Community Council

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Dirleton, Drem and surrounding rural areas

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Longniddry Community Centre rumoured to be closing-does anyone what stage this is at?
Update at next meeting.

20. Next meeting

Thursday 26 September at 7pm, Dirleton Kirk Hall

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