



Gullane Area Community Council

Thursday 26 September 2024 Dirleton Church Hall

1. Welcome and apologies.

Attendance: - Malcolm Duck (MD) Chair, Frank Neate (FN) Ruth Butterworth (Secretary) Simon Paterson Brown (SPB) Zena Trendell (ZT) Martin White (MW) Karen McDougall (KMc) Cllr Jeremy Findlay (JF) Cllr McFarlane (CM) Doug Haig (DH) 4 members of the public and 4 representatives from CALA.

Apologies: Alan Fraser (AF), Rebecca Hughes (RH) Alasdair Muir (AM) Cllr Liz Allan (LA)

MD welcomed everyone

2. Minutes of previous meeting, held on 29/08/24 - see copy on our website at <http://www.gaddabout.org.uk/meetings/minutes/>

The minutes were approved proposed by FN seconded by SPB

3. Declaration of interest

No declarations were made.

4. Matters arising and actions from last meeting.

4.1 Quiet Road issue meeting still to be arranged.

4.2 Speed Wardens

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

4.3 New Community Councillors

Ongoing, still need new councillors to represent Gullane. RH has decided to resign as Vice Chair, Rebecca had volunteered as an interim and AF has volunteered to take on the role. MD thanked RH for all her hard work and support. It was unanimously agreed that AF be elected.

5. Action log

Separate document.

6. North Berwick parking proposals

ZT has drafted letter for MD to send, to be submitted by 29 September.



7. CALA Presentation and Feedback

Four representatives from CALA introduced. Attending meeting to advise CC what is happening at Saltcoats. Planning to build 150 homes including 38 affordable housing units. Under construction, should be complete by 2025. Part of the planning submission was the extension of the primary school campus but ELC said not required at this time. If extension of school not required at this time proposal to make that area available for the extension of the memorial park.

Cala is making a Section 25 contribution CC looking at what this is paying for.

Cala stated that within the plans are 4 homes for the elderly-affordable bungalows.

Cala has accepted the conditions on the planning applications re drainage, working with CC on this. By lodging the planning permission Cala is aware that brakes are on until approved by Scottish Water.

MW asked about access from Saltcoats to the school. Cala responded-there will be a footpath through the Millenium Wood. Lighting will be installed. In answer to a question by MW Cala said that the recreational area will be completely flexible. The east to West boundary has not changed from the original application. Gullane Sports Development Trust support the application-very football orientated. The area is not SFA sized. Cala had been asked for funding for the pavilion, extension or maintenance-completely flexible. KMc asked if there was still a debate with Muirfield Grove. Cala is negotiating with 3rd party landowner.

Scottish Water is not increasing capacity until 2035 onwards. MD said that it is vital that CC, SW and SEPA all work together. In answer to a question Cala said that any application to ELC will be referred to for example SW and if SW does not approve the building cannot go ahead. Cala said that by submitting the application this will raise the issue with SW.

Under Section 75 CC will hold ELC to account. If Section 75 Contributions are not spent they will be refunded to Cala.

SW from the floor asked what the definition was for affordable housing. These are reserved for people on waiting lists. The tender is agreed between the housing association and Cala. MW said position is that Cala can be asked to contribute up to but not including the treatment plant. Any treatment plant changes would be for Scottish water to pay.

IM asked about whether this the opportunity for a discussion about the core path? Could Cala assist? The path that currently exists on the Cala site only has permission for a temporary path-could it be turned into a permanent one? Cala agreed to discuss with the Luffness Estate. KMc asked for confirmation that there are no title restrictions on the grassy area and this was confirmed.



8. Core Path-Gullane to Drem

Ian Monk (IM) had very productive meeting with MP Douglas Alexander and MSP Martin Whitfield. He commented the CC sees this as a priority. The politicians are keen to engage with the landowner. MD has contacted the land agent to arrange a meeting with MD/AM/AF, Some progress has been made.

9. GACC Organisation/Reports/Roles

MD to progress. FN volunteered to be CC representative on Coastal Museum committee

10. LPF

No further applications have been received. SPB reported that there will be a photo opportunity for MSP and MP attending the Solar Walk, probably at the October half term.

11. Treasurer's Report

Has been circulated. £10,000 still held in LPF. Drem lights issue has been sorted. **KM asked if people could ask around for an accountant to sign off the accounts.**

12. Police Report

New temporary community police officer. She is intending to attend CC meetings.

Has been circulated. ZT reported calls and crimes in line with national averages. ZT added that priorities were not agreed at the last CAP meeting -**could CC please advise ZT in advance of next CAP meeting.**

13. Village Reports

13,1 Aberlady

The information signs in the churchyard are requiring attention-FN to contact Ian Malcolm.

SW commented that new bus stops in the village should have cantilever covering.

There has been no Section 75 improvements made to school football pitch-**JF will action.**

13.2 Dirleton

SPB has been in touch with ELC re wild camping, **will report at next CC meeting.**

New street lights are being installed in Dirleton.

Solar Walk-big dark space event will be held, probably in Easter Holidays on the Friday and Saturday.

13.3 Drem



The Christmas lights have been bought by a local resident.

13.4 Gullane

No further updates

13.5 West Fenton

No further updates.

14. Website and Comms

ZT same message as previously-please share on FB, submit stories to ZT-updated on a weekly basis to keep everything fresh.

15. Planning

15.1 General.

MW said very quiet, nothing to highlight. MW reported that he does the initial sifting of applications and if appropriate sends to the representatives of each area for feedback.

Man issue at the moment-Houses for short term let-is it a licensing issue? It appears to be a bit of a muddle. Licencing and planning totally separate areas of council. **MD asked if the councillors could do a presentation at the next or following CC meeting about what committee does what.**

MD reported that the factor at Gosford is happy to present at one of the CC meetings about the plans for the building on Kilspindie Golf Course. CC has objected to plans.

15.2 Local Place Plans

Gullane-MD reported how bad the process seems to be. Gullane Plan rejected again with 8 pages of feedback. The government guidelines are very complex.

ELC seem to be being very prescriptive, but LLPs are about more than just planning. Vision has been taken out of some LPPs, Picked off in separate conversations. It appear that ELC is not clear/consistent about LPPs. IM has submitted to LPP from his group, all is in process.

MD said that ELC seem to be in a dangerous position, seems to be losing touch with the people/communities. The CC has some sympathy, money/staff shortages but process needs to be sorted out. The current culture does not work.



15,2 Local Development Plan

ELC has submitted evidence to the Scottish Government (not the plan yet) ,There is a gate-check process (*where it will be decided by an independent assessment whether the Council has enough information to prepare an LDP. It will be carried out by a Reporter appointed by Scottish Ministers. Only then will the Council be allowed to move to the next step in the plan process and prepare and publish the Proposed Local Development Plan 2.*)

The call for development sites to be considered as part of LDP2 from landowners and developers ended on 6 September.

MD reported that there was a general feeling that public are not being listened to. MW said that the LDP is still a draft-in theory.

16. NBCAP

The recent meeting was mainly about LPPs and the community wealth building. No businesses were involved.

17. On the Move Group

There was no update as meeting has not been held.

18. AELCC

There was no update as meeting has not been held.

19. AOB

CC must submit names of resilience peoples. Needs to be on agenda for next CC meeting
East Lothian Community Benefit would like representative from each CC-MD and AF
Visitor Levy survey has been released. Contact MD if anyone would like a copy to complete.

20. Next meeting

Thursday 31 October 7pm at Gullane Recreational Village Hall