



**Gullane Area Community Council**

**Thursday 29 November 2024 Aberlady Kirk Stables**

**1. Welcome and apologies.**

Attendance: - Malcolm Duck (MD) Chair, Frank Neate (FN) Ruth Butterworth (Secretary) Zena Trendell (ZT) Rebecca Hughes (RH) Cllr Jeremy Findlay (JF) Alasdair Muir (AM) 4 members of the public.

Apologies:-Hayden Edwards (HE) Martin White (MW) Simon Paterson Brown (SPB) Cllr Carol McFarlane

MD welcomed everyone

**2. Minutes of previous meeting**, held on 31 October 2024 see copy on our website at <http://www.gaddabout.org.uk/meetings/minutes/>

The minutes were approved proposed by ZT and seconded by FN

**3. Declaration of interest**

No declarations were made.

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

**4.1 Quiet Road issue meeting held. MD/AM/SPB met. Not large of sums required, so all agreed.**

**4.2 Speed Wardens**

AM reported all processed. High-vis jackets and signs required. Costs -£275 or £450 with speed guns. Police speed guns would cost £2500-£3500. Quite an easy process. Neighbourhood watch has just started in Aberlady. AM reported that police will only action if cameras properly calibrated. FN volunteered to be speed warden in Aberlady.

**5. Action Log**

**Core Path**

Good meeting held with local MSP Martin Whitfield, MD, AM and AF. Good progress being made.

MD meeting new ELC CEO Tuesday. New CEO starting in February. Issue moving forward as quickly as possible. MD is keeping Ian Monk informed. Moved to Tourism Logo



### **Air B&B Planning Proposal on Kilspindie Golf Course**

Mr Martin Andrews (MA), Factor Wemyss and March Estates, attended to present on the Estates activities.

Report from Wemyss estate. Latest- East Lothian Council has refused the proposal , 14 days to revise. If refused at that point look at feedback from consultees. Concern raised about light impact. Off grid holiday cottage with 2 people maximum. Very low voltage and lighting very low voltage. There will be no lighting on the seaward side. Primarily summer use-very attractive offer for birdwatchers. No vehicular access, golf buggies only, minimal disturbance. There will be no need to reconfigure any part of the Golf Course. There will be some disturbance during build 8-10 weeks. FN queried cooking and toilet facilities-composting toilets. RH asked about the cantilever balcony-no change. RH asked about designation-Wemyss will look into. RH asked if it could be re-instated as a bird hide-work with SOC? Wemyss representative responded that there was not a business case for that use. SOC expressed no interest when discussed. RH responded that it would be disappointing to lose that as a facility.

There are certain obligations as it is an historic building, e.g. a new roof is required. One way of preserving this building is as a commercial building providing increased tourism and employment.

#### **6. North Berwick parking proposals**

Objection has been submitted from MD. GAAC asked to withdraw objection. Proposals coming to full Council on 10 December. One of proposals no off-street charges from October to March. No charge at Catholic Church on Sundays.

#### **7. CALA Feedback**

Still planning in submission for 16 houses with offer of building football field. FN reported that there is no sewage capacity for increase in housing. Is there a caveat in planning application re statutory obligations? If not, they are culpable. **FN will draft letter for MD to sign.**

#### **8. Core Path-Gullane to Drem**

Covered in action log (above)

#### **9. GACC Organisation/Reports/Roles**

**MD will provide list to RB to circulate.**

#### **10. LPF**

No further applications have been received.

#### **11. Treasurer's Report**

Has been circulated. £11,000 still held in LPF. May be application re refurbishment of Aberlady Village Hall. May also be one for speed indicators west side of Aberlady.



## **12. Police Report**

ZT reported nothing major. Mainly car issues, next meeting 8 January. Some stones being thrown at windows in Meadowside. ZT will raise at next meeting, police resources very stretched.

## **13. Village Reports**

### **13.1**

Field next to the SOC-possibility of Wemyss and March buildings on this field. MA talking to EL Housing Association re affordable housing. Difficult for ELHA to buy land, may be possibility of renting. RH asked about mixed use of land and MA responded always amenable to discussion.

MA -estate has made submission re main road on. Looking at road to the south of the village.

Local resident raised the issue of the newly built gates at the end of Postman's Walk. It has been used as a right of way for many people for over 20 years. After discussion with ELC, evidence required to confirm that it has been used as a right of way. The process will be investigated for this and report back at next meeting. Will GAAC support a challenge ad it was agreed that it would. Local resident will organise a survey and send to ZT to post on website and FB, Will not just be on social media.

### **13.2 Dirleton**

Christmas lights will be switched on 29/11

Dirleton CA-SCIO now in place

There will be a market on the green from Spring 2025.

### **13.3 Drem**

Another car crash in Drem.

### **13.4 Gullane**

No updates.

Work has started on new playpark.

**MD will chat to butcher in advance of any letters being sent and will report back to next meeting.**

### **13.5 West Fenton**

No further updates.



#### 14. Website and Comms

ZT updates on a weekly basis to keep everything fresh. ZT/MD will meet up to discuss her review of website and FB. ZT will do more posts e.g. police leaflet on cyber crime prevention for businesses. ZT advised that BBC keen to focus on more local issues. .

#### 15. Planning

##### 15.1 General.

MW apologies. Objection to garage being converted into extra bedroom rejected. MD will discuss extra capacity re comms and swage at his meeting with CEO.

##### 15.2 Local Place Plans

###### Dirleton-

Currently being revised, ELC requested more public consultation. **MD suggested all CC meet with ELC about process, MD to organise.** ELC approach very inconsistent.

###### Aberlady

Submitted and accepted. SW said Aberlady process had the advantage of starting from scratch. Some other councils have been offered more support. MD offered the GAAC congratulations to Aberlady

**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.

##### 15.2 Local Development Plan

Still in process, draft expected in the New Year. Query of allocation of sites-**RH to add wording**

#### 16. NBCAP

ZT attended meeting-**ZT will add wording**

#### 17. On the Move Group

**RB to look at dates and send to SPB**

#### 18. AELCC/Community Benefits

No meeting to report on.

#### 19. Tourism

##### 1. Scotland Golf Coast Logo

MD meeting Monica Patterson ELC CEO next Tuesday.

Meeting 1



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Re Scotland's Golf Coast Logo

ELC have registered a class 41 trademark on the Scotland's Golf Coast Logo. To do this they must state they own the logo which they do not. It is owned by The East Lothian Golf Tourism Alliance the private sector members group who have been promoting golf in East Lothian since its formation in 2005. ELGTA is known as Scotland's Golf Coast.

Meeting 2

Sewage, Local Place Plan, Roads will be discussed.

CEO standing down in February 2025.

## **2. Visitor Levy**

MD updated on the Visitor Levy. ELC has now said it is looking at introducing the Visitor Levy .



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**20. AOB**

ZT advised GAAC about next years public digital framework consultation.

**21. Next meeting**

Thursday 30 January 2025 7pm, Dirleton Kirk Hall