

Minutes of the Gifford Community Council Meeting held 8th August 2016 in the Todrick Room, Gifford Village Hall

Present	Craig McLachlan (Chair) Andrew Hamilton	Nick Morgan Alex Renton	David Griffiths Wendy Ferguson
In Attendance	Cllr McMillan	3 members of the public	
Apologies	Brian Thomson Cllr Ludovic Broun-Lindsay	Suzie Vestri	Jo Allen

1 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 13th June 2016 were agreed as correct. Proposed AR, seconded WF.

2 External Reports

2.1 Police - No report was presented to the meeting.

2.2 East Lothian Council

2.2.1 There will be a special Council meeting on 6th September to consider the Local Development Plan. After that it should go out for public consultation.

2.2.2 The Scottish Government have just announced their R100 Super-fast Broadband project. Unfortunately this may delay implementation in East Lothian. Councillor McMillan will write to Fergus Ewing to see if something can be done.

3 Community Council Elections and date of AGM

3.1 Lillian Pryde has sent an e-mail to SV, which had been circulate explaining the election process. It had been hoped to discuss this, but this was not possible without the e-mail.

3.2 A date needs to be set for the AGM. SV will circulate potential dates. **ACTION:SV**

4 Edinburgh Airport Consultation

4.1 An e-mail had previously been circulated to members of the Community Council about a consultation about changes to Edinburgh Airport's airspace. It was felt that this would have no impact on Gifford and no response was required.

5 Grounds Maintenance

5.1 It has been reported that the grass in Walden Terrace had been left in a state after it was cut. Once this was reported to Amenity Services it was quickly tidied up. It was recognised that grass growth has been very rapid this year. There is a possibility to re-prioritise the work that Amenity Services do through the Area Partnership. A member of the public also

reported that often grass cuttings are left on the path at Walden Terrace. DG will be meeting Bruce Allison later in the week and will mention this. **ACTION: DG**

6 Benches

- 6.1 DG has been in correspondence with Stuart Pryde about replacement benches for the Bleachfield. It was agreed that metal benches are more practical than timber. It was suggested that benches could be put in the grassy area where cars are now excluded. Potentially an application could be made for windfarm funding to install a number of benches around the village. DG will discuss this with Stuart Pryde. **ACTION: DG**

7 Internal Reports

- 7.1 Planning** - No new applications for the area.

7.2 Roads

- 7.2.1 The Carfrae to Newlands road has had three areas re-surfaced. It looks as though more may happen, but work has shifted to repairing the washout on the Whiteadder road.
- 7.2.2 The heavy rain last month washed out various repairs on The Avenue. This has been reported to Roads.
- 7.2.3 There have been complaints about a sign put up by the contractors working at Yester House. There have also been complaints about workmen leaving their vans in the village and walking up to Yester House. Councillor McMillan will contact Planning about these concerns. **ACTION: Councillor McMillan**
- 7.2.4 The weight limit signs for the bridge on Station Road have been discussed with Keith Scott. He will deal with it, but has other priorities at the moment.
- 7.2.5 Branches of a tree have been cut back around the last street light at the 30 limit on Duns Road. The Council will write to the house owners on the Edinburgh Road where the trees are still blocking the lights.
- 7.2.6 Councillor McMillan reported that since the flash floods last Wednesday Scottish Water has put cameras down the drains in Tweedale Avenue and found roots blocking the pipes in places.

8.3 Finance

- 8.3.1 AH presented the Annual Account for 2015/16. There are various different funds included in the one account. Some of these, such as the tennis court funding, may have to be separated out in the future.
- 8.3.2 East Lothian Council now pay the public liability insurance.
- 8.3.3 AH and WF are now signatories for the bank account.

8.4 Area Partnership

- 8.4.1 CM had a meeting with Alan Stubbs to discuss various Roads issues. He was told that there was no chance of altering the street furniture to reduce speeding in the village because there have been no accidents. There are rules governing where 30mph signs can be placed. There have been no reports of speeding in the centre of the village. Speed pillows cost in the region of £35,000 and three would be required for Gifford - one on each road into the village. Area Partnership funding can be spent on rumble strips and gateway signs.

- 8.4.2 ELC have been asked to look at the steps between The Square and Station Road and it is hoped that Area Partnership funding can be used to make them into a ramp.
- 8.4.3 The Area Partnership hopes to spend its Smarter Choices Smarter Places funding on cycle racks in Gifford, Garvald, Morham and Amisfield.
- 8.4.4 There is an additional £100,000 Education funding to allocate.
- 8.4.5 A speed-reactive camera has been bought for Bolton.

9 Matters Arising

- 9.1 All matters have been dealt with under other items on the agenda.

10 Correspondence - No correspondence had been received.

11 AOCB

- 11.1 Tennis Court - The primary school do not want a multi-purpose court on their grass. The golf club land can only be used for golf. The group are hoping to find an alternative site.
- 11.2 A member of the public reported that her brown wheelie bin isn't sufficient for her garden waste. Councillor McMillan has already raised this and will chase it up.
- 11.3 It has been brought to the attention of the Chairman that a post on the Gifford Families facebook page says that the Community Council refers to the Walden Terrace area as "the scheme". This is certainly not true and came as a surprise to the Committee.
- 11.4 A cycle race organised by Veloclub Edinburgh had gone through the village the previous weekend. No one was aware of the event and concerns were raised about the signposting and marshalling. The route had been changed at short notice, but it had always been planned to go through the village. Apparently the club had contacted the Council, but not the Community Council. Councillor McMillan suggested that if anyone had concerns about the safety of an event on the public roads then they should contact the police. CM will contact the Edinburgh Road Club to discuss this. **ACTION: CM**
- 11.5 There was discussion about the Community Council's web site. Some community councillors were not aware of it. It may be possible to post a link to it on the Gifford Families facebook page. It was agreed that it is important to keep the web site up to date. The Community Council minutes could go on the web site. Elizabeth Whiteford will send the contact details of the web designer to CM. **ACTION: Elizabeth Whiteford**
- 11.6 DG questioned why the Community Council doesn't meet in July as few people were away on holiday and it has resulted in a big agenda for this meeting. This will be discussed at the AGM.

12 Date of next meeting

- 12.1 7:30 on September 12th in the Todrick Room, Gifford Village Hall.