

**Minutes of the Gifford Community Council meeting held  
on 8th January 2018 in the Todrick Room, Gifford Village Hall**

<b>Present</b>	Craig McLachlan (Chair) David Griffiths Mark Hardy	Nick Morgan Adam White Jo Allen	Wendy Ferguson Eric Thomson Andrew Hamilton
<b>In Attendance</b>	Councillor Brian Small	Councillor Shamin Akhtar	3 members of the public
<b>Apologies</b>	Councillor John McMillan		

**1 Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting of 11th December 2017 were agreed as correct after a small amendment. Proposed Dave, seconded Mark.

**2 Matters Arising**

- 2.1 2.1 Jo is trying to arrange defibrillator training. She thinks after 5pm would be good, so that people in the garage and other businesses can attend. **ACTION: JA**
- 2.2 4.1.4 The hole in the pavement outside the Coop has been filled in.
- 2.3 4.1.5 Dave will phone to ask the Council if a sign saying "Unsuitable for Heavy Vehicles" can be put up before the bridge on Station Road. **ACTION: DG**
- 2.4 4.2.3 Councillor Small will contact Councillor McMillan to try to arrange a meeting to discuss the Pyatshaw planning application. **ACTION: BS**
- 2.5 4.6.3 Councillor McMillan has been in touch with The Edinburgh and Lothian Greenspace Trust and given them Adam's contact details. They haven't been in touch with him yet, though.
- 2.6 7.1 The next Gifford meeting of Haddington Rotary Club will be on the 25th January at 7pm.
- 2.7 7.2 There was discussion about the hedge that is growing onto the private lane below Park Road. Craig will draft a letter to the owner of the house. **ACTION: CM**
- 2.8 7.5 The ATM at the Coop is still giving out receipts for each transaction, which end up blowing around the village. Dave will try phoning the company again. **ACTION: DG**
- 2.9 Andrew will contact Rita to arrange payment for the plants she bought for the entrances to the village. **ACTION: AH**

**3 External Reports**

**3.1 Police:** No report had been received from the police.

**3.2 East Lothian Council:**

- 3.2.1 Councillor Akhtar congratulated Jane and Adam on the success of the lunch club's Christmas lunch and thanked them for the effort they have put into this.
- 3.2.2 Councillor Akhtar explained that the Revenue Support Grant from the Scottish Government for 2018/19 will be reduced by £2m to £164m. The Council has a number of statutory duties to fulfil and there is a lot of pressure to deliver services. The Council's draft budget will be

discussed next Tuesday. Following the public consultation there is an aim to protect small rural schools and school transport. There will be a period of negotiation and the final Council budget will be agreed on 13th February. It will be very challenging to maintain levels of service with the reduced budget.

- 3.2.3 There is a consultation ongoing about the Provision of the Education Bill on East Lothian Council's consultation hub. Responses have to be in by 25th January. The results will influence East Lothian Council's response to the Scottish Government.

## **4 Internal Reports**

### **4.1 Roads, Lighting and Signs:**

- 4.1.1 Dave reported that there are numerous potholes on the road towards Yester Mains. Dave has been in touch with the Council and repairs are planned.
- 4.1.2 A light on Lillies Lane is broken. Dave will report this. **ACTION: DG**
- 4.1.3 Dave reported that several gullies are still full of leaves. He has reported these to the Council.

### **4.2 Planning:** There were no applications this month:

### **4.3 Finance:**

- 4.3.1 Andrew reported that the balance is £8,513.
- 4.3.2 Andrew suggested that there is sufficient funding in the account to pay for the first phase of the traffic calming project.

### **4.4 Area Partnership:**

- 4.4.1 The next meeting is on 25th January.

### **4.5 Lunch Club:**

- 4.5.1 There were 30 people at today's Lunch. Adam was grateful to Andy at the Goblin for supplying such a good lunch at a reasonable price.
- 4.5.2 The dates for the next lunches are: 12th February, 12th March, 9th April, 14th May and 11th June.

### **4.6 Community Woodland:**

- 4.6.1 Six people turned up to the drop-in in the coffee shop for the question and answer session.
- 4.6.2 The non-native trees will soon be felled and replaced with native species. There will be a new path through this area.

## **5 Traffic Calming**

- 5.1 Nick met with Marshall Greenshields to have a look at our proposals for Duns Road. He was broadly supportive of speed cushions, but said he would rather have three pairs spaced down the road, rather than just one pair in isolation. This would mean one pair at the top street light, one pair just above the Walden Terrace junction and one pair close to the phone box. These locations are all adjacent to the street lights.
- 5.2 Marshall will provide a technical drawing of a speed cushion and check that the locations are suitable. He also said that we should carry out a safety audit for the proposals to ensure that the speed cushions will not cause more problems than they resolve. He can recommend someone to do this.

5.3 Marshall agreed that we must hold a further community consultation with details of our proposals. Wendy has phoned Steph Kerr to ask for advice about the consultation. Mark agreed that now that the proposals have changed, people may have concerns, so should be consulted.

## **6. Correspondence**

6.1 We have received a letter from the Scottish Rights of Way Society giving us early notice of their grants scheme, which will be launched in the next few weeks.

## **7 AOCB**

7.1 Jo said that there have been a few posts on Gifford Families facebook pages about kids garden hopping in the Walden Terrace area. At least 5 people have heard noises, or had their security lights come on. Anyone who experiences this is encourage to inform the police. Jo will contact PC Lorna Bairden about it. **ACTION: JA**

7.2 Andrew reported that a new date has been set for the pollution incident in the Gifford Water. He has been called to be a witness.

7.3 Wendy wanted it noted that she has the Christmas tree lights in storage and asked for suggestions for what to do with the old lights.

**8 Date of next meeting - 7:30 on February 12th 2018 in the Todrick Room, Gifford Village Hall.**