

**Minutes of the Gifford Community Council meeting held
on 7th July 2018 in the Todrick Room, Gifford Village Hall**

Present	Craig McLachlan (Chair) Mark Hardy	Wendy Ferguson Eric Thomson	David Griffiths
In Attendance	Councillor Tom Trotter	4 members of the public	
Apologies	Jo Allen Adam White Councillor Brian Small	Andrew Hamilton Councillor Shamin Akhtar PC Lorna Bairden	Nick Morgan Councillor John McMillan

1 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of 11th June 2018 were agreed as correct. Proposed Mark, seconded Eric.

2 Matters Arising

Carried forward from previous meetings

- 2.1 2.2 Alan Cater has let us know that he will no longer be supporting community web sites from the end of the year. We need to start advertising for someone to continue the web site. Jo will ask Lilian Pryde to circulate an e-mail to other Community Councils to see if there is a local person who can take this on. **Carried forward** **ACTION: JA**
- 2.2 4.1.4 Dave had contacted Derek Flinn at ELC about the step on the path between Station Road and Tweedale Crescent. It is recognised that it needs to be repaired, but it is not a priority. Craig will look into whether this can be undertaken by a contractor using Area Partnership funding. **Carried forward as next meeting of AP is Thursday 19th July.** **ACTION: CM**
- 2.3 4.1.5 Nick has spoken to the Area Partnership Manager, Stuart Gibb, about various potential projects. This includes both entrances into the park, which could be undertaken by Amenity Services. **Carried forward as next meeting of AP is Thursday 19th July.** **ACTION:NM**
- 2.4 4.2.2 Telecommunications cabinets – Craig and Eric have followed up with the planners and it has been confirmed that the change of situation of a cabinet cannot be progressed without a second application showing the new location being submitted and approved. No such application has been received. The planners will follow up with BT. The resident who attended the previous community council meeting to share his concerns has been updated. **ACTION: None**
- 2.5 4.2.7 The planning applications at Orchard House have been declined. The occupants have the right to appeal. **ACTION: None**
- 2.6 8.2 Jo has responded to the Airfields of Britain Conservation Trust and is waiting for a reply. **ACTION: Await reply**

2.7 9.3 Yester Estate - tree cutting of trees in the river is imminent. DG will chase if no obvious progress. **ACTION: DG**

Update on actions from previous meeting

2.8 3.2.6 One of the houses in Park Crescent discussed at a previous meeting now looks to be occupied. This will be kept under review. **ACTION: CM**

2.9 4.1.2 There are several large potholes at the Y junction at Castle Park Golf Club. Dave has mentioned to Garry Ogg who has said they are not considered a priority. DG will monitor progress and chase up if required. **ACTION: DG**

2.10 4.1.3 DG reported that James Dickson is lowering the curb so that section of the pavement on Station Road will be repaired. DG has canvassed local resident opinion about the state of the pavement along Station Road more generally and whilst the condition isn't great, it is not a priority.

2.11 4.1.4 Dave has let Dave Northcoat know GCC liked ELC's idea of installing a bollard to protect the bridge on Station Road.

2.12 4.1.5 DG reported that the white lining of roads through the centre of the village had been completed. All present agreed this looked good and was helpful.

2.13 4.1.6 The junction on Edinburgh Road that leads to Yester Mains and Castle Park golf club was now safer due to the white lines and this matter is closed.

2.14 5.11 Jo will ask organisers of Iron Man to contact carer organisations **ACTION: JA**

2.15 6.2 The consultation response has been issued to all who requested a copy.

2.16 8.2 Data protection (GDPR) should be discussed at a future meeting. JA circulated a presentation on 28th June. **Discussion carried forward** **ACTION: CM/NM**

3 External Reports

None

4 Internal Reports

4.1 Roads, Lighting and Signs:

4.1.1 The pavements outside the Tweeddale Arms Hotel are to be lowered to allow wheelchair access.

4.1.2 Overhanging trees along country roads seem an issue this year eg the road to Eaglescairn. Craig will mention this to the Tree Officer. **ACTION: CM**

4.2 Planning:

4.2.1 One application submitted for a steading conversion at Longnewton. No issues to report.

4.3 Finance:

4.3.1 No report.

4.4 Area Partnership:

4.4.1 There hasn't been an Area Partnership meeting since our last meeting.

4.4.2 The next meeting is on Thursday 19th July.

4.5 Lunch Club:

4.5.1 There were 31 people at today's Lunch, including 5 new people.

4.6 Community Woodland:

- 4.6.1 The Group manned the feed station for the Ironman event on 1st July which was a great success.
- 4.6.2 The AGM will be held on 27th August with a walk round the woods on 23rd August to show the community what has been achieved.
- 4.6.3 The Group will have a table at the Flower Show to again communicate progress.

5 Cycle Events

- 5.1 Carried forward to next meeting

6 Traffic Calming

- 6.1 Wendy reported that a copy of the response has been emailed to all who had asked for one. One respondent has asked for a paper copy and Wendy will provide a copy to Craig who will deliver this. **ACTION: WF/CM**
- 6.2 Given their comments at the previous meeting, Wendy is following up with Councillors McMillan and Trotter the possible alternatives to the community council funding the speed calming measures. **ACTION: WF**

7 Correspondence

- 7.1 No correspondence has been received since the last meeting.

8 AOCB

- 8.1 Nick to check the requirements for the AGM eg timing and notice **ACTION: NM**
- 8.2 A member of the public mentioned that a rough nail head attaching a name plate on one of the benches in the playpark had snagged her clothes. She was concerned this could injure someone. Craig offered to speak to Nick Ferguson at the Furniture School to see if he could take a look. **ACTION: CM**

- 9 Date of next meeting - 7:30pm on August 13th 2018 in the Todrick Room, Gifford Village Hall.**