



# Gorgie Dalry Community Council Meeting Minutes Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Aug 2018

## Present

Eilidh Troup, GDCC (ET)  
Yousouf Gooljary, St Martins (YG)  
Sonia Squires, St Martins (SS)  
Jim Park, GDCC (JP)  
Cllr Denis Dixon, CEC (DD)  
Cllr A Grocyke, CEC (AG)  
PC J. Baillie, Police Scotland  
Rona Brown, Chair GDCC (RB)  
Arron Peters, GDCC (AP)  
Jim Hogg, Treasurer GDCC (JH)  
Michael McMullin, GDS Church (MM)  
Matthew Reilly, local resident (MR)

## Welcome

Rona welcomed everyone and everyone introduced themselves. Yousouf Gooljary is the new rector at St Martins. He wants to review their community provision, maybe with some more youth work. MM suggested it would be good to work together on this.

## Minutes

June's minutes were amended to note that the flytipping took place in Springwell Place, and to correct a typo describing the demand for student housing. The minutes were proposed by JP and seconded by SS.

## Treasurer's Report

The minutes secretary was paid £30 and GDCC received £922.94 from Edinburgh City Council. The balance is £1971.02. GDCC have paid £150 for 5 lets of the church hall. The 2017-2018 accounts were sent to the council on the 6<sup>th</sup> Aug. GDCC are thinking of buying a bench in the community park. Will look at options next time.

## Correspondence

A planning application has been launched for the Co-op development.

An email was received from Ross Murray who would like to offer bagpipe lessons. Cathy Fullerton will respond.  
Information about funding opportunities was forwarded to Angela, and will be sent on to MM.

### Police Report

Crime was up in July as a result of the hot weather. There were 5 housebreakings (some windows left open), 2 were detected.

There were 21 assaults, 10 detected. Warm weather + alcohol increased the typical number of assaults.

7 road traffic matters were reported. 4 detections so far. At Dalry Place 14 tickets were issued for illegal parking. There have been £1000s of fines so far.

Two hate crimes were reported – a Polish man was abused by a drunk man shouting about Brexit. There was one call about pro IRA music.

There are forged £20 notes circulating.

Police officers were assaulted on two separate occasions, both whilst trying to help and deal with intoxicated people. Ambulance staff were assaulted and one vehicle put off the road due to a smashed window.

48 thefts were reported in July. 10 detections so far. Bike theft is still an issue, but 2 of the main players for bike theft were caught, put to court and charged.

The chase involved a helicopter, and police on dirt bikes.

A brother was reported, the women were from Eastern Europe, but not trafficked.

There were 517 calls, which is higher than the surrounding area. 148 crime reports were made, and 52 were detected.

There have been a few cases of fraud and blackmail over the internet.

Operation Aftermath is addressing drug use and supply in the SW of the city. Any information should be reported to Crime Stoppers.

The police can provide house security and cyber security advice to companies.

Never put a found USB stick in your computer.

Rona commented that there is a lot of rubbish in the Community Park - need more picnic benches and bins beside them.

Rona went to the Co-op funeral parlour opening. They might tidy the local graveyard. St Martins church eco group is interested in planting in the graveyard. They would have to ask the council for permission.

A local resident present at the meeting raised the issue of parking on the pavement and zigzags near 135 Gorgie Road. Fire engines have had to wait to get past. Capital Cars taxis have been reversing over the pavement, and parking on the zigzags, causing a danger outside Tynecastle School. DD said that the nuisance parking bill, coming soon, will make it easier to enforce rules such as no parking on pavement and zigzags. There was a comment that motorbikes and bikes shouldn't be parked on the pavement either. It is easier to police either blocking the pavement, or driving on the pavement. Wheatfield Street is dangerous to cross because of parking at the corners.

### **Councillors reports**

DD mentioned the proposal to repave the paths in Muirieston Park, this was on-going.

Co-op funeral care business on Gorgie Rd - official opening carried out by DD. The manager has said she is interested to get involved with community events.

HMFC also keen to have more community involvement Tynecastle Gardens possible CEC also get involved.

Freelance Festival - people taking part, Kate and Carol from Gorgie Creative Network

WASP studio – artist in Gorgie Rd.

DATE commences 17<sup>th</sup> September Monday – Friday.

Social events at various venues workshops and evening events

AG spoke about Gorgie Festival involving Churches Big Hearts, Gorgie City Farm. 2019 Funding Project , Community and Locality £15k and £15k matched- a week long event.

AG also mentioned the difficulty the Fire Brigade had trying to get up Richmond Terrace to reach a fire in one of the colony houses in Dalry Place. A one stage the fire crews had to wait for cars in Richmond Terrace being removed to enable access.

Caladonian Rd - the buckets are continually full therefore other rubbish is left lying around.

Easter Dalry Gait - still problems with parking by people from outside the area.

Caladonian Place - bins continually full

Orwell Terrace - Domino Pizza delivery drivers still causing problems by double parking. AG has spoken to members of staff and also contacted Regional Manager and Branch Manager she will continue to monitor the situation.

### **Parks**

Westfield Park clean up Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September 10-12, on-going project.

RB mentioned Muirieston Park internal path being uneven due to the tree roots causing problems, queried funding being available to help with this from NEPS.

DD commented money was tight at CEC, could be considered an environmental project.

Reported that the pavement outside St Brides community venue is unsuitable for many disabled people attending the centre, contact Andy Edwards and DD, this is an equalities issue.

White Park - much of the equipment is damaged and unsuitable DD will check this out.

### **Planning, HMOs, Licencing**

Nil to report

### **Events**

Garvald: 6th October, Autumn Fair

1st December, Christmas Bazaar

GORGIE DALRY COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON - 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2018. It would be nice to have some more lights in the area.

Gorgie City Farm, Funeralcare, City of Edinburgh Lions International, Santa all to be notified also school choir, etc.

Facilities at Funeralcare offered as avenue for refreshments after the event.

Priest Rev Yousouf Gooljary from St Martins church invited to say a few words at the event agreed he would do this

SMRC Art exhibition 22-31<sup>st</sup> August on 22<sup>nd</sup> Tynecastle High School will perform a small concert 3.30pm.

Contact with Adrian from GDS church to see if portable lights will be available for the switch on.

Suggestion of having a Christmas tree in White Park as Gorgie does not have any street decorations or Christmas lights after the bridge at the farm. Dalry Rd has them on the lampposts. Dalry Primary School choir will also be asked to do a short performance.

#### **AOCB**

nil

#### **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

3<sup>rd</sup> Sept 2018 at 7pm GDS Church Gorgie Rd