



Gorgie Dalry Community Council Meeting Minutes Mon 1st Oct 2018

Present

Cllr Denis Dixon, CEC (DD)
Cllr Ashley Graczyke, CEC (AG)
Eilidh Troup, GDCC (ET)
Jim Hogg, Treasurer GDCC (JH)
Joan Gordon, local resident (JG)
PC Euan Chancellor, PSOS
SC Michael Carde, PSOS
Iain Herbert, CE Gorgie City Farm (IH)
Jim Park, GDCC (JP)
Angela Astor, GDCC (AA)
Rona Brown, GDCC (RB)
Sonia Squires, St Martins (SS)
Steven Livingston, Co-op development (SL)
Ross Stephen, Co-op development (RS)
Louise Wylie, journalism, Napier University (LW)
Roisin Kilroy, journalism, Napier University (RK)

Apologies

Nancy Macdonald, Garvald
Sharon Walker
Donald Wilson, GDCC
Arron Peters, GDCC
Graeme Russell, GDCC
Marie Stein, GDCC
Yousouf Gooljary, St Martins
Laura Baird, GDCC
Matthew Reilly, local resident

Welcome

Rona welcomed our visitors. The Scotmid developer, Ross, is not ready to present an update, but his colleagues came along – Steven Livingston and another Ross Stephen. There will be public info days on the Scotmid development. Two journalist students also attended the meeting.

September Minutes

Approved by Jim and Sonia, with the following corrections:

The cheque that was written last month was for £65.98.

The apologies were missing from the September minutes.

The date of Sat 8th Oct for AG's visit to Saughton Park was incorrect.

Correspondence

Leaflet about raising awareness of scam mail – contact Royal Mail helpline on 0800 0113 466 or scam.mail@royalmail.com if this is an issue.

Ross Manson from Scotmid would like to come to GDCC meeting on 5th November.

There is an Association of Community Councils meeting on 25th Oct at Council Chamber at 7pm – reviewing the scheme for community councils.

Matthew Reilly is keeping an eye on planning and will report at future CC meetings.

Police Report

PC Ewan Chancellor and SC Michael Carde were filling in for the usual PCs.

A male was found dead in Gorgie Dalry park last month. Another male has been charged with the offence. This was an isolated incident.

RB asked how long part of park will be closed off for. The police can't say. A clean up is in operation. People do rough sleep in park. The police will spend more time in the area. There is a police initiative to engage with rough sleepers.

September saw a substantial increase in housebreakings, 11 reported incidents with only 2 detections. The majority of incidents were break ins to garden sheds.

September saw a drip in assault from the previous month to 13, 5 detected so far.

12 road traffic matters were dealt with, fortunately no drink or drug drivers. The reported matters relate to document offences.

September saw a slight increase in thefts from August. A total of 34 incidents were reported with 5 detections to date.

There were no hate crimes reported.

Two police officers were assaulted during the course of their duty, pushed and spat upon. The responsible person was arrested and put to court.

One male was found in the public street with a knife, he was arrested and put to court.

Operation Aftermath is addressing drug use and supply in the SW of the city. Any info, call Crime Stoppers.

To date several individuals have been charged and a large quantity of drugs recovered.

September saw a total of 472 calls, 22 of which relate to public nuisance calls.

A total of 101 crime reports were raised, 38 detected so far.

Good news – Vandalism in the area has dropped substantially compared to previous months. PC Baillie ran several initiatives in the worst hit areas tackling the issue.

RB raised issue of parking at Easter Dalry, after a complaint from local resident behind Scotmid. 'P for parking' company would enforce parking in the private road. Will pass on to DD.

Councillors reports

Cllr Ashley Graczyke's Report

AG visited Hearts football club last week. They had a disability awareness day. Ashley got involved with it – a good day.

The Freelancers Festival went well. AG was on a feminist panel with Joanna Cherry MP, an engineer, and an activist.

The police box from Ardmillan Terrace has been donated to the community for free. It will be painted with a mural by the Gorgie Collective. RB suggested displaying local councillor contact details on it.

AG has been highlighting unequal spending in the media. Of the 4 localities in Edinburgh, the annual cultural funding budget was divided as follows: SE got 63%; SW got 0%.

In the cycle hire scheme only 2 out of 80 provisional stands will be in this quarter of the city. Out of 49 cycling projects currently underway, none are in SW.

Jim read AG's article in the Herald on this topic. Thanked her for raising awareness.

AG acknowledged that the city centre has certain extra demands, but that the SW quarter is getting short changed.

DD disputes that things are not happening, and says that canal- Roseburn cycle path will go ahead (start date unknown).

AG is trying to find out what happened with quiet cycle route 8 through Saughton Park, apparently not finished due to lack of funds.

JG says that Dominos' drivers' parking is a nuisance.

A bigger clothes recycling bin has been put in near St Brides.

Cllr Denis Dixon's Report

The Springwell House water repair was done. The pavement is still to be fixed.

At Westfield Park the grass needs cut - it will be done this week.

Pavement repairs will be done on both sides of Orwell Terrace to even it out. The repairs should last at least 10 years. Shaun Gilcrest will come to a GDCC meeting to make a presentation about the pavement repairs. May then repair the Murieston pavements too. Sandra Ramsay (resident) would be interested.

Mcleod Nursery- DD has nudged into action. Work has continued and is nearly finished. The garden is being built.

DD said that after extensive investigation by council workers, no rats were found, and café waste was being disposed of properly.

Gorgie Farm – good day, just slightly fewer numbers than last year, but people stayed longer. Good family feel and a good fund raiser. Publicised changes to the farm and asked for feedback on what people would like to see. Charged £1 entry per adult, a donation though. There were lots of generous extra donations. There was a bar, sociable feel, family friendly. Gorgie Farm events are great for raising publicity. The pet boarding area has been done up. Gorgie Farm web site and

social media use will be increasing. A new welcome point will be added for new visitors, and a route for them to follow. Over the next 6 months these improvements will be made.

Treasurer's Report

£65.96 paid in September for website bills.

Remaining balance- £1755.04

Christmas lights

RB has applied for licence. Still to get in touch with Gorgie farm and school choir. Need to find a stage. Have been offered StMartin's choir which would be nice.

Could maybe borrow Hearts stage.

Need to organise borrowing lights and sound from church, or maybe hire sound system from council.

Need flyers to advertise lights switch on.

Need flyers to advertise shop decoration competition.

Could use gorgie farm café on the night.

Who to ask to switch the lights on? Last year with the children's poster competition winner's switching on was nice.

Not sure if Santa's sleigh is ok. Reindeer would be nice, but doesn't seem feasible. Could find out more.

Planning, HMOs, Licencing

Nothing to report.

Parks

See councillor reports above.

Events

Garvald Harvest Festival this Sat 6th Oct

The Westfield Park clean up went well. Not a big turn out but a good result from the cleanup. Dog fouling was bad in the park. DD says we should report dog fouling. It's important to report to provide evidence that this is a hot spot that requires attention. JP says he does always report. DD encourages us all to keep reporting. A green machine will be sent out to clean the street.

GORGIE DALRY COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON - 2nd December 2018

AOCB

ET and DD attended a Planning 2030 Future Local Development Plan meeting.

The main focus was looking for new brownfield sites to develop for housing, e.g. industrial sites that have fallen into disuse could be used. Ben Wilson from planning is very keen to get input from Gorgie Dalry and will come to the 5th Nov meeting.

ET suggested making a foodbank donation. RB will speak to someone from the Salvation Army to find out which items are needed. GDCC agreed to spend £250 at the Co-op and donate to the food bank.

DD has been asked about the future of Scotmid. SL and RS said that Scotmid is very committed to Edinburgh and is refurbishing stores. Stores are modernising to meet climate targets too. Will hear more from Scotmid at the November meeting.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

5th Nov 7pm