



Gorgie Dalry Community Council Meeting Minutes Mon 3rd Sept 2018

Present

Angela Astor, GDCC (AA)
Rona Brown, GDCC (RB)
Laura Baird, GDCC (LB)
Graeme Russell, GDCC (GR)
Arron Peters, GDCC (AP)
Yousouf Gooljary, St Martins (YG)
Sonia Squires, St Martins (SS)
Matthew Reilly, local resident (MR)
Joan Gordon, local resident (JG)
PC J. Baillie, Police Scotland
PC Oliver Ford, Police Scotland
Nancy Macdonald, Garvald (NM)
Michael McMullin, GDS Church (MM)
Cllr Denis Dixon, CEC (DD)
Cllr Ashley Graczyke, CEC (AG)
Adrian Herbert, GCS Church (AH)
Eilidh Troup, GDCC (ET)
Jim Hogg, Treasurer GDCC (JH)

Welcome

Rona welcomed everyone and everyone introduced themselves. Martin is unable to take minutes for family reasons, so ET will.

August Minutes

Clarify that Gorgie Creative Network are holding a Freelancer Festival in the week beginning 17th Sept.

The Tynecastle garden mentioned is the Tynecastle Nursery garden.

Typo should read 'Eastern Europe'.

AA and AG were present at the meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Paid £150 to the church for hall rental.

Current balance is £1821.22.

Cheque written for website £59.68

GDCC are thinking of buying a bench for Gorgie Dalry Community Park (beside Lidl).

Correspondence

Ross Manson will come to GDCC in Oct or Nov. He is representing the developer for the Co-op redevelopment.

On Tuesday 6th Nov there will be a meeting of the South West partnership. Iain Herbert from Gorgie Farm sent his apologies. He would like to highlight that this years Farm Fest is on Saturday 8th September and offers the usual mixture of family entertainment and activities.

A local resident has complained of rats outside the Gorgie Memorial Hall. These are possibly as a result of a local café dumping litter nearby. LB agreed that rats are a problem in the area. There has been no response from Environmental Health.

There will be a community engagement workshop on Sat 15th Sept on a plan for the future of Edinburgh.

Police Report

PC J. Baillie and PC Oliver Ford reported this evening. The ward priorities are violence and anti-social behaviour, theft by housebreaking, and drugs.

August saw 2 housebreakings reported. So far 0 detections.

19 assaults were reported, 6 detected so far.

7 road traffic matters were reported. 2 detections. 5 cases of failure to report after an accident.

27 theft reports were raised with 7 detections so far. Bike thefts are still high.

No hate crimes were reported.

One male reported for possession of a BB gun in a public place.

One mail arrested and put to Court for possession of a knife.

One drink driver caught 4 times over the legal limit.

Operation Aftermath has been put in place to address drug use and supply in the SW of the city. Should anyone have any information regarding this PC Baillie would suggest phoning Crime Stoppers to report this, a big intelligence picture allows us to take action.

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

August saw a total of 484 calls, 18 of which relate to public nuisance calls.

A total of 82 crime reports were raised, 33 detected so far.

A local resident raised the issue of drivers going through red lights at Stevenson Road at Wickes. Someone was hit whilst crossing at a green man. A school crossing guard here would be good. The police will do spot checks in the area. GDCC are to request a school crossing guard from the education part of the council.

Councillors reports

AG's report:

There was a field opposite Gorgie Farm on Gorgie Road that was all overgrown. Ashley has found and contacted the owner. The field was cleared as a result. Cars are parked there now. It is sub-let to Tynecastle Garage.

The old petrol station beside Lidl has been cleared of weeds too.

AG will attend a site tour of Saughton Park on Sat 8th Oct. They are looking for volunteers for gardening and activities in the park.

There is a lot of fly tipping of furniture locally. There are also a lot of clothes donations to the on-street collection points. AG has requested that these be emptied more often.

The Gorgie Festival is waiting for funding from the South West locality. The festival should get £15000 from each of two sources. It will be held in May or June. Ashley will update GDCC on planning meetings for the Gorgie Festival. Gorgie Farm Festival is this month. Also, Gorgie Creative Network are organising a freelancers festival on 18th Sept at St Brides and 20th Sept at St Martins.

DD's report:

DD has been working on St Brides access and heating system.

DD has been to Tynecastle and the McLeod St nursery and met with Anne Budge to see the new stand and discuss possible community use. Hearts built the nursery, with the council to landscape the garden. Work had stopped for a while but things are moving again now, so should hopefully have children in the new nursery in October.

Day to day dealing with bins, road, seagulls.

MR brought up the blocked drain outside Springwell House. Scottish Water seem to be aware but it hasn't been fixed yet.

A question was raised about the old Tynecastle High School which is falling into disrepair, but it's too close to Grant Westfield chemical factory to use.

A question about the new rentable bikes. There is a display of them outside the council HQ quadrangle. Not sure where or when they'll be available.

Planning, HMOs, Licencing

MR works as trainee architect, and also convenes the Architectural Heritage Society of Scotland (AHSS). Could maybe make Gorgie a conservation area.

New legislation, the Tenement Act, is on its way from the Scottish government. It should make it easier to get common repairs done.

There is a council landlord registration service where you can find landlords to contact about maintaining common areas and lighting.

Air bnb is increasing the problem of absent landlords. There are more factors in Glasgow than Edinburgh. Factors are useful for managing shared stairs.

Nothing on licencing

Parks

Clean up of Westfield Park 10-12 on Sat 8th Sept.

White Park – ownership of the overhanging trees is complicated. One of the picnic benches is broken and needs repaired. The play area equipment needs checked too.

Westfield Park needs a grit bin. The path is smooth and could get slippery in the ice.

Events

St Martin's art exhibition was popular. Lots of people came to the coffee morning. It might be set up as a festival venue next year to encourage visitors.

Still to organise Christmas lights. The plaza at Hearts would be a possible venue but the switch on will be at Gorgie Farm as usual this year. The lights and stage need organised.

A children's film will be shown at St Brides on Friday 7th Sept, in the afternoon. Grease will be shown at St Brides on Friday 14th Sept at 6.30pm.

The Waterside Harvest Festival (Garvald) will take place on Saturday 6th Oct from 10.30-1.30 at 492 Gorgie Road, EH113AF. There will be theatre, puppetry, stalls and a café.

On the 1st Dec Garvald will hold their Christmas Bazaar.

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

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nil

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

1st Oct 2018 at 7pm GDS Church Gorgie Rd