



Gorgie Dalry Community Council Meeting Mon 4th March 2019

Present

Angela Astor, GDCC (AA)
Rona Brown, GDCC (RB)
Sonia Squires, St Martin's Church (SS)
Kenzi Devine, Bainfield/Napier University
Chloe Goodall, Bainfield/Napier University
Rowan Brolly, Napier University
Michael McMullin, GDS Church (MM)
Jim Park, GDCC (JP)
Jim Hogg, GDCC (JH)
Marie Stein, TCVOA – The Caledonian Village Owners Association, (MS)
Dennis Dixon, CEC (DD)
Graeme Russell, GDCC (GR)
Eilidh Troup, GDCC (ET)

Apologies

Matthew Reilly, local resident (MR)
Adrian Herbert, GDS Church (AH)
Nancy MacDonald, Garvald (NM)
Joan Gordon, local resident (JG)

Feb Minutes

JH proposed, RB seconded

Welcome

There will be a short meeting tonight, followed by a CityPlan2030 consultation.

Treasurers report

No bills paid since last time, balance remains at £1860.68
Due to pay £150 for hall rental for 5 months.

Police report

PC Murdoch covering for Jamie.

Housebreakings

February saw 7 incidents of Housebreakings, all of which are still under investigation and some are shed break ins.

Assault

There were 7 assaults reported and to date 3 detections.

Road Safety/ Initiatives

There were 9 incidents reported, with two drink/drug drivers caught

Theft

February saw 23 theft reports, 2 detections so far.

Hate Crime

No hate crimes.

ASB/ NPS/ Incidents of note

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 I 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.

February saw a total of 474 calls, 14 of which relate to public nuisance calls. A total of 103 crime reports were raised.

Good News

There was a significant number of drug recoveries in the area: several warrants were executed whereby dealer quantities of controlled substances were recovered.

MS - still problems with illegal parking at the Caledonian Village, narrowing the roadway. There is parking on red lines.

Councillor report

Denis Dixon

Will deal with MS's issue about parking. A new local police officer has started – PC Spence. The Edinburgh chief of police was talking to the council about the cut-backs, but numbers of police in the south west should remain the same.

A couple of drug dealing ASBPO cases in Westfield Avenue are ongoing.

Dalry baths are open again after £1 million spent on them.

Dog dirt is a problem, environmental wardens not enforcing like they used to.

There is a number to phone, it would be good to advertise it. If you complain, then they will target your area. Jim found the SW office very responsive.

Complaint about short term lets in Downfield. The council is short of resources to deal with them. If people contact Denis he can act on it though.

GR - Andy Wightman says that key boxes outside tenements are not legal.

DD - short term lets reduce properties available for long term residents. It is a big issue.

Planning

GR The revised Scotmid proposal is out and available for responses. The Westfield one is open to planning review.

MR passed on the following by email:

- Window repair application - is fine
- Conversion and change of use from Church Hall to flat, reference 19/00722/FUL on Ardmillan Terrace (next to the Pharmacy). If people want to look at this in their own time and comment, they can email me for advice. Comments due 19th March. Personally I think it's ok, but not sure of the history of this or loss of church hall amenity.
- Amended Co-Op application is up. Reference: 19/00863/FUL comments due 25th March

AA – Morrison Street car park plans have changed and will cut off daylight from surrounding buildings. It's not clear where the access roads would be. It would be good to invite the developers to a GDCC meeting to present the plans.

AOCB

No progress has been made on the newsletter.

The Christmas light switch on will be at White Park on the 8th December.

MS – how many people entered shop window competition? – Not sure, but lots of shops had window decoration.

Dalry park clean up. MS would be good to ask Lidl manager for some help to clean up. 11th May suggested date for clean up in park.

JH – re Scotmid – are we agreeing to support the application? RB - Yes, we had a vote. JH thinks it would be a disaster for him to get to the post office or the shops while the Coop is closed for months for the building work.

The community council then attended the CityPlan 2030 consultation.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Mon 1st April at 7pm, Gorgie Dalry Parish Church, 190 Gorgie Road, EH11 2NX.