



# Gorgie Dalry Community Council Minutes Monday

## Attendees

GDCC:

Angela Astor – AA

Rona Brown – RB

Joan Gordon – JG

Adrian Herbert – AH

Moira MacKirdy - MM

Local residents:

Marie Stein (Caledonian Village Owners Association) – MS

Sharon Robertson (Gorgie Residents Association) – SR

David Gordon (Grant Westfield) – DG

Alistair MacKenzie – AM

Nancy Macdonald (Garvald) - NM

PC Colin Spence

## Welcome

RB welcomed everyone and there was a round table of introductions. RB reminded everyone that this was election year and that they are welcome to stand.

## Quorum and apologies

Apologies were received from Jim Hogg, Mathew Reilly, Denis Dixon, Ashley Graczyke, Cathy Fullarton, Sonia Squires, Harry Woodward and Iain.

## Previous Minutes

Previous minutes were proposed and seconded by AH and AA, and approved as such.

## Correspondence

A bulb catalogue had been received was passed to JG to unsubscribe from. Other correspondence included:

- Writing workshop on 19<sup>th</sup> Sept in Tynecastle Community Wing
- Planning and Building Standards Customer Forum 10<sup>th</sup> Sept 2-4pm. It was agreed that JG would represent the GDCC at the forum.

- Jim Park tendered his resignation from GDCC

#### Treasurer Report

There was no Treasurer's Report due to the Treasurer being unwell.

#### Police Report

PC Colin Spence reported to the GDCC for the first time, with the following report:

- 5 housebreakings with 3 detected so far.
- 11 assaults reported with 4 solved and 7 under investigation. 3 were domestic related.
- 6 road traffic incidents with 4 detected so far.
- 39 thefts with 5 detected. This includes shoplifting, bike theft, attempted theft and theft by finding.
- 5 hate crimes with 1 solved. Rest still ongoing.
- 5 drug offences with 3 being reported to courts.
- 24 anti-social behaviour reports, with 4 detections. This includes graffiti, breaking windows, threats (domestic), football related incidents and shouting in a public place.
- Total calls 470 with 32 public nuisance calls. Total 116 crime reports raised, 22 detections so far.

JG asked if the break ins figure was broken down into homes vs airbnbs, but this is not the case. SR complained about the junction between Balgreen Road and Gorgie Road. PC Spence advised her to contact the council, who would then approach the police for road traffic incident statistics. JG reminded SR that that particular junction is outwith the boundary of GDCC. AA suggested that it may be Chesser CC or possibly Longstone if Chesser has folded.

MS raised several issues relating to Caledonian Village, in particular the area between there and the railway where some youths set a fire last year. The area is wild and used for drugs and antisocial behaviour. As well as that there is an issue with a particular individual who openly defecates in public in the area. PC Spence advised that each incident should be reported to 101 at the time. This will mean its logged in statistics and addressed if recurring. AM concurred with what MS had said.

#### Planning

Aaron Napier has asked if he can attend next month to update on Richmond Terrace.

Graham from Roseburn Cycle path scheme was invited to speak tonight but was unable to attend so will be coming to future meeting instead.

DG from Grant Westfield attended to share some concerns relating to the Westfield student development plans. The main concerns relate to the fact that there will be 394 students on site with no warden and few parking spaces. As well as this, the development borders the Grant Westfield property boundary and he has concerns about the construction process potentially disrupting the working of the detailed machinery that they use. AA raised a concern that this development was hidden from community because the notification radius of 20m covers few homes.

ACTION: MM to email MR to get Westfield developer along to special public meeting by community council

ACTION: MM to pass on Health All Round details to DG

#### HMO's

Nothing to report.

#### Licensing

Nothing to report.

### Councillor Reports

No councillors in attendance.

### Parks

Westfield Park clean up on 7<sup>th</sup> Sept.

### Events

Community Council Elections. RB advised that this was the last meeting of this Community Council pending elections. The window is open 9<sup>th</sup> -30<sup>th</sup> Sept.

Bohemian Rhapsody singalong at St Brides on Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Sept.

ACTION: MM to get printed forms to library

ACTION: MM to email form to minutes distribution list

ACTION: MM to speak to HK re work experience at Grant Westfield

ACTION: DG to discuss sponsoring Christmas lights after White Park if possible

### AOCB

SR raised the Gorgie Residents Association under AOCB, and advised that she was looking for a Secretary and a Treasurer. If anyone knows someone who would be interested, they should contact her at [gorgieresidentsassociation@yahoo.com](mailto:gorgieresidentsassociation@yahoo.com). All training will be provided by the Edinburgh Tenants Federation. The GRA covers the area from Gorgie Farm to Ford Road.

AM raised Airbnb as an issue relating to key boxes and lack of insurance options.

ACTION: Airbnb to be added as future agenda item.

ACTION: MM to contact re façade and set up meeting, as well as remind Big Hearts re public toilet.

### Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at 7pm.