



Gorgie Dalry Community Council Minutes Monday 7th October

Attendees

GDCC:

Angela Astor – AA, Rona Brown (Vice Chair) – RB, Joan Gordon (Chair)– JG, Adrian Herbert (GDS church) – AH, Alex McKendrick (Treasurer) – AM, Moira MacKirdy (Secretary) – MM, Alex Ortiz – AO, Mathew Reilly (Engagement Officer)– MR, Sharon Robertson - SR

CEC:

CLlr Denis Dixon – DD, CLlr Ashley Graczyk – AG, Jessica Clack (PA to AG) - JC

Local residents:

Fraser Casey (Coop) – FC, David Gordon (Grant Westfield) – DG, Jim Hogg (JH), Nancy MacDonald (Garvald) – NM, Arron Peters – AP, Andrea Price (St Michael's) - APr

Welcome

As returning officer, AG opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. She declared the results of the election. There were enough successful nominations to be able to form a Community Council. The successful members were as follows: Angela Astor, Rona Brown, Joan Gordon, Adrian Herbert (GDS church), Alex McKendrick, Catriona McDonald, Moira MacKirdy, Suzanne Miller (Gorgie Collective), Alex Ortiz, Mathew Reilly, Sharon Robertson. A question was raised surrounding SR's eligibility as community council member due to living outside the boundary, however AG confirmed that all nominations had been verified by the governance team and that SR was eligible. AP asked if it was possible to nominate himself now as he had been unwell during the election period, AG is to check whether there is an opportunity to co-opt him.

AG then detailed the office bearer roles and responsibilities for the community council. These consist of:

Chair – chief representative of the CC, appropriate delegate if required, presides over meetings, ensures agenda is followed and decision of competent business.

Secretary – first point of contact, liaises with Chair regarding production of agenda, compiles minutes and other documents, organises meetings and provides documents for them

Treasurer – manages funds, keeps records up to date and available on request, reports at each meeting

Engagement Officer – organises consultations, manages website and social media, compiles feedback, presents annual engagement report to CC

Following on from this, CC members were invited to put themselves forward for the office bearer roles. Each role only had one person put themselves forward. All were then proposed and seconded. The successful candidates were: Chair – Joan Gordon, Vice Chair – Rona Brown, Secretary – Moira MacKirdy, Treasurer – Alex McKendrick, Engagement Officer – Mathew Reilly. AG then handed the meeting over to JG to chair.

Quorum and apologies

The meeting was quorate. Apologies were received from Iain Herbert (Gorgie Farm), Cllr Kathy Fullarton, and Catriona McDonald.

Previous Minutes

Previous minutes were reviewed. Open actions are as follows:

ACTION2019090201: Airbnb to be added as future agenda item

ACTION2019090202: MM to contact re façade and set up meeting, as well as remind Big Hearts re public toilet

Minutes were proposed and seconded as being an accurate reflection of the meeting.

Matters Arising

01: AG to check how soon AP can be co-opted onto CC

02: JH to handover treasurer role and relevant signatory information to AM

03: MM to add Gorgie Festival as an agenda item for November

04: Cllrs to take forward replacing light in park at back of Lidl

05: RB to apply for funding for bench in Dalry Community Park

06: Future agenda item in Spring to organise clean ups of Westfield and Dalry Community Parks

07: Bring Memorial garden idea to Roseburn Cycle path team

08: RB to book Pipe Band

09: AA to organise poster competition

10: SR & JG to flyer for best dressed window 30th Nov and judge on 6th/7th Dec

11: MR to email AH flyers for printing

12: RB to share timetable in Nov

13: RB, AA, health and safety and someone from church to meet to discuss logistics

14: FC to arrange donation of mince pies from Coop

15: RB to speak to White Park Residents Association

16: RB to get costs from Julie Anne for lights beyond White Park and pass to DG

17: AH to arrange for someone from GDS to do Winter Blessing

18: AH to investigate storage options for stage

19: JG to contact Springwell house developer re façade

20: MM to add coffee pop up as future agenda item

Correspondence

Correspondence has been received from a number of sources. Paul at Fountainbridge has been in touch to highlight that diversion signs in place along Harrison Road and Ardmillan have been obstructing the footpaths (this will be covered in Cllrs' Reports).

CC members have been invited to the 50th anniversary of Wester Hailes celebration on Sat 19th October from 1-3pm at WHALE Arts Centre.

CC members have also been invited to an Autumn Craft and Bake Sale in aid of Marie Curie on Saturday 9th November at Christchurch Hall, Holy Corner.

Treasurer's Report

JH, as outgoing treasurer, provided a report. The current balance is £1624.55 credit. £240 needs to be paid shortly for the church hire for the year, and he will do this prior to handing over to the new treasurer AM.

Police Reports

No police were able to attend so no report was given.

Planning

Agenda item on Westfield student accommodation was cancelled as developer felt that they would prefer to come to CC meeting sometime after October, after the planning committee meeting had taken place. DG provided information from a newspaper article which suggested that the planning committee was "set to reject" their proposed development. DD advised that we would know more on Wednesday 9th October when the planning committee met. DG raised a number of concerns regarding the development, particularly from the construction phase, but also relating to loss of sunlight to windows and solar panels on the Grant Westfield building. CC agreed to invite them back for full discussion of issues.

MR advised that there had been no other big development applications since the last meeting.

HMO's

Nothing to report.

Licensing

Nothing to report.

Councillor Reports

DD reported that Cllrs had been in touch with Paul at Fountainbridge regarding his concerns and that the companies who had placed the signs obstructing the pavements had been told to move them. This should now have taken place. DD explained to the CC the work of the CAP programme, which works with young people aged 10-21 to reduce alcohol consumption, and works in local areas to discourage proxy selling or sales to underage drinkers. DD also advised that he is due to attend a briefing on community centres. RB reminded him that St Brides had been trying to speak to that department since January this year. DD was asked about the pavements in Murieston and Orwell Terrace, and when they're being resurfaced. He advised that this was something that he was still pushing as the dates kept being pushed back.

AG confirmed that as returning officer she was pleased that we were able to form GDCC. She advised that her ongoing complaint against the removal of the JustEat bikes from Dalry had been resolved, with more bikes now available outside Lidl. AG updated on JP's outstanding question regarding what happened to the benches outside Dalry Primary school. It turned out that sometimes people sitting on them had been swearing loudly where the children could hear, so the school had asked for them to be relocated. As part of this, they are being replaced with metal benches, and are now located opposite the school. AG explained the concerns of the Dalry Primary school parents surrounding the reduction in Additional Language support for children in the school, and that the school are working with the parents and the council to try and reach a consensus. AG also attended a meeting of Tynecastle Parent Council. JG asked if there was an update on the illegal billboards. AG advised that the ones in White Park had already been removed, and that the board owners at the Caledonian Bridge had been told to remove them. AG also advised that she is looking to source funding for a big community mural somewhere in Gorgie. MR asked who he should contact regarding bins that had holes in the bottom, and JC replied that the best thing was to email waste@edinburgh.gov.uk

Parks

The light at the park at the back of Lidl needs replaced, councillors to take forward. RB will be applying for funding for a bench in the park and has met with Craig Dunlop to discuss. With permission from CC, she will take forward funding application. It was agreed to have a future agenda item on park clean ups in the Spring. AP queried the possibility of creating a Memorial garden in Dalry Community Park, it was agreed to bring this to the attention of the Roseburn Cycle Path team when they present at a future meeting. AP proposed a clean

up of cemeteries, DD advised that permission may be needed from proprietors and that full clean up kit from council with sharps box and grabbers would be needed.

Events

RB asked if there was going to be a Gorgie Dalry Festival next year, to which there was vocal support from the council. It was agreed to be added as an agenda item for next month. It was discussed that if there was a community wide group applying for funding then it was more likely to be successful than if it was the CC on its own.

Christmas planning: event set for Sunday 8th December. RB to contact Tynecastle Pipe Band. AA to contact schools to organise poster competition. 2 volunteers are required to flyer businesses to participate in Best Dressed Window competition, and also to judge again: SR and JG. MR to provide flyer amended from last year. RB to share timetable at future meeting to allow scheduling. A meeting should take place between RB, AA, a GDS representative and someone from Health and Safety to discuss plans. GDS Church have volunteered to host everyone in the church hall afterwards for tea/coffee and mince pies, which the Coop have volunteered to donate. RB is to speak to White Park Residents' Association.

AOCB

It was queried if there were funds left over after purchasing the bench, if the council would be interested in purchasing a stage for future community events, and if so, would it be able to be stored in the GDS church between events.

JG queried the façade of the Springwell House toilets and if there was anything that could be done to save it. It was agreed that JG should contact developer to express interest in them donating it as a community space.

AP suggested a pop up coffee shop in the community.

SR advised that the next meeting of the Gorgie Residents Association was taking place on 22nd October at 6.30pm venue to be confirmed.

RB advised that 30th November was Tynecastle Nursery's 90th birthday.

RB invited members to the free screening of Rocky Horror Show at St Bride's on 1st November.

Date and time of next meeting

7pm 4th November at GDS Church