



# Gorgie Dalry Community Council Minutes Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb 2020

## Attendees

GDCC:

Rona Brown (Vice-Chair) – RB, Joan Gordon (Chair) – JG, Adrian Herbert (GDS church) – AH, Alex McKendrick (Treasurer) – AM, Moira MacKirdy (Secretary) – MM,

CEC:

Denis Dixon

Ashley Graczyk

Local residents: Thomas McCabe (Napier journalism student) – TM, Sean McGill (Napier journalism student) – SM, Arran Proctor (Napier journalism student) – AP, Nancy Macdonald (Garvald) – NM, Craig Smail – CS, Nancy Bryson (FoMP) – NB, Sandra Ramsay – SR, Jo Ramsey – JR, Laura Wise – LW, Gavin Mearns (Police) - GM

## Welcome

JG opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. She arranged introductions around the table.

## Quorum and apologies

Apologies were received from Mathew Reilly, Cathy Fullertaon and Susanne Muller. The meeting was quorate.

## Previous Minutes and Matters Arising

The minutes were proposed as accurate by AM and seconded by RB.

The actions were reviewed, with the open matters arising detailed as follows:

September:

01: Airbnb to be added as future agenda item

October:

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 (RB to contact FoCP group)

November

01: Developers to return to GDCC once operator has been appointed for Westfield to answer further questions.

## Matters Arising

01: MM to invite Love Gorgie to next meeting.

02: MM to circulate consultations to all members.

03: MM to invite Quaich Project to meeting in April or May.

04: LW to work on 'what questions to ask developers' list

05: AG to tweet complaints about Domino's parking

06: RB to give dates of park clean ups

### Correspondence

1. Susanne Muller was in touch to ask if we could invite Love Gorgie to the next meeting.
2. Nancy Bryson was in touch with concerns regarding support for Murieston student development.
3. Consultations were received: Choices for City Plan 2030 and Draft Mobility Plan.
4. 10yrs of Tynecastle High School celebratory open evening Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June 5-7pm
5. Student journalists from Napier were in touch to say they'd be attending future meetings.
6. Quaich Project in West Princes St Gardens have been in touch to ask if we'd like them to present.
7. License variation for Dalry deli, 93 Dalry Road.
8. National Planning Framework consultation received.

### Treasurer's Report

£500 had been mistakenly credited to GDCC instead of GDS Church by CEC as payment for running the polling place from there for the December election.

Online banking was discussed, with a vote being taken to proceed with application and AH nominated as second signatory, with MR to also be approached as potential third.

AA & RB to get £149.99 for food for food bank purchased after Christmas.

### Police Reports

There were 6 reports of housebreaking generated and enquiries are continuing into all. There were 9 assaults, 4 of which have been detected. 4 road safety reports were raised, with one drink driver charged and the other 3 incidents were failure to report an accident. 28 reports of theft were raised, with one detected so far. This is a marked increase compared to previous months. No hate crimes were reported. 3 detections were made for drugs offences. Total of 384 calls, 13 of which were public nuisance calls. 96 crime reports were raised, 27 of which have been detected so far.

SR asked if you get charged for making a call. GM replied that reports could be made online via crimestoppers for free.

### Planning

1. Murieston update

JG confirmed that when GDCC voted for the Murieston student development we understood it to be a choice between an existing plan that they had permission for, and this new plan. That there was no way of stopping building on the site altogether. She also advised that the way it was reported in the news was false as all we had said was that we supported the plan, nothing more enthusiastic than that.

NB asked if it was aimed at postgrads, which it is. She also asked if it would be used for airb'n'b during holidays. MM checked the Dec meeting's minutes and confirmed that the developer had said it was for 51wk leases so there would not be scope for airb'n'b.

SR raised a number of points in relation to the development. Firstly that there is a listed bridge nearby, and building cannot take place within a certain proximity. She raised concerns about proximity to the Western Approach Road and the pollution that brings. She advised of a protected species of bat living in the derelict building. She is concerned that there is confusion around the different planning applications for the site as

there was previously an application in the summer that received 40 objections but that it is not showing as updated.

AG advised that Astrid Walker (planning officer) didn't realise there were two separate applications and there was confusion at planning committee.

JG suggested contacting Ross Murray the governance officer to seek clarity. It was discussed that it would be a good idea to build a list of questions to ask developers. LW volunteered to reach out to other community councils, and RB suggested contacting Planning Aid Scotland. MM offered to send round the National Planning Framework Consultation to members.

It was discussed whether a vote should be taken to rescind the GDCC support. The meeting was declared quorate so a vote could be taken, however MM wanted more information before a vote was taken. At this point, DD entered the meeting, having come straight from another meeting. He confirmed that the decision had been made and that the application had been approved so there was no point in having a vote on rescinding support as it would not make a difference now.

DD confirmed that the %age of student accommodation for the area had not yet been reached so more student accommodation was likely to be approved. NM asked how the sums were calculated. DD advised that it would be detailed in a policy documents, but was roughly based around town centres and the %age comes from so many meters from them, with higher %ages being closer to campuses.

After LW volunteering to take the matter further with the questions to ask developers, a vote was taken to co-opt her onto council with her being unanimously approved.

#### HMO's

Nothing to report.

#### Licensing

Variation in license for Dalry Deli, 93 Dalry Road.

#### Councillor Reports

AG – lots of rubbish in Dalry near baths. RB asked about Domino's parking complaints. AG to tweet. AH queried if the street light at Wardlaw had been fixed? AG confirmed it had. AG is also doing free haircuts at the Broomhouse Centre for those in need. Her assistant, Jessica Clack is returning to USA and AG was asked to pass GDCC best wishes to her.

DD – BOS closing at Ardmillan Terrace.

#### Parks

Looking at April or May for park clean up plus event at Dalry Community Park. Dedication of bench plys plants and biscuits and tea provided. Write to the Coop / Lidl for refreshments. McDonalds for Westfield and Greggs for White Park. SM advised making it before or after the league split to ensure there isn't a match on at Tynecastle.

#### Events

10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of new Tynecastle High School Building.

Gala Day 13<sup>th</sup> June

This weekend jazz and blues festival at St Brides. Monday community session with GD jazz. Blues festival at the end of Feb as well.

#### AOCB

The student journalists from Napier asked for contact details if anyone was willing to provide them so that they could contact them for local news.

AM requested more lighting outside the school where the Just Eat bikes are, and if regular bike stands could be placed alongside them.

Date and time of next meeting

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020, 7pm