



Gorgie Dalry Community Council Minutes Monday 2nd March 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, Alex Ortiz – AO, Mathew Reilly (Engagement Officer) – MR, Laura Wise – LW

CEC:

Denis Dixon

Local residents: Robert Burns – RBu, Craig Smail – CS

Welcome

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

Quorum and apologies

Apologies were received from Angela Astor. The meeting was quorate.

Previous Minutes and Matters Arising

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

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

October:

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.

February

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

05: AG to tweet complaints about Domino's parking

Matters Arising

01: MM to contact FoWP, Mcdonalds and council re Westfield Park clean up

02: MM to contact FoDCP, Coop and council re Dalry Community Park clean up

03: MM to follow up with Roseburn Cycle path team, Westfield Developers and Grant Westfield

04: MM to arrange for LOVE Gorgie to come in April, and Quaich in May

- 05: LW to send Living Rent Scotland details to mailbox for MM to add to distribution list
- 06: RB to see if any paperwork left from Planning workshop
- 07: MM to set up gmail for GDCC and commence move
- 08: MM to contact Gordon at the church re scanning records
- 09: RB to investigate options for storing paper records
- 10: MM to forward registration details to AH and MR for online banking
- 11: DD to investigate what's happening at Gorgie Mem
- 12: RB to pass on contact details for Chair of Gorgie Mem
- 13: MM to speak to Michael Edwards asap re Gala Day funding application
- 14: MM to check re planning application for bouncy castle
- 15: AM to design Dalry banner for Gala Day
- 16: DD to make enquiries re Saltyard graffiti removal
- 17: MR to send Wardlaw Steps light email to DD, DD to then chase

Correspondence

1. The BMC club and a local resident had been in touch regarding works at Gorgie Memorial Hall. DD to investigate and report back. RB to pass on contact details for chair of Gorgie Mem.
2. LOVE Gorgie sent their apologies due to family emergency. It was agreed to invite them back in April and postpone Quaich project until May.
3. LW contacted Planning Aid Scotland and Living Rent Scotland.
4. LW received a question through facebook where someone was preparing to move from Montrose to Westfield Ave but had questions about whether the antisocial behaviour was still ongoing or whether it had calmed down. DD confirmed that all appears to be quiet at present as he had not heard anything.

Treasurer's Report

£500 cheque has been written to repay the mistaken payment from the council. There is £994 in the bank.

MM to forward registration details to AH and MR for online banking.

Police Reports

There was no police report this month.

Planning

1. Short Term Lets (Airb'n'b)

Do they pay council tax? DD confirmed that he had queried the 'empty buildings' rate. AO disclosed that he was a member of Airb'n'b's Community Board. He confirmed that he did not have specific numbers for how many airb'n'b's paid council tax. RBu stated that there was a tenement in Wardlaw Place where 7/16 of the housing for locals was taken out of use by short term lets. He also stated that house prices were shooting up. DD advised that regulation was likely, and that there was a consultation on Short Term Lets. JG queried whether they were registered as landlords? AO confirmed that Airb'n'b would investigate and act on complaints from neighbours due to disruption. RBu pointed out that there were bigger issues here. AO pointed out that while 8-10k homes may be freed up if there was no airb'n'b, that would not solve the housing situation in Edinburgh by itself. AM confirmed that the City Plan 2030 suggests that the Council want to regulate Short Term Lets. DD confirmed this to be true and stated that there were certain areas in

the town centre where there were resident deserts. MR asked what could be done about absentee landlords when it came to shared repairs. DD advised that the council should be contacted if any difficulty getting shared repairs arranged or paid for due to absentee landlords, that they had a department devoted to helping people in that situation. LW suggested that Living Rent Scotland would like to talk about this subject if we're raising it again. CS raised a concern that some short term lets were used for stag and hen parties making the noise an issue for neighbours. JG asked if key safes needed approval from building residents. It was agreed that any future agenda item on the subject would be called 'short term lets' as the problem is wider than Airb'n'b.

HMO's

Nothing to report.

Licensing

Councillor Reports

DD – DD advised that the funding panel had met and considered the bids. The community council request to fund a bench was approved, however the Gala Day group request was refused. However, DD advised to contact Michael Edwards to see if changes could be made to the application for it to be successful under special dispensation. JG requested that DD be thanked for his support of the application and that this be reflected in the minutes.

Parks

It was agreed that the date for the Westfield Park Clean Up would be Saturday 25th April. The Dalry Park Clean up would be Saturday 16th May.

Events

City Plan 2030 consultation open event at St Brides on 19th March

AOCB

Archiving and document storage: RB confirmed that she and AA had boxes of historic records from GDCC. MM mentioned idea she had been considering re moving to gmail to allow storage on google drive attached to account, with access open to all office bearers to allow them to send and reply on behalf of GDCC. We can use the church's scanner to scan documents and save them in the google drive. RB will look into options for storage of paper records.

RBu raised the issue of Wardlaw communal garden trees being higher than the tenements and queried what happens in this situation. DD confirmed that the residents of the stair are responsible as per any communal repairs.

RB asked if AM could do a Dalry banner for the Gala Day.

AH mentioned that there had been graffiti on the church building at Saltyard, on the wall and the name board. DD promised to make enquiries but suggested the church repaint themselves.

MR confirmed that the Wardlaw Steps light issue was still ongoing, and what was needed was a new light installation rather than the replacement of an existing one.

Date and time of next meeting

Monday 6th April, 7pm