



Gorgie Dalry Community Council Minutes Monday 4th May 2020

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, Susanne Muller (Gorgie Collective) -SM, Alex Ortiz – AO, Mathew Reilly (Engagement Officer) – MR, Laura Wise – LW

CEC:

Denis Dixon

Local residents: Craig Smail – CS, Nancy MacDonald (Garvald) – NM, Kate & Jonathan -K&J, Nancy Bryson – NB,

Welcome

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

Quorum and apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Cathy Fullarton. The meeting was quorate.

Previous Minutes and Matters Arising

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

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

March:

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

Matters Arising

- 01: AA to reach out to West End Community Council contact to discuss working together re Haymarket Yards development
- 02: MR to email AA PAN number
- 03: MM to add as future agenda item once planning application is submitted
- 04: AM to draft plan and survey to circulate to local residents to support application to the council for funds.
- 05: LW and MR to publicise plans on social media
- 06: DD to contact police re speeding on Russel Road and Robertson Avenue
- 07: LW to design flyer to publicise food banks
- 08: MM to investigate what food banks would like most
- 09: LW and MR to amend 'about' section following feedback
- 10: LW to send MM list of members and MM to circulate to group to allow them to amend how they appear.
- 11: MM to follow up with governance officer re member who hasn't come to any meeting since election
- 12: GDCC to stage photo post lockdown
- 13: LW to do facebook post thanking whoever painted the doors round Dalry

Correspondence

1. Social Distancing challenges within Gorgie

The discussion focused on how difficult it was to social distance on many of the pavements in the area, particularly focusing on the pavement by Dalry cemetery which is so narrow. Problems were also raised around the number and severity of potholes in the cycle paths on Dalry Road. Problems were also raised about speeding cars, particularly in Russel Road and Robertson Avenue. DD advised that the Scottish Government have made funding available to Councils to enact temporary measures to support social distancing. He said that if we lobbied the council then he would support us in this matter. RB asked if these plans would

be temporary or permanent. DD confirmed that the intention is that they are temporary but potentially could become permanent depending on circumstances. SM confirmed that Sustrans are administering funding on behalf of Scottish Government and are also able to provide support in application process.

2. Potential food bank donation

Many food banks have been experiencing a drop in the number of donations at a time when more people are relying on them. AM confirmed that the balance is c. £1000 at present. He also queried whether we should be publicising how the public can donate rather than just donating ourselves. MM confirmed that there were 4 food banks within the GDCC area: LOVE Gorgie, Tynecastle High / BMC Club, Salvation Army and Big Hearts. AH queried what the food banks needed most: money, publicity or donations? Also, what type of donations are needed? It was agreed that we would publicise the food banks and how to donate, as well as splitting a donation of £200 between the 4 in the area. This was voted at 8 for, 0 against.

Treasurer's Report

After the food bank donation we will be left with roughly £800 in the account.

Police Reports

There was no police report this month.

Planning

1. Haymarket Yard

We have received a Proposal of Application Notice (PAN) for Elgin House, at Haymarket Yards for a demolition and redevelopment comprising office space (class 4), hotel space (class 7), and student accommodation. AA felt that although it was outwith our boundary, it's close enough and there is already too much student accommodation in the area. SM suggested working with West End Community Council. DD advised that we should object individually if we felt strongly about it. JG asked re student accommodation contributions towards amenities. DD explained that HMOs pay a fee to licensing dept of council. NS asked about the percentage of student accommodation in the area, if we were approaching the limits. DD advised that he believed the target was quite low in relation to rented accommodation, around 20%.

HMO's

Nothing to report.

Licensing

Nothing to report

Social Media Engagement Strategy

LW and MW had worked on an update to the 'about' section of the website, which had been circulated to members in advance for review and feedback. It was noted that this had been particularly well done, and thanks were offered to LW and MR. AH fed back that he was unsure about the wording of 'consult with the community' as this implied an official procedure which we don't necessarily do in all situations. SM proposed that we used 'engage' rather than 'consult'. MM queried how long someone stayed a member if they didn't appear at meetings without any contact, and will follow up with governance officer. NB questioned what was being done for those in community who were less digitally literate. LW confirmed that they had a wider engagement plan, however this has had to be paused due to lockdown. LW queried how long GDCC had been active, and was advised that the Council would be able to confirm that for her.

Councillor Reports

DD – there have been many fly tipping complaints. He has joined Gorgie Dalry Neighbours facebook group and has been acting on things reported there. He has been contacted by Marie Stein of Caledonian Village regarding litter, however it is a factored village so the factors should be responsible for the litter picking. He has been in touch with them, and they should commence litter picking once lockdown is over. DD also confirmed that the council are aware that a new light is needed at the top of Wardlaw Steps and they are dealing with it.

Parks

Litter picking at Dalry Cemetery: it was agreed to commence litter picking in the cemetery once lockdown lifts. Drug taking in the cemetery was raised again as an issue.

Events

AOCB

Date and time of next meeting

Monday 1st June, 7pm