



Gorgie Dalry Community Council Minutes Monday 3rd Aug 2020

Attendees

GDCC:

Angela Astor – AA, Joan Gordon (Chair) – JG, Adrian Herbert (GDS church) – AH, Alex McKendrick (Treasurer) – AM, Alex Ortiz – AO, Mathew Reilly (Engagement Officer) – MR, Laura Wise – LW

CEC:

Denis Dixon – DD, Lesley Macinnes (Transport Convener) – LM, Donald Wilson – DD, Dave Sinclair (Transport Officer, project manager for Spaces for People), Adele Farwell (Assistant to Ashley Graczyk)

Local residents:

Lara Stroudinsky, Nancy Bryson, Lynsey Clark (Beer Cave), Ford Buchanan, Nancy MacDonald (Garvald), Sylvia, Alix, Katriona Gillespie (Gorgie Collective), Dairmuid Lloyd, Job, Lauren, Sheona Dorrian

Welcome

AM opened the meeting, welcoming everyone and facilitating introductions.

Quorum and apologies

Apologies were received from Ashley Graczyk, Rona Brown (Vice-Chair) and Moira MacKirdy (Secretary). The meeting was quorate.

Previous Minutes and Matters Arising

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

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

May:

01: AA has tried to reach out to West End Community Council contact to discuss working together re Haymarket Yards development however they are not taking emails at the moment. AA will continue trying to contact them.

03: MM to add Elgin House as future agenda item once planning application is submitted

06: DD to contact police re speeding on Russel Road and Robertson Avenue

07: LW to design flyer to publicise food banks – a link to this is now embedded on the website

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

June:

01: DD to raise G/D concerns with Transport Convenor

02: All fill out interactive map and update points in the area

03: AM to send document to DD

04: DD to chase Lesley re Zero Carbon 2030

05: Everyone to review website

06: AM continue to push Spaces for People

07: NMCD to email DD re extending support

08: MM to seek guidance and feedback re parks clean up

Matters Arising:

01: DS to give Lloyd the Community Council email address to create further dialogue

02: DD to gather info on short term lets to for our website: how to complain and how to do it properly

03: Cllrs to think about how to deal with the seagull problem

04: DD to confirm how to replace concession cards and provide info to NMCD and GDCC

05: AG to send NB the details of how to complain about hedges obstructing paths

06: MM to add FoDCP to next meeting agenda

Correspondence

Roseburn Cycle Path: Plans look good. Barry from Active Travel are due to come to Sept meeting. Due to vote in Council Policy & Sustainability Committee on Thursday, before going to Planning in August. Estimated completion Summer 2022. Path is shared use for cyclists and pedestrians as well as woodland regeneration.

Tollcross Community Council were in contact regarding Murieston student development. They were interested in our thoughts or they could provide support. Joan queried the number of beds approved? Nancy confirmed scaffolding came up yesterday.

Short Term Lets: PLACE wrote to us asking us to support their ban on short term lets from 15th July. AO confirmed that his issues are related to PLACE as they want regulation, but basically want zero short term lets. JG supports regulated and licensed short term lets. DD confirmed that short term lets have to have a planning permission in place for change of use from residential to short term lets. AO advised that there is little guidance on gaining approval for change of use to short term lets. AH suggested having a guide on the GDCC website to doing things properly, as well as how people can make complaints.

Littering & Antisocial Behaviour: requests from residents relating to bins and seagulls, as well as fly tipping. S noticed more fly tipping since lockdown. Started to see rats near Wardlaw, 2 dead and 1 live. Council only coming out if vulnerable or council tenant. Ashtrays on lampposts was suggested. Sylvia should email local cllrs who will take complaint up. MR said that seagulls had become a bigger issue since lockdown. NB confirmed that seagulls were a problem in Murieston, and that cardboard bins are needing uplifted more frequently. DW was able to confirm that the frequency is due to double shortly.

Spaces for People

LM & DS attended to discuss Spaces for People. LM (transport convenor) confirmed she was aware of concerns around type of cones supplied. CEC have reached a problem where there is a real shortage of supplies of materials and equipment hence temporary measures. Virtually every local authority is going through same process just now. JG felt that the measures would be better removed until we get full equipment. LW asked about enforcement processes. DD advised that he asked DS to come along re bollards issues, and other technical questions, and LM to attend to discuss financial aspect. DS updated that cones should only be there for a couple of weeks, and be replaced with traffic cylinders instead. They're also going to update branding to make it clear what the space is for. The semi-permanent layout would be enforced around 2nd week of September like yellow lines and kerb lines. Will be a much neater layout. AM expressed disappointment at the lack of action since cones could have been put out weeks ago. DS confirmed that there was an approval process in place which, along with making plans, increased delays. AM asked about the possibility of a bus gate. DS confirmed that one of the driving elements of this was the economic recovery of the Town Centres. LM reminded GDCC that the process was going on across the City in the Town Centres. DW queried if Gorgie Dalry was being treated differently to other areas, and confirmed that the area was due to receive above average funding. LC wondered if the layout of the cones would lead to accidents because the bus lanes and cycle lanes have been removed. She queried the risk assessment process. DS confirmed that they wanted to keep bus lanes in if possible. When they've taken off bus lanes, they've left more space on the road to allow enough room for vehicles. LC confirmed that the can't load for business, and customers can't park. Job queried

the signage, and asked if clarification to be given to direct pedestrians. DS confirmed that there was fine tuning required for some areas. KG confirmed that poor communications have been an issue. Public response has been 98% negative. Edinburgh had £5m out of £10m funding, yet other places have implemented more quickly and more successfully. There have already been a couple of accidents and near misses in Gorgie in the last couple of weeks. LW confirmed that it had been difficult to get answers from the Spaces for People team. Really clear guidance on plans and dates would help massively. LM confirmed that she had written to Cllr Graczyk to confirm that funding was not designed to on locality basis, but on thematic basis: like providing cycle access to key hospitals. Splitting the money evenly across the locality would not have allowed CEC to achieve their goals. Blue lights services, Spokes, Living Streets and Community Councils had all been consulted prior to putting emergency measures in. LM confirmed CEC had done more consultation, and had put in more schemes than anywhere else in Scotland. Edinburgh got half the total funds due to scale of ambition of plans. DS confirmed that Gorgie Dalry was not downgraded in any way. They're also looking at measures for schools return next week. Speed limit reductions across the city are also being considered.

Planning

Nothing to Report. Rosebery House (offices to offices development) are due to visit our September meeting.

Treasurer's Report

£2000 income from grant for bench. Balance is c. £2800. £700 available for general expenditure.

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Councillor Reports

DW: water turbine now running well in Saughton Park, now the UK's first eco-green space. One of first public toilets to be opened in the city. Park café is open and the park is looking great. 50 years of Garvald celebration for wonderful organisation with fantastic international reputation. Broomhouse Centre had heard that greenspaces were due to be tarmacked over, but this is not the case.

DD: there has been a little trouble with vandalism in Saughton Park. Plan to put CCTV cameras in. CF and DD did a walkabout of park last Monday. DD has asked Edinburgh Leisure to upgrade CCTV round enclosure due to incident where a man nearly died.

NMcD asked if concession bus passes were being replaced. DW confirmed that libraries would be open soon.

Parks

RB and AM planning on starting a "Friends of Dalry Community Parl" group. To discuss next month. NB confirmed that Murieston has had slabs placed as BBQ spaces placed by Craig Dunlop.

Events

Nothing to report. DW confirmed that Christmas trees will go ahead, but he's not sure what kind of switch on celebrations will be possible.

LW advised that Gorgie Collective will be running a free yoga event, first sessions on 4th and 5th of August. Details are on social media.

AOCB

NB raised the issue of people speeding around Murieston. She's concerned that someone will get hurt due to proximity to park. She also raised the width of the hedges in the area as obstructing paths.

AH resigned from the GDCC due to leaving GDS Church, and this will be his last meeting. Tricia Kingston will be in touch with a replacement. JG thanked him for his service and wished him all the best.

Date and time of next meeting

Monday 7th September, 7pm