



# Gorgie Dalry Community Council Minutes Monday 7<sup>th</sup> Sept 2020

## Attendees

### GDCC:

Angela Astor – AA, Rona Brown (Vice-Chair) - RB, Joan Gordon (Chair) – JG, Moira MacKirdy (Secretary) – MM, Alex McKendrick (Treasurer) – AM, Susanne Muller (Gorgie Collective) – SM, Alex Ortiz – AO, Mathew Reilly (Engagement Officer) – MR, Laura Wise – LW

### CEC:

Barry Clarke (Roseburn Active Travel Plans) - BC

### Local residents:

Val Saville - VS, Craig Smail – CS, David McLennan (Gorgie Dalry Stenhouse Church) – DM, Nancy MacDonald (Garvald) – NM, Job - JJ

Guests: Ian Doig (MCC) - ID, J Hetherington – JH, Steven, Jacob (MCC) – J, Chris - C

## Welcome

JG opened the meeting, welcoming everyone and facilitating introductions.

## Quorum and apologies

Apologies were received from Denis Dixon, Cathy Fullarton and Ashley Graczyk. The meeting was quorate.

## Previous Minutes and Matters Arising

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

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

### 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

### 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

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

09: RB to investigate options for storing paper records

15: AM to design Dalry banner for Gala Day

May:

10: LW to send MM list of members and MM to circulate to group to allow them to amend how they appear.

12: GDCC to stage photo post lockdown

August:

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

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

#### Matters Arising

01: JH to contact AM re plan phasing

02: JH to send full ecological survey to GDCC

03: JH to send on Development Access Statement and facilitate chat with contractor

04: BC to send GDCC PA reference for Roseburn Active Travel Plans

05: MM to send Rosebery House web link out with Minutes

06: MR to email CEC councillors details of Wardlaw flash flooding

07: GDCC to join flooding campaign via Edin Assoc of CC

08: MR to look into email for online banking

09: AO to send MR measurements of board

10: AM to investigate cost of fixing board

11: LW to speak to Big Hearts re distribution of flyers round stairwells

12: RB to contact CEC re park clean up kits

13: AA to contact schools re poster competition mid Nov

#### Correspondence

1. Email re graffiti – constituents should email CEC councillors
2. Flooding in Murieson Park Drains – as above
3. Wardlaw Place flash flooding – MR to send details to CEC councillors
4. General Flash Flooding – GDCC to join with other CCs re issues

#### Planning

1. Roseburn Cycle Path. BC and JH attended to discuss plans. New walk and cycle path linking Russell Road to the Canal. It will consist of a switchbank path and steps. It will be 4m wide, a shared path for cyclists and pedestrians. The path will cross Dalry Road, side by side to the Western Approach Road to Dalry Community Park. There will be an upgrade to facilities. Then the path will cross the Western Approach Road via a new ramp to Dundee Street. There is an implication for the trees on the site. There are currently 1286 trees, and the intention is to fell about 862 of them then replant up to 4795 afterwards. Then with selective maintenance and fenning, there will be about 2400 after 25years.

They've had good feedback and support. SM asked about the timescale, and was told that they intend to start investigation in October and finish by Christmas, then they would clear from Jan-end of Feb before construction starting in May and lasting for 4-5 weeks. AM had several questions surrounding phasing, ecological survey and Development Access statement, all of which JH is to provide.

VS asked about the placement and design of Memorial Bench. AM confirmed that it would be a metal bench, with an inscription of the message Val sent. It should take about 8 weeks, but it was in the hands of CEC. JH confirmed that there would be seating throughout the park, however he would ensure the bench as in the best place possible.

MR asked if there was a PA reference yet, and BC is to send on.

2. Rosebery House. CW presented the plans, and thanked GDCC for retweeting links to consultation documents. The website is live until the planning submission in Nov. The development is currently an existing 1970s office building next to Haymarket, that is at the end of its economic life. Redevelopment is planning to build new offices, with encouragement from CEC. They're looking to widen paths around the building and also improve the drainage strategy to take into account climate change. The plan would be to begin work in 2022 and complete in 2025.

LW asked what engagement had been done since WECC has not been meeting remotely. CW confirmed that there is a West End Facebook group where there has been a series of questions posed and responded to in writing. They've also held zooms, including a team call with WECC planning team. There was discussion around flyering individually.

JG pointed out that the proposed building looks higher than the buildings opposite. CD confirmed that it was higher by 4.5m than the buildings on Haymarket Terrace. However, the larger massing disappears from view, and there are animated approaches on the website. They are currently in the process of agreeing it with the World Heritage Site body.

#### Treasurer's Report

AGM postponed until October. £500 successful Tesco Grant for inclusion (flyering and posters). £922 CEC maintenance grant. £4718 total funds, majority of which is grant money for bench. The change of mandate variation has come through and online banking will be set up later this month.

Prospective spends approved: £95 printing, and £51 website spend. It was also agreed to purchase a present for AH since he recently resigned from GDCC.

A discussion was had around fixing or replacing the notice board outside the farm.

#### Engagement Report

Tesco grant of £500 successfully applied for. Posters and flyers printed. Still to do some work with posters being sent out. We were also recognised by Scottish Community Councils for our engagement strategy. We held our first guest blog, and are looking at doing more with St Brides and Tynecastle High School senior students.

#### Councillor Reports

No Councillors in attendance.

#### Parks

JG queried if park clean ups could begin again since FoDC have held one. Provisional dates were confirmed as 3rd Oct DCP and 17th Oct Westfield, assuming CEC are allowing park clean ups again.

#### Events

Christmas events: it was decided that regardless of COVID guidance the poster competition would still run.

#### AOCB

Flytipping was raised. The public should contact waste@edin with examples.

DM raised the doors open weekend event at GDS church through the Cockburn Association.

Date and time of next meeting

Monday 5th October, 7pm