



Gorgie Dalry Community Council Minutes Monday 5th October 2020

Attendees

GDCC:

Angela Astor – AA, Rona Brown (Vice-Chair) - RB, Joan Gordon (Chair) – JG,
Alex McKendrick (Treasurer) – AM, Mathew Reilly (Engagement Officer) – MR, Laura Wise –
LW, Moira Mackirdy - MM

CEC:

Denis Dixon - DD

Local residents:

Paul Hancock (Dalry Gait) – PH, Alex (Dalry) AD, Craig Smail -- CS , Lara (Herriot Watt Student
Union), David McLennan (*Gorgie Dalry Stenhouse Church*) – DM, Nancy MacDonald
(*Garvald*) – NM

Welcome

JG opened the meeting, welcoming everyone and facilitating introductions.

Quorum and Apologies

Apologies were received from Alex Ortiz (GDCC).

The meeting was quorate.

Previous Minutes and Matters Arising

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

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 – Currently
GDCC are unable to hold events due to Covid-19 restrictions

02: MM to contact FoDCP, Coop and council re Dalry Community Park clean up – Currently
GDCC are unable to hold events due to Covid-19 restrictions

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 - Done

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 – Information was sent to GDCC

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

AM suggested that several of these items are out of date or complete and should be removed from this list.

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 – Currently GDCC are unable to hold park clean ups

13: AA to contact schools re poster competition mid Nov

Correspondence

1. Longstone CC – enquired on GDCC current initiatives

2. Email received by Nancy from Keep Scotland Beautiful

3. DD has had complaints from parked cars in front of Dalry Place

4. Edinburgh Council Tree Time email

5. Safe View Scotland HNDA83 Consultation which MR has responded with comments

6. Edinburgh Council reached out to GDCC for comments on decreasing speed limit in 40mph zones to 30mph.

7. Inclusive Edinburgh emailed with links to Climate Talk

8. Scottish Govt – Local government and community council survey regarding participation requests and asset transfer

9. Thank you email from Adrienne

10. Open University enquired about what training community councillors need to assist with role as CC
11. Facebook: 2 messages about people accessing stairwells to steal or urinate
12. Twitter: Feedback about Roseburn Path
13. Facebook Messenger: many mixed reviews regarding Spaces for People changes

Planning:

1. Roseburn Cycle Path:

New walk and cycle path linking Russell Road to the Canal. It will consist of a switch bank 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.

GDCC voting on cycle path. MR received reply from planning office stating that no comments will be shown until after close date. LW encouraged more comments from residents, with only little success. Dalry resident inquired about additional "Just Eat" bikes, also about increase in anti-social behaviour. Alex (Dalry Resident) received document suggesting 862 trees will be cut down. He feels that cutting down that high number of trees is unnecessary. Alex is entirely against the proposal. MR clarified that of the 862 trees to be felled, only 13 are mature. The rest of the trees are self-seeding. AM confirmed that most trees on "tree schedule" are indeed young trees. DD to make more enquires regarding trees and privacy screens.

LW shared correspondence from a community organisation has suggested that there is not enough art. LW suggested that in our response to include if there is a possibility to include community history information board. MR proposes that we caveat our support for the plan with attention being highlighted on loss of trees plus privacy screens and the impact on residents in Duff Gardens.

Conclusion: all GDCC in attendance have agreed to support the plan on the condition that caveats are included in GDCC submission. Caveats: trees, privacy screens, safety (CCTV),

2. AGM: AM discussed annual accounts – current balance £4576.13. LW to submit Tesco Receipts to AM. LW suggests that we print off the high quality posters for winners of Christmas poster campaign. AM thanked Sandy Gramerly who helped with the auditing and accounting. All GDCC present agreed to send off audited accounts to Edinburgh Council.

Chair's Report: JG reflected that it has been a great and busy year. GDCC has been incredibly busy responding to Covid-19 and JG thanked everyone for their hard and quick work to move meetings and communication online. Highlights of the year included the meeting and campaign to save Gorgie City Farm (now LOVE Gorgie Farm); the fight against student accommodation; the new website and social media engagement; the Roseburn cycle path and Dalry Community Park developments; having the CEC Transport Convenor attend a

meeting to listen to residents about Spaces for People; and the Christmas light switch on party in 2019. JG congratulated and thanked everyone for their work.

Engagement Report: MR and LW presented engagement report. Covid response included Tesco Bags of Help, which provided £500 funding. Spaces for People survey, special thanks to AM for his work. 75 people responded to survey through online engagement. The Lock Down Gallery generated 8-10 responses of photos from residents. GDCC supported three local food banks by donating £200 worth of food. GDCC reached out to students in the area via flyers in student accommodations. Napier tweeted a thank you to GDCC for their work.

Online engagement has significantly increased through the revamp of GDCC social media platforms. Stats: from 353 to 589 facebook likes, and 684 facebook followers. Facebook messenger has helped GDCC quickly respond to residents. 217 new followers on twitter, totalling 590 twitter followers. The new website has higher and more regular views. GDCC has introduced guest blog posts on the website.

LW and MR covered the Proposed Plans for 2020-2021. MR confirmed that GDCC office bearers have agreed for LW to assume position of Communication Officer.

All AGM reports and accounts will be published on <https://gorgiedalrycc.org.uk/>

Parks

All park clean ups are currently suspended due to advice from City of Edinburgh Council.

Events

Christmas events: it was decided that regardless of COVID guidance the poster competition would still run. Details of Christmas events will be agreed at November meeting

AOCB

Flytipping was raised, as an ongoing issue in the area. MR and LW raised concerns from residents that reporting is becoming ineffective. DD advised that members of the public should contact waste@edinburgh.gov.uk to report flytipping.

Date and time of next meeting

Monday 5th October, 7pm