



Gorgie Dalry
Community Council
Minutes

Monday 1st November 2021

Attendees

GDCC

Angela Astor(AA), Joan Gordon-Chair(JG), Alex McKendrick(AM), Matthew Reilly(MR), Aidan Collins(AC)

Local Residents

Samantha Findlay for Cllr. Graczyk(SF), Edoardo Fiordalisi(EF), Alice Guazzelli(AG), Henry Hudson- GDS Church, Nancy MacDonald- Garvald(NM), David MacLennan-GDS Church(DM), Ross MacKenzie-Lab Candidate(RM), Gemma Smith-Go Beyond(GS),

WELCOME

JG opened the meeting, welcoming everyone to this first meeting in public since a year past March and facilitating introductions.

Quorum and Apologies

Apologies were received from Rona Brown, Denis Dixon, Cathy Fullerton, Aaron Peters and Judith Sijstermans. The meeting was quorate.

Approval of Minute of Meeting held on 4th October 2021

The minute was proposed by AM and seconded by AA.

Matters Arising

We have submitted our recommendations about Tynecastle.

Public art - JG to contact Cllr Fullerton about this.

Correspondence

Short Term Lets

Removal of SfP bollards.

Engagement and communication

MR has continued to share Covid testing information.

Councillors Reports

None had been received at this time.

Police Report.

This came monthly and was city wide of which Gorgie Dalry was a small part.

Items for Discussion

Short term lets - In parts of the Old Town 7 out of 8 flats are short term lets. Insurance for all the flats in the stair can be affected if there are key safes at the entrance of the building. Carers who use these are registered. AirBnB are a very registered and responsible company although they can be hoodwinked. Short term lets need to be registered and regulated. Too many in any area causes a breakdown and disappearance of community. One owner owns 100 *buy to let* flats in the Old Town. It was felt that these unregistered flats must be being advertised on Gumtree, Facebook Marketplace etc. Major concerns about health, safety, security, insurance, cleanliness and noise from these flats for actual residents.

There is a consultation on CEC website which closes on November 5th. MR to put the link on CC website.

Controlled Parking Zones

There is a post on our website which shows where parking permits will be needed, sites for electric car chargers and also the proposed bin hubs. The cost of a permit is about £70 for a smaller car and more for a larger car. It will cost £2.50 per hour to park. Residents, businesses and trades people will be able to buy books of tickets at a cheaper rate to give to visitors, customers and work sites. Match days for Murrayfield, Tynecastle and Easter Road to be discussed in the second stage of implementation. Phase 1 will start in Spring.

The bins in the *bin hubs* will be smaller, with more recycling bins and they will be emptied more regularly.

The survey closes on November 12th, MR will put a link on our web page.

Tynecastle Development

Not much more information about this. If there are more than 20 objections the development must be looked at by the full planning committee on December 14th. RM intimated that we will have an opportunity to speak there, Living Rents are preparing their 5 minute speech. MR will speak for us with JG for moral support. The more people who respond makes it harder for the developer to march in with the most cost effective plan for them.

8% of people who replied to our survey were in favour but it is felt that most people in the area want the building to be used for something - but not PBSA - which most students find to be too expensive.

AOCB

NM the Garvald Christmas Fair will not be held due to Covid, but their arts and crafts are on sale at the Mulberry Bush, near to the Dominion cinema.

AA reminded us that the Haymarket developers had cash to give to community projects.

Discussion about a *Welcome to Gorgie-Dalry* signpost, mural etc.

School childrens posters are in hand as are the invitations for the Best Dressed Window.

AA and RB will attend the wreath laying service on Armistice Sunday

There being no other business JG thanked everyone for coming and for all their work for our community and declared the meeting closed.

Date of next meeting - Monday 6th December

