



Gorgie Dalry
Community Council
Minutes

Monday 7th March 2022

Attendees

GDCC

Angela Astor(AA), Rona Brown(RB), Joan Gordon-Chair(JG), Alex McKendrick(AM)

Councillors.

Denis Dixon(DD)

Local Residents

Nancy MacDonald- Garvald(NM), Ross MacKenzie-Lab Candidate(RM), Graeme Shields (GS), Marie Stein- Caledonian Village(MS)

WELCOME

JG opened the meeting, welcoming everyone and facilitated introductions.

Quorum and Apologies

Apologies were received from Aiden Collins, Cathy Fullerton, Mathew Reilly, Aaron Peters and Judith Sijstermans. The meeting was quorate.

Approval of Minute of Meeting held on 7th February 2022

Alterations requested to the Minute of December meeting -

Garvald - there was concern that the centre could be involved in a compulsory purchase NM.

Parking space in front garden - it was agreed that the CC would object to this.

The minute was proposed by AA and seconded by AM

Matters Arising

Public art - JG to contact Cllr Fullerton about this.

A letter of objection was to be sent about an AirBnB application in Dalry Place - AM

Late licence for Kebabish - letter of objection to be sent. It was felt that midnight was late enough - AM

Correspondence

Notice that the railway bridge at Balgreen was to be upgraded had been received.

Kebabish late licence application. After discussion it was agreed that the CC would object.

Notification of electric charging point sites for cars.

A Heriot Watt student was looking to speak with groups of older people with regards to using public transport. Cllr Fullerton should be notified about this. RB would provide a group from St. Brides.

Engagement and Communications

Tynecastle - AM was in contact with the Planning Officer. The consultation would be considered after the Council elections.

RB suggested that we can all write to all Councillors to lobby about Tynecastle.

Treasurer's Report

There was some £1500 in the bank.

Councillor's Reports

DD. Dalry Cemetery - there had been some issues with a local resident about the number of people who were using the cemetery. The problem had been resolved.

DD. There were ongoing issues with the Murieston student build.

RB informed us of updates on the Council re-shuffle. RB was very concerned about the restructure.

DD had no further information about this matter.

Planning and Licencing

Request for a Short Term Let in West Park Place - down from the Italian restaurant. It was agreed to put in an objection to this.

AA - had received thanks from the dalry colonies group for our objection to STL's there.

DD - it is a good thing that STL's have to re-register with the Council if they have been in use for 10 years.

AA - more student beds seem to be being built at Westfield Road development. It was agreed to keep an eye on this.

Items for Discussion

Tynecastle Development - We had asked for an update on this topic. Due to the upcoming Council Elections the application will not be considered at this time.

The Community Council will continue to monitor the application.

Hustings for upcoming Council Elections -

AM will write to the minister, who chaired the last one, to check his availability for this election and ascertain the best dates.

Short Term Lets -

DD STL's have to re-register if they have been in use for less than 10 years.

RM the definition for STL's can be found on the Scottish Government web site.

MR to be asked to check re - objections to airbnb in Dalry.

GDCC Website updates to the Planning pages had been made.

AOCB

Caledonian Village -

MS raised the problem about parking, litter and human excrement in the Village.

There seemed some uncertainty as to which roads had been adopted by the Council and which roads and areas were under the Factoring Service. She addressed herself mainly to Cllr. Dixon who would chase up what he could and report back.

The CC felt that the Factor was not seen to be being proactive in his remit. The CC would write to the Factor re - maintenance of unadopted areas, and also ask the 4 local Councillors to look into the parking and litter problems.

There was a call to reinstate public toilets as public urination and defecation was a problem particularly at the telephone box beside the Co-op.

NM asked if there was to be any local celebration for the Platinum Jubilee? This had been debated at the previous meeting. There was no history of such celebrations locally but the CC had agreed to plant a tree - perhaps in the community park - to honour the day.

NM asked were the CC reinstating the Gorgie Dalry Gala? The CC had been involved in previous Gala days. It was felt to be too late to organise such an event for this year.

Queen's Green Canopy - 1270 trees had been planted in Broomhouse and Saughton as part of this.

JG reported that the Edinburgh Association of Community Councils had asked for donations from every CC in Edinburgh to fund this useful group as it was not funded by the Council. It was agreed to send £50.

Park Cleanup/litter pick

This will be held over until after Easter. The CC has some gloves, litter pickers and bags from the last cleanup/bulb planting session held last year.

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 4th April.

