



Gorgie Dalry Community Council Minutes

Monday 1st August 2022

Attendees

GDCC

Angela Astor(AA), Joan Gordon-Chair(JG), Alex McKendrick(AM), Mathew Reilly(MR)

Local Residents Nancy MacDonald - Garvald(NM), Graeme Shields(GS), Marie Stein - Caledonian Village(MS)

Local Representatives Norm Campbell - Edinburgh Lions(NC), Susie Whiteford - Edinburgh Lions(SW), Henry Hudson - GDS Church(HH), John Vincent - Priest in charge at St.Martin's Dalry.

WELCOME

JG opened the meeting, welcoming everyone and facilitated introductions.

Quorum and Apologies

Apologies were received from Aiden Collins, Rona Brown.

The meeting was quorate.

Approval of Minute of Meeting held on Monday 6th 2022

The minute was proposed by AA and seconded by JG

Matters Arising

Public art - JG to contact Cllr Fullerton about this.

Public Toilet - JG to contact Anne Budge to sponsor such. A group in Newcastle had details about a public campaign for funding for such.

Jubilee Tree - " " " Craig Dunlop about this. We could get multiple trees but are awaiting work to be completed on Roseburn to Canal link through Community Park.

Correspondence

None at this point.

Engagement and Communications

We are sharing information on Tynecastle build.

Treasurer's Report

The balance is £1321.03. There were no recent payments.

Councillor's Reports

None at this point.

Planning and Licencing

Only small scale applications in our area - windows etc.

Items for Discussion

Old Tynecastle High - Members of the CC had been included in a visit to the site and found it most interesting. - the application had been reopened for comments but was now closed.
 - the planning committee would be sitting in August/September
 - it was felt that when there was a definite date then that would be the time to campaign again. Write to MP's, MSP's, Councillors etc.

PBSA at Westfield Road - Planning permission is being applied for this build. It is felt that the CC cannot support this build. The Planning Committee is to be contacted about the date of the application. - JG was very concerned about a long stay, disabled resident who was to be evicted from her cottage which fell within the site.

- NM knows of pressure to get more GP's for the new residents.
- JG we are concerned about the impact of PBSA's on local services that are already scheduled.

Local Police requirement after attack on local businesses.

JG - some people seem to have forgotten how to behave responsibly having been locked down for so long.

MR - there have been concerns from international students about safety.

GS - talked about an incident in McDonalds.

AA - there is a Police presence in Tynecastle School. This is happening all over Edinburgh.

We have to get together with other groups about this matter.

JG - has been unable to contact other groups, about this matter, via the Gorgie Forum due to technical difficulties.

JG - we need to contact groups from other communities eg Polish residents etc.

AA - it would be helpful if there was a link with local businesses as there was in the past.

JG - we could distribute flyers to bring groups together. MS would be happy to help distribute.

AA - was concerned about bad representation.

JV - there had not been many problems in the Churches.

JG - we need to invite local businesses to CC meetings to tackle vandalism/racism problems.

It is unacceptable for local businesses to be under threat.

Notice Boards

JG - the new manager at Love Gorgie Farm had painted out the CC notice board lettering.

His argument was that it was on the farm's land. I explained to him that it was our board and that they had the use of half of it. Perhaps it is time to get new boards - as has been spoken about before. "Welcome to Gorgie Dalry" at the Haymarket and Saughton Park ends of the road. Also Community notice boards.

AA - there had been old ones at the Dalry terraces - knocked over by a reversing lorry!

AA - McAlpines had money to give for community art work. JG had the contact details on a business card.

AM - application would need to be made to CEC for planning permission. Also contact Napier History Group for artwork and designs?

JV - contact schools for art work and history.

MR - Malcolm Cant's book would be a good reference and source of information.

NM - suggested asking McDonalds for money for a notice board. She was willing to sort a sub group to deal with this.

Park Cleanup/Litter pick

Litter pick in Community Park - Saturday 27th August from 10 'til 12 was suggested. JG will contact the Council for the litter kit.

NM - this could be put on the website.

AOCB

Christmas Celebrations

After discussion it was decided on the 2nd Sunday in December for the Christmas party and tree lights switch on. The 11th of December.

The list of people to be contacted are in the CC folder.

NC - Edinburgh Lions are happy to help the GDCC out with selection boxes for Santa, as they have in the past.

JG - to contact Tynecastle about the Pipe Band.

Caledonian Village - Easter Dalry Road/Wynd, Duff Street

MS - ongoing problem with public urination. Grass verge is used as a dog toilet.

Problem parking on grass verges and crossings. She has photographic evidence.

MS is asking for support to have the lines repainted.

MR - good results had been had by phoning the Police on 101.

GDCC will contact Councillors and CEC about white lining.

Distillery Lane.

MS - concerns about the *temporary* portacabin offices for the ongoing building work. They will be 2 stories high, causing loss of light for a number of years. Trees have to be cut down. Also concerns about public toilets.

BT telephone boxes are being removed citywide to be replaced with the information hubs.

The CC needs to work on getting the ones at the CO_OP removed.

Short Term Lets.

Consultation no.2 about licensing is underway. MR to write to the appropriate department.

St.Martin's Church.

JG invited JV to tell us about his new appointment. He had recently come to the Church and was very involved - amongst other things - with the community groups held there.

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 5th September 2022.

