

GORGIE



DALRY

Gorgie Dalry Community Council
7 pm, Monday 1st December 2025
Gorgie and Palmerston Place Church

Minutes

Attendees

GDCC: Joan Gordon (JG), Angela Astor (AA), Lynn Bruce (LB), Rona Brown (RB)
Chris Magowan (CM), Bob Bain (BB) - CVOC

Councillors: Ross Mackenzie (RM), Dennis Dixon (DD)

Local Residents: Barbara Roberts (BR) – GDS Church, Val Chisholm (VC), Diane
Horsley (DH), Graeme Shields (GS)

Speakers: NA

Apologies and Quorum

Alex McKendrick and Moira MacKirdy

Meeting was quorate

Minutes of Previous Meeting

No minute was available

Matters Arising

- GD Place Plan: MM had provided an update by correspondence. She had updated the questionnaire following feedback and a launch event was going to be held with Dalry Colonies at St Brides on 16th December.
- Gorgie City Farm: an update by MP Scott Arthur had been posted on social media.

Correspondence

- An email had been received about dog fouling on Wheatfield.
 - **Action:** DD to take forward.

Engagement

N/A

Treasurer's Report

- N/A

Planning and Licensing

- List of applications from Agenda: there was some discussion around these. However, RM noted that the date for objections had passed.
 - **Action:** deadlines to be noted for future meetings.
- Russel Road: RM noted that the application to build student accommodation on Russel Road has not attracted much pushback from the community, likely due to its location. However, as it was part of a larger piece of developable land, it was possibly a missed opportunity for greater local deliverables.

Councillor's Reports

Dennis Dixon

- Westfield Court: This building is composed of more than 90 flats, a mixture of council-owned and privately owned. A proposal before the Housing Committee on 2nd December was that the council would purchase all flats with a view to demolition and replacement with affordable housing. DD believed that although there was significant modernisation work required, it should not be demolished. The council have already begun to purchase flats through CPOs and move residents out. DD proposed to delay the decision to give residents greater say. RM also did not believe that demolition was the correct option. However, he felt the council should continue to purchase flats. Homeowners, many of whom were on low incomes, were facing £4,000 service charges, the threat of having to pay for fire safety work, and no heating. This was pushing them to crisis and it would be better if they were able to leave. DH noted the council have not properly maintained the building and have not been transparent with residents. They have not provided clear

price guidance for CPOs and had not communicated with tenants about the plans for demolition.

Dan Heap

- Firework Control Zone: there were 9 zones now across the city, but did not include Gorgie Dalry. Longstone CC had been successful in putting forward a control zone for their area. JG raised the issue of fireworks on match days. DH noted that zones can cover the full year. Police had told him that although on match days it looked like they were not taking action, this was so they did not create any further issues on the day, but did follow up with arrests afterwards. RB noted the impact that fireworks could have on pets. DD and DH both noted that residents should complain about the fireworks to lend evidence to any further actions or zones.
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Ross Mackenzie

- Side streets off Dalry Road: preparatory work to resurface the roads and put in continuous pavements was due to begin in December. The main works were due to start early 2026. RB noted issues Caledonian Crescent at Telfer Subway, which was the muster point for St Brides. There was not enough space. RM noted this should be improved by the pavement works which would increase pedestrian space here. However, other solutions like mirrors could be looked at.
- There was a new zebra crossing at McLeod Street.
- Extra waste and cleansing has been ended. RM believed the team had been responsive and carried out additional weeding. However, there was ongoing issues with cleansing around bin hubs. Meeting attendees agreed with this.

Items for Discussion

N/A

AOCB

- Christmas: There was a discussion around organising the Christmas event. St Mary's Music School were confirmed as providing a choir and ex-members of

the Lions Club were to be Mrs Santa and provide selection boxes. Minister of GaPP Church was to speak. Winners of the poster competition were chosen and the posters were going to be distributed next week. It was agreed to change the name of the event from 'Winter Light Switch On' to 'Christmas Light Switch On'.

Date of Next Meeting

Monday 2nd February 2026