

Granton & District Community Council

Monday 26 February 2018

In Attendance: Fred Marinello (Chair), Mizan Rahman (Secretary), Donald McDonald, Jill Talēyarkhan, Lorna Forsyth (treasurer) , Suzanne Ebel (Minutes).

PC Sarah Hall, Thomas Haddock (CEC/SUSTRANS), Dave Pickering (CAN), Anne Reid, John Beswick, Corinne Rance, Rod Shearer (Trinity CC), Azad Adam (Muirhouse Salvesen CC) Elizabeth Davies (Salvation Army Granton)

1. Chairman's Opening Remarks

The Chair welcomed everyone and explained that the Secretary was in another meeting but on his way with the meeting papers.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors George Gordon and Councillor Jim Campbell, Martyn Whyte, Ben McPherson MSP and Deidre Brock MP.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

a. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

There were no matters arising. The Minutes were moved by Jim Beswick and seconded by Mizan Rahman.

4. Guest speaker

Helen Scammell, co-director of Pilton Community Health Project was due to talk about the health and well-being of the people in Granton but will now appear at the April meeting.

5. Police Report

Community Officer Hall reported the following:

a. There had been a number of shed break-ins in the Boswall, Strada and Arneil Place areas. Push bikes had been stolen. She reminded us to keep sheds and the items in them as secure as possible and not to store very valuable items in sheds.

b. There has been some youth disorder in the Granton Crescent and Wardieburn areas. Windows had been broken in a house and a bus. Enquiries are ongoing.

c. A male has been charged in connection with fires in Wardieburn.

d. Extra officers have been brought in to focus on Muirhouse and West Pilton for a period freeing up PCs Lawrence and Hall to concentrate on Granton.

e. PCs Hall and Lawrence are planning to run their police drop-ins again, probably in the hour before the next GDCC meeting in March and one other place during the day TBA – perhaps Morrisons or Granton library.

f. A question was asked about the best way for residents to deal with apparently abandoned cars. (This is an issue in Hesperus.) Sarah advised us to check the DVLA website first to see if they are taxed and insured. The Council can be helpful but if cars are in private developments then residents will be charged for the removal.

Another question was asked about the double/obstructive parking outside the TSB. The bus stop is often blocked creating a dangerous situation for pedestrians, bus users and motorist. Sarah replied that this was an ongoing and unsatisfactory situation. It may be that double yellow lines are required to solve the problem.

6. Elected Member Reports

There were no elected members present.

7. Secretary's Report

a. Matters Arising from Secretary's Report

The GDCC newsletter is available online, on the GDCC website and can also be read on the GDCC noticeboards.

8. Treasurer's Report

a. Lorna reported that two cheques have been issued since the last meeting: RWCC room rent of £65 and Secretary's expenses of £110.88. The current balance is £1582.65.

9. Neighbourhood Partnership Report

a. The new Localities Committee has been elected and will be working alongside the existing Neighbourhood Partnerships until all Community Councils have added their 'Small Area' input to the Locality improvement Plans (LIPS). It is acknowledged that the CEC should not have passed these as Community Councils have not been properly consulted. The Neighbourhood Partnerships will now be used as channels for residents to express their views and allow CCs to make representations.

10. Planning and Licensing

Nothing to report this month.

11. Transport and consultations

a. Thomas Haddock CEC/SUSTRANS gave a presentation on the early thoughts for the proposed cycle path from the Trinity Road junction to Oxraigs Street. There are feedback forms seeking responses to four questions on the benches at the Eastern breakwater junction, excess excavated soil, tree planting and the path alignment. A formal consultation will be launched soon.

12. AOCB

a. Matters arising

i. Donald McDonald announced that CEC have formally adopted Madelvic House and some work will be undertaken in September/October.

ii. An exhibition on the life of William Speirs Bruce, Scottish naturalist, polar scientist and oceanographer and nationalist who led the first and only Scottish National Antarctic Expedition. He studied at the Scottish Marine Station at Granton. The exhibition runs from 26 to 28 March 2018.

iii. Historic Scotland are proposing to recreate an iron age vessel (like the one found at Loch Tay) by building it at Madelvic House and then running some events around Granton Harbour. There will be some jobs associated with this.

iv. The Edinburgh Community Fund has made a £500 grant available to run some scientific interest walks around Granton in the summer.

b. Data protection and privacy of Community Councillors

As GDCC is now registered with the ICO, our Community Councillors need to agree what public information should be available about them. We will also need to consider what we must do to meet the new GDPR regulations when they come into force on 25 May 2018.

A Data Protection Plan is required and it was suggested that Mizan, as the nominated person, should describe himself as a 'Data Controller' in future as a legal protection.

13. Date and time of next meeting

Royston and Wardieburn Community Centre, Monday 26 March 2018.