

**Granton & District Community Council AGM  
Monday, 31 March 2025, 18:30—19:35  
RWCC and on MsTeams**

**In Attendance:** Cllr Stuart Dobbin, Fred Marinello, George Gordon, Maureen Nelson, David Jamieson, Susan Allan, Billy Fitzpatrick, Rod Shearer, Suzanne Ebel (Minutes)

**Online:** Lorna Forsyth

**1. Welcome and Apologies**

Cllr Dobbin welcomed everyone to the AGM and congratulated them on their appointment.

Apologies were received from: Jill Talēyarkhan, Ida Maspero, Carolyn Samson, Cllr Sanne Dijkstra-Downie, PC Sarah Hall, PC Tony Lawrence, Tracy Gilbert MP, Ben McPherson MSP

**2. Declaration of Interests**

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

**3. Announcing Community Council Members as duly elected**

Cllr Dobbin declared the following members as duly elected:

Fred Marinello	George Gordon	Lorna Forsyth	Susan Allan
Billy Fitzpatrick	David Jamieson	Suzanne Ebel	

Ida Maspero, Carolyn Samson and Jill Talēyarkhan were elected in absentia.

**4. Confirmation of Community Council name**

It is an obligation for the returning officer to do this. The community council name was confirmed as Granton and District Community Council (GDCC).

**5. Appointment of office Bearers**

Position	Nomination	Proposed	Seconded
Chair	Fred Marinello	George Gordon	Suzanne Ebel
Secretary	George Gordon	Fred Marinello	Suzanne Ebel
Treasurer	Lorna Forsyth*	In situ	George Gordon
Engagement & Inclusion Officer	Ida Maspero (TBC)	Fred Marinello	George Gordon
Minute Secretary	Suzanne Ebel	David Jamieson	Fred Marinello/Lorna Forsyth
Vice Chair	Billy Fitzpatrick	George Gordon	Fred Marinello
Neighbourhood Network	Fred Marinello	In situ	Suzanne
Community Planning	George Gordon	In situ	Fred Marinello

<b>Partnership</b>			
Planning	George Gordon/David Jamieson^	Fred Marinello	Suzanne Ebel

\*Jill Talēyarkhan has expressed an interest in this post and will discuss it further when she returns.

^George and David will work together towards a handover.

## **6. Community Council Representatives to attend Induction on 26 April 2025**

As places for the face-to-face event are limited, there was discussion about who would attend. Everyone else was invited to attend the online event being held via MS Teams on Monday 28 April from 1800-2015.

## **7. AOCB**

### *Police Report*

Sorry we can't attend. I'm on rest day and Sarah is on holiday.

There were 50 recorded crimes for the month of February.

### **Autocrime**

3 vans were stolen from a property in West Granton road.

There was an attempt to steal a motorbike on Lower Granton Road

A car had its windows smashed in Boswall Loan

A window was smashed on a car parked in West Granton Road

A bus had its window smashed on Granton Road

### **Drugs**

A 35 and 36 year-old male were charged with being concerned in the supply of Cocaine.

A 54 year-old woman was charged with having a cannabis cultivation.

### **Theft Bicycles**

A bicycle was stolen from West Harbour Road

Our **drop-ins** are as follows:

9/4/25 Granton Library Drop In 6pm – 7pm

12/4/35 Morrisons Drop In 1030 – 1230

### *Neighbourhood Networks*

There has been an induction for new members. There will be a meeting on the future of community planning.

### *GDCC priorities*

David asked what GDCC's main priorities are. After discussion, it was decided that the situation with the travellers is currently the main issue. The local community is tired of the mess and fires and the lack of action from the landowners. There have been two meetings with elected members and the stakeholders but not much progress. George mentioned that the travellers do contact the fire service to advise that 'a responsible person' will be present when they light the fires but the fire service is not always able to act as they do not want to escalate the tense

situation that they sometimes find on arrival. George will write to Ben and invite him to the next meeting for a discussion.

#### *Boswell Park consultation*

Maureen asked if at least one set of gates will be restored to the park. George responded that nothing will happen as it is still in the consultation phase. The consultants have been asked to report back to GDCC taking note of the feedback that they received at the last meeting.

#### *Parking issues*

There are issues with the workmen on the sites at Marine Drive parking on both sides of the road and at East Pilton Park where people are parking inappropriately at the football pitches.

#### *Continuing litter issues at the Spartan's ground*

Local residents carried out a huge litter pick around the ground recently but there is a lot of broken glass from spectators outside the grounds who drink and then drop the bottles, which smash, where they stand.

#### *Royston Mains*

Billy asked if anything can be done about the state of the roads (potholes) and overgrown pavements, which make it difficult for pedestrians especially if they have prams or use a wheelchair or walker.

#### *Bins and bin hubs*

There was a general discussion about rubbish and litter. Cllr Dobbin said that the bin hubs definitely helped but there is no money left to continue with the rollout which seems short-sighted. Fred added that people do have a responsibility to make sure that their bins are correctly presented for collection. It is possible to take registration plate numbers if you see people fly-tipping but the police rarely act. David asked if it was worth getting Gret Barwell to come to a meeting. Could a street be used as an example of good practice in the area? Regarding rubbish in back greens and unkempt gardens, Susan asked if tenancy agreements are being enforced and if not, why not.

### **8. Date and time of next meeting**

Monday, 28 April 2025, 18:30 in RWCC and online.