

**Granton & District Community Council**  
**Monday, 25 August 2025, 18:30**  
**RWCC and on MsTeams**

**In Attendance:** Fred Marinello, George Gordon, Jill Talēyarkhan, Susan Allan, David Jamieson, Ida Maspero, Carolyn Samson, Maureen Nelson, Rod Shearer, Suzanne Ebel (Minutes)

**1. Chairman's Opening Remarks**

Fred welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2. Apologies**

These were received from Lorna Forsyth, Billy Fitzpatrick, Cllr Dijkstra-Downie, Tracy Gilbert MP, Cllr Cammy Day, PC Tony Lawrence, PC Sarah Hall, Ben Macpherson MSP

**3. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

a. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

The notes from the June meeting were passed as seen. (No Minutes as meeting was not quorate.)

**4. Police Report**

None provided.

**5. Elected Members' Reports**

1. George reported that following the walkabout (Royston Mains) which Elected Members were invited to, some measures were put in place:

- cage provided for hard rubbish
- 105 individuals were identified as leaving their bins on the pavement. They have been notified that they need to take them in, or the bins will be removed.
- a camera will be installed at the fly-tipping hotspot
- the road 'humps' will be painted white so that they are more visible
- someone had fallen in a pothole and broke their pelvis – action will be taken to fill the biggest ones.

2. A local stakeholder meeting about the travellers will be held on 8 September 2025.

Cllr Dijkstra-Downie sent this with her apologies.

One thing to flag is the ongoing situation with the illegal encampment on the Scottish Government site next to Waterfront Avenue, which I know has been of concern to a lot of residents in that area. Conversations between Council and the Scottish Government appear to be ramping up, with the recent meeting between Paul Lawrence and Angus Robertson MSP. From the Council's side, I was pleased to have my motion on the Art Works site approved just before Recess, which also called for closer collaboration between the Council and the Scot Gov to find a resolution, and a positive destination, for the people who are currently living on this land. I'm grateful to [@Macpherson B \(Ben\), MSP](#) for organising another meeting with

stakeholders next month to try and keep this moving too – so it's good to see everyone pulling in the same direction.

## **6. Secretary's Report**

George circulated details of two consultations on the Community Grant Fund and Community Wealth Building by email prior to the meeting.

## **7. Treasurer's Report**

### **a. Matters Arising from Treasurer's Report**

There is no change to the balance but here are two invoices to pay for the room let and George is researching costs for a voice activated tracking camera for meetings.

## **8. Neighbourhood Network/NW Locality**

There has not been a date provided for the Locality meeting.

## **9. Consultation, Planning and Licensing**

David noted two planning applications in the ward:

1) Edinburgh Marina had applied to extend the Esparto Wharf to provide greater protection to the marina. It was agreed that an objection should be lodged pending further investigation and discussion with the yacht clubs. There was a concern about the impact on the listed structure and general lack of information.

2) Proposed landscaping to Granton Station Square. There was a discussion about where the funds were coming from for this kind of work, and whether there would be sufficient funds to maintain them. No objection to be lodged but there is an ongoing debate about how funds are distributed around the ward.

## ***Comments and questions***

Susan said that it had been narrower in the past, but it looks like they are intending to build on the opposite site to where the known debris exists. George said that this is a listed area and not in the local plan. Rod added, as a general point, that he has noticed that many applications are light in detail and supporting documentation. Sometimes the info is only provided after the application's closing date.

It was also noted that the tram consultation for the Roseburn Corridor has gone live and closes on 17 November 2025.

[Trams from Granton to Edinburgh BioQuarter and Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh and Beyond - City of Edinburgh Council - Citizen Space](#)

## **10. Engagement and Inclusion**

Ida asked for this to be included as a standing item on the Agenda.

She has had a handover from Lloyd Langley and is working on populating the website. Ida talked about what we should as a minimum—names of all the community councillors should be there along with the generic email addresses as appropriate. Jill has requested that she is not publicly named on the website. Ida will prepare a draft poster and send it out for approval before it is put up around the area. The noticeboards will be updated with posters and the proposed meeting dates.

## **11. AOCB**

- a) Strada development – could yellow lines help the binmen empty the bins more easily?
- b) There are a number of untaxed cars in the ward – who is responsible for dealing with them?
- c) The garage in Pilton Drive has cars all along and cars are also being worked on in the street. This means that they are parked on the pavement and so block the pavement.
- d) People parking on Fraser Avenue and Boswall Green (especially at school start and end) are not checking properly before driving off. There have been further near misses.

## ***Comments and questions***

- David suggested that bringing in a CPZ (Controlled Parking Zone) would make it much easier to ticket and remove cars. George and Carolyn added that even if you issue permits people still park in the same place and they are not valid at night.
- Rod asked who owns the car parking in the new Granton developments because people do appear to be parking anywhere they find an empty space despite the restrictions on car space numbers.
- David asked if GDCC can write to CEC and request a review of problematic parking spots and George said this is what he intends to do.
- Maureen commented that nothing ever seems to happen at Spartans to sort out the parking issues. Recently a very large lorry had blocked that part of the carpark while delivering and was preventing people from going the correct way around the car park. This had caused confusion and unnecessary inconvenience.
- At the last match, people had been standing in the Edinburgh Leisure side at Spartans smoking marijuana. The police did not appear to have been concerned by this. George added that it had been raised at the Spartans board meeting as an issue. George suggested complaining to Edinburgh Leisure as it is their land and their responsibility.

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

Monday, 29 September 2025, 18:30 at RWCC and on MsTeams.