

**Granton & District Community Council**  
**Monday, 27 April 2026, 18:30**  
**RWCC and on MS Teams**

**In Attendance:** Fred Marinello, George Gordon, Jill Talēyarkhan, Ida Maspero, David Jamieson, Rod Shearer, Cllr Start Dobbin, Eleanor Ryan-Saha, German Priks, Suzanne Ebel (Minutes)

**Online:** Susan Allan

**1. Chairman's Opening Remarks**

Fred welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2. Apologies**

These were received from Lorna Forsyth, Cllr Dijkstra-Downie, Cllr Day, PC Lawrence, PC Hall

**3. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

a. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

There were no matters arising and the Minutes were moved by Jill and seconded by David and Ida.

**4. Police Report**

There were 73 recorded crimes for March 26.

**Vehicle Crime**

Number plates were stolen from 2 vehicles on 17<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

2/3 – Items stolen from inside a van.

3/3 – Theft of a motorbike parked in the street.

21/3 – Lock securing a motorbike cut and bike stolen (later recovered).

**Housebreaking**

No reported housebreakings.

**Walkways and Victoria Park**

Extra patrols of walkways due to youth ASB and Easter holidays.

Group stopped near St Marks Park last week and one youth charged with assault.

Enquiries ongoing in relation to other incidents.

**Bicycle thefts**

2 Bicycles stolen.

**ASB**

Regular patrols of Lidl and B&M due to Anti-Social behaviour.

**Drop Ins**

Granton Library, 29 Wardieburn Terrace - Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2pm to 3pm

## **5. Elected Members' Reports**

*Cllr Dobbin*

- a. Spring has brought the annual crop of weeds everywhere. There are some teams dedicated to dealing with this.  
He has asked two questions relating to this and street-cleaning – how many small vehicles does the Council have, and what is the schedule for street-sweeping as this does help keep weeds down. He suspects that the schedule is not being adhered to.
- b. ASB youths from across the city are meeting on the walkways and in Victoria Park and it is troublesome. There is a school-based police office shared between Craigrayston HS and Broughton HS.

### *Questions*

- a. Jill asked if Stuart had an update on the Crewe Road North pavements. Cllr Dobbin said that he had asked the question but not had a response so he will chase.
- b. The fly-tipping continues to be an issue for residents. The travellers say it is not them so members of the public need to get the registration number of vehicles doing this in order for the culprits to be caught.
- c. David raised the issue of the self-seeded sycamores along the sea wall again. Something needs to be done before they get too big and cause real damage. It is too late now but action needs to be taken in the autumn.
- d. There was a discussion about the woman living in the caravan on Granton Road. Was this legal and what can be done about it?
- e. Although this is outside our area, there was a discussion about the Lennox House development. There are a number of traffic issues e.g. parking on corners, skips in the road affecting sight lines and the buses stopping short in order to mitigate these.
- f. It has come to light that CEC is buying up private properties to use as housing stock. There was a short discussion about the merits or otherwise of this policy. Cllr Dobbin said this was an attempt to solve the pressing housing issues the council faces.

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

- a. Matters Arising from Secretary's Report  
George emailed his report to members prior to the meeting.

The Chair and Secretary had received complaints about a post on the GDCC Facebook page that appeared to endorse a candidate during the restricted period. The post was removed and an explanation provided to the complainants. George explained that there is a complaints process when there is a matter of urgency – the Chair and Secretary are informed first then remedial action is taken and an apology and explanation provided. He added that GDCC might need to carefully review all the postings and remove anything that appears to be political as GDCC is a non-political body. Ida apologised and added that it was not a deliberate action, and she acted as soon as she was made aware of the problem.

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

- a. Matters Arising from Treasurer's Report  
Lloyd Langley has paid £606.36 for the server fee and domain registration.
- b. A cheque for £18 has been issued for the room let.

### **Engagement and Inclusion Officer's Report**

- a. There were no matters arising from the March report.
- b. Ida will meet with Fiona Underhill about Canopy Custodians tree planting. She would like to ask GDCC to help with getting people onboard and helping with the maintenance afterwards.
- c. Harbour Homes has asked if GDCC attend their Tenants' meeting on 29 April at HoN. Ida said that she could attend as it would be a good opportunity to see how GDCC could help residents.
- d. Ida is still looking for access information for Instagram account. She has contacted Mizan to ask for this.

### *Discussion*

It was noted that the Granton Harbour road infrastructure is still advertised as being for sale. Cllr Dobbin intimated that there may be a change in that status, but it is a very complicated situation. GDC was trying to get roads adopted so that services could be provided by CEC, but a new landlord puts this process back to the beginning. There is a meeting about who owns what in Granton Harbour later in the month between Sat Patel and the new landlord.

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

- a. Still no information about what is happening in the localities; when meetings might resume or if there is a replacement body planned.
- b. Neighbourhood Network meetings continue. The new round of CGF applications will open in May. Fred has written to Naomi with ideas about how to make the process easier for all.

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

- a. There were no planning applications.
- b. It was noted that the notification process in relation to the proposed 1 West Granton Road development was not helpful – neighbourhood notifications were just sent to the flats across the road.
- c. David asked if it was known what permission had been given to the developer by CEC. The building is going to fill the space with no room for anything else and does not enhance the landscape.
- d. It is five years to the day that the TEC committed to a management plan for Wardie Beach and nothing has happened. It simply appears as a rolling item on the action log, and nobody ever does anything to address this.

### **10. AOCB**

- a. David asked when the GDCC AGM will be held, and George replied that it will be in September.
- b. Rod made the general point that some community councils are not providing their website URL to the public and they should be doing this.
- c. George committed to write to CEC about the technology purchase money that was offered to see if it can help GDCC make the online meeting experience better.
- d. David asked if the NEAT officer could come to the next meeting to share information about what is happening.

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

Monday, 25 May 2026, 18:30 at RWCC and online.