

**Meeting Minutes**  
Granton & District Community Council Minutes  
Monday 27 August 2018, 7pm at RWCC

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In Attendance: Fred Marinello (Chair), Mizan Rahman (Secretary), Cllr Jim Campbell, Ida Maspero, Simon Munro, Lorna Forsyth, Donald McDonald, PC Sarah Hall, Rod Shearer (TCC), Anne Reid, Suzanne Ebel (Minutes)

**1. Chairman's Opening Remarks**

Fred welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2. Apologies**

These were received from Martyn Whyte, Kashif Ather, Cllr George Gordon, Deidre Brock MP, Ben McPherson MSP, Cllr Cammy Day and Rachel Green

**3. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

a. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

The meeting on 30 July 2018 was a public meeting to consider the Edinburgh Marina proposals. A note of the event will be available shortly, there are no Minutes.

**4. Guest speakers/presentation**

There were none this month.

**5. Police Report**

a. PC Sarah Hall attended. She reported that the new Chief Constable for Police Scotland, Iain Livingstone, had commenced work on 27/08/2018. He stated that there will be more emphasis on local priorities and less 'one size fits all' policing.

b. On that note, motorcycle thefts are 30% down in the period April to June 2018. Calls relating to the anti-social behaviour tied to motorbike theft are down 50%. This is due to Operation Orbit, which uses officers on off-road bikes; DNA spray tagging people on suspected stolen bikes and Operation Soteria, which concentrated on motorbike thefts in north Edinburgh.

c. On 22 July 2018 two men were charged with several counts of anti-social behaviour, which occurred across the city ending up in north Edinburgh.

d. Pedal cycle theft is the new priority. There have been a raft of thefts from Morrisons, East Pilton Farm and several underground car parks. There are several bike marking events planned. On 8 September the police will be at

the five ways junction and members of the public can also call into the station to have this done.

e. PCs Hall and Lawrence have been doing some community intelligence events in local supermarkets recently and promoting Crimestoppers as the best way to report non-urgent crime. (Some of the bike crime has been solved this way.) A general crime prevention night is to be arranged.

f. PC Hall advised that she has now completed speed gun training and is looking for target areas to use it. Two spots on Lower Granton road were suggested, two on Granton Road and a couple of other local speeding 'hotspots'.

g. The anti-social behaviour issue at the West Granton Road shops and around B&M are ongoing. The police are still monitoring the area and ask that we keep reporting it.

h. The police and council representatives with Ben McPherson MSP undertook a walkabout in Muirhouse on Friday 24 August 2018. There are more scheduled.

## **6. Elected Member Report**

a. Cllr Campbell provided some facts and figures about Edinburgh's economy that had been published in the quarterly Economy Watch document.

b. Cllr Campbell was able to report back on his investigation into whether or not weight restrictions could be put on Lower Granton Road to deal, in part, with the heavy goods vehicles. While it would be possible for the Council to introduce this through an Environmental Order, these allow for objections to lodged and if objections are lodged then it is not possible to put an order in place. Cllr Campbell said that he had already had informal input from interested parties who indicated that they would object if an order was made. Orders must not impact on other roads in the area and this is a possibility. The Council would like to try others things first and keep this as a last resort.

In relation to the realignment of Lower Granton Road, there are still issues over land ownership and exactly what is happening with the tram extension. He fully recognises that we are stuck with a road layout that is not suitable for modern road needs. The transport strategy for the north-west will be looked at again as well as a re-examination of the east-west corridor from Leith out of the city through Newhaven, Granton etc.

c. Cllr Campbell was asked if he would like to comment on the Edinburgh Marina public meeting. He responded that as this is a live planning application councillors are not allowed to make public comments and or can the CEC Planning Department as this could prejudice the planning application process.

d. A question was asked about what next steps would be then. How was the GDCC taking things forward? Fred responded that the GDCC will aim to look at the fine detail of applications as well as the bigger picture. The CEC does get pressure from the Scottish Government to build houses but these should be the right houses for the area not what a developer wants to build. Cllr Campbell added that there is an approved master plan for the Edinburgh Marina development but every time that the developer makes a change this triggers a great deal of paperwork. He added that as community councils are statutory consultees they do now have more weight to their objections than previously and have had some successes in the area by flexing this power. Further, the Planning Bill going through the Scottish Parliament currently is likely to mean more changes to the planning process.

e. The Waterfront Working Group is having a meeting on 31 August 2018 in the NW Locality Office. The purpose of the group is to inform the Council's thinking on the project. The Council together with the five community councils the border the Edinburgh Marina will look at building on previous work done. The model for the group is the Improving Muirhouse Group. This first meeting will agree parameters for the group and decide on a way forward.

f. A question was asked about the Granton cultural hub – museum, college and art gallery – how do they link into the bigger picture and design options for the Waterfront. Appropriate infrastructure is the biggest challenge to solve. Community Councils can at least try to influence the process but galvanising communities is still the biggest issues/challenge. Cultural thinking also needs to change so that people can work better together. An attendee said that the Waterfront deserves to be an ambitious space that meets the needs of visitors and locals alike.

## **7. Secretary's Report**

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

Mizan highlighted the various consultations that may be of interest to local residents in particular the new pharmacy proposal next to Morrisons. The Granton Goes Greener Clothing Swap Shop is now open at Granton Parish Church and on Fridays cakes and bread from Baynes Bakery are available to takeaway. Save money and reduce waste!

## **8. Treasurer's Report**

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

The grant of £940. 50 has been received. The current balance is £2096.84 and there is an outstanding bill for the hall hire for the July meeting.

## **9. Neighbourhood Partnership/NW Locality Report**

There is nothing to report.

## 10. AOCB

1. Donald informed us that the Lothian Buses service 19 is now every 15 minutes Monday to Friday until 18:00. While the festival has been on there have been double deckers running at the weekends and it would be helpful if this continued. Lothian Buses are now also running Routemaster bus tours of Edinburgh.
2. The Edinburgh Marina developers have an exhibition on in the old Gunpowder Store presenting their plans for the area. This is open to the public.

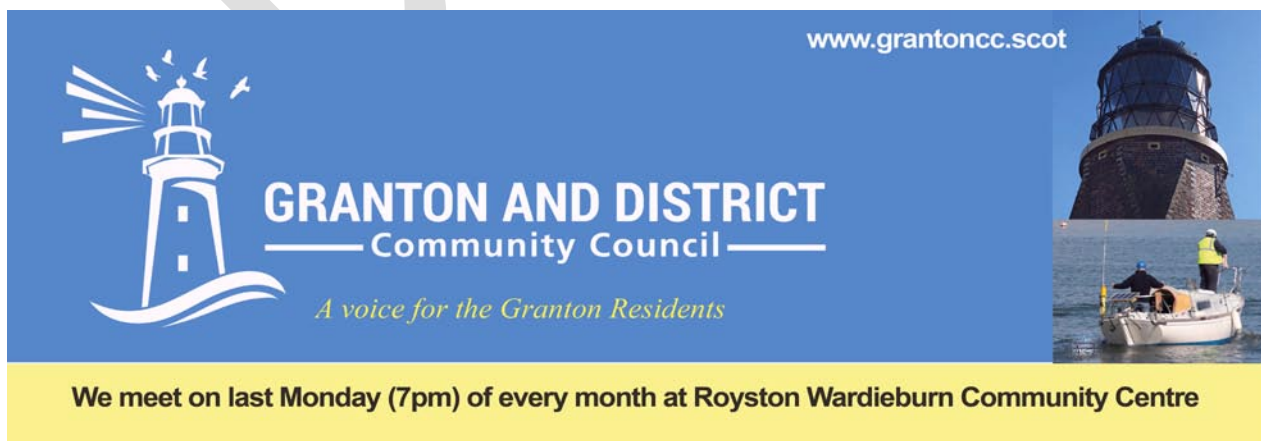
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## 11. Date and time of next meeting


Monday 24 September 2018, 18:30 at RWCC

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