

Report from the Secretary/Chair
GDCC AGM 2018. Reporting period: (Nov 2017 – Oct 2018)
Granton and District Community Council : 29/10/ 2018

It has been a busy year for GDCC. This was our second year since GDCC was formed in 2016. There were many successful community engagement activities and events carried through the year. The main focus of attention has been the development of 'Granton Waterfront' through the year. Our newsletter is distributed to local residents with various useful information about community events. Our active use of social media added value onto our work. Thanks to our enthusiastic team of community councillors for taking up our GDCC activities over the reporting period. These are brief highlights of our works:

1) Members and meetings

GDCC began with 10 members after the October 2017 election, which is now 9 after George Gordon was successfully elected as a Councillor for Forth Ward.

GDCC held 9 business meetings during the reporting period. All meetings were quorate with between 5 and 10 Members. A couple of meetings had as many as twenty people present.

2. Liaison with external organisations

Over the year, guest speakers from various external organisations made presentations and covered a wide range of issues:

- Involving Community in the Planning – Clare Symonds, Planning Democracy, November 2017
- Royal Botanic Garden, Biodiversity project : Leone Alexander , January 2018
- Rev. Helen M Mee, Minister, Granton United Church: Services for the community, March 2018
- The Power of Food Festival : Marie-Amélie Viatte, Founder and Chair , April 2018
- Malcolm Clubb, Deputy Superintendent, Lindsay and Gilmour – Proposed pharmacy on Waterfront, May 2018
- Regeneration of Granton Harbour: What does it means to the local community? – By Granton Marina Developers Team, July 2018
- Housing for Homeless people , Kathy Hoyle, Social Bite Village Manager
- Apart from external guest speakers, Deidre Brock, the local MP, and various Forth Ward councillors have attended our meetings and provided input on a range of issues over the past year.

3. Community engagement

GDCC attended different community events and consultations over the year to raise issues and concerns on behalf of local community.

- a) We organised a special meeting on 9 October 2018 with the Convenor of Planning – Cllr Neil Gardiner about future development of Waterfront. It was not public meeting but Community Councillors within the impacted area of Waterfront (Muirhouse & Salvesen CC, West Granton CC, Granton & District CC, Trinity CC and Leith Harbour & Newhaven CC) attended.
- b) We attended the Community Workers' Meal event hosted by Granton Parish Church in October 2018. It has been really helpful to network with other groups and organisations.
- c) We were involved with the Lothian bus re-routing (21 Bus, Western General Hospital) consultation works jointly facilitated by the Newhaven CC, Leith Links, Trinity CC and Leith central CC. The Secretary attended few of these meetings and provided input.
- d) The Chair and Secretary represented GDCC at various consultations, forums and discussion meetings about the Waterfront development over the year, i.e. Community events & CAN hosted meetings.
- e) We have taken part in the local marine environment conservation activities hosted by the Shoreline project over the year; the launch event of the Shoreline Project I, consultation meetings, biodiversity surveys, the invertebrate and fish survey along the Granton shoreline.
- f) We set up an information stall at the Community Day event organised by Edinburgh College, Granton Campus on 12 May 2018. It helped to promote GDCC among the local people and other community groups.
- g) We took part in a local history event in March hosted by Granton:Hub at Madelivic House. It was an exhibition about the Scottish National Antarctic Expedition and William Speirs Bruce who studied at Granton Marine Station.
- h) There are currently 120 people on our mailing list. The Meeting Agendas and Minutes are sent to this list monthly. (Last year it was 85.)



4. Consultation and planning

We took part in various statutory consultations and surveys for the City of Edinburgh council, also NHS, Scottish Government and Scottish Parliament surveys on ranges of statutory issues. Most of the input was given via online questionnaire.

We have attended many local consultation events facilitated by the CAN (Community Action North) on behalf of the NW Neighbourhood Partnership.

We have publicised information on the consultations undertaken by City of Edinburgh Council and other public organisations on a wide range of topics via our Newsletters, website and social networks. Likewise, statutory traffic information/roadworks notices etc was circulated regularly. Our website and social media statistics record the numbers of people reached out throughout the year.

On two occasions, we initiated engagement of the local communities by hosting community events. These events were:

a) Public Meeting : Lower Granton Road – Cycle Path

We hosted this meeting on the proposed Lower Granton Road cycle path on Wednesday 7 March 2018, 6.30 pm – 8.00 pm, Royston Wardieburn Community Centre, 8 Pilton Drive North, Edinburgh EH5 1NF.

Over 20 people attended, drawn from local residents, cycling campaign groups and community activist groups. Local groups and individual provided their input on the proposed path. Lead council staff presented details of the plan. Analysis of feedback shows that, about 90% of participants said the event was ‘Excellent’ or ‘Very Good’. To read the full report :

<http://bit.ly/2OTDoUd>



b) Granton Harbour Marina: What does this mean for Local Communities?

We organised this community engagement event as a replacement of our July monthly meeting, on 30 July 2018, Monday, 7:00pm. Venue: Granton Parish Church, 55 Boswall Parkway, Edinburgh EH5 2DA . It was a landmark community engagement, over 140 people attended. It was a great opportunity for local people to talk directly with the developers and other key people. It has

raised further issues, and indicated that there is scope for building community engagement in relation to the Waterfront development. Neighbouring Community Councils took part in this event and it has added value by joining up voices on Waterfront development. The process is currently ongoing. To find out more:

<http://bit.ly/2Jidv8X>





c) Social media and statistics

Media	2018 Oct	2017 Oct
Facebook (followers)	337	158
Twitter (Followers)	442	276
Instagram (Followers)	102	N/A
Website (Solid visitors)	2120	952

Significant improvement was made in terms of publicity and promotion of GDCC over the last year. We hope to do more outreach through via social media where appropriate. Our busiest month was July due to the Waterfront event.

We print 10 copies of the GDCC Newsletter event month. On average, over 200 people read our e-newsletter.

Finally, we would like to thank everyone who has supported our work over the year. Local groups, community members & activists were very positive and provided help when needed. We are working hard to reach our residents and represent their concerns.

We thank all our fellow community councillors for their contributions and all *ex officio* members for their support too. We are proud of them.

Mizan Rahman, Secretary

29 October 2018, AGM

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Granton & District Community Council

Accounts for the year ended 2018

	2018	2017
	£	£
Receipts		
Council Grants	940.56	<u>803.46</u>
	940.56	
Payments		
Community Council Hire of Rooms	205.00	204.00
Community Council Insurance	140.22	92.65
Stationary and Printing	273.40	137.72
Promotion & Publicity	106.20	1599.00
Website	87.63	400.00
Stationary/Equipment	57.96	80.00
Travel & Transport	<u>13.00</u>	<u>2513.37</u>
	-883.41	
Surplus for the year	57.15	-1709.91
Opening Balance	1144.13	2854.04
Surplus for year	57.15	-1709.91
Balance at 30 April 2017	<u>1201.28</u>	<u>1144.13</u>

Statement of Funds

Bank of Scotland		
Balance per bank as at 30 April 2017	1196.28	997.97
Held as Petty Cash	5.00	146.16
	<u>1201.28</u>	<u>1144.13</u>

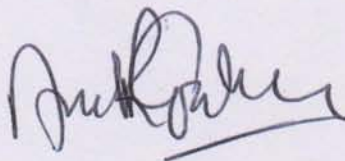
Petty Cash Account

Opening	146.16
Transfer from Bank	100.00
Expenses	<u>-241.16</u>
	<u>5.00</u>

Auditors Report

I have examined the foregoing Account and have found it to be in accordance with the books and papers produced to me.

Edinburgh October 26th 2018



Independent Examiner