

# Community Council Meeting welcomes newly elected councillors

☒ The Gorgie and Dalry Community Council held their usual monthly meeting last night.

Newly elected Councillors for Ward Seven, [Catherine Fullerton](#) and [Denis Dixon](#) were both in attendance and showed keen interest to become more involved with the area. Catherine Fullerton said:- “In summary, I’m thrilled to have been elected for Sighthill/Gorgie and its like going back to my roots again.”

Although the new councillors are just starting out in their roles, they have already decided on a plan of action for the ward. Denis Dixon said:- “We’re not going to split the ward between the two of us. It will be an equal cross over.”

The top priorities on their list for Gorgie and Dalry are dealing with dog fouling and organising clean up campaigns.

The Community Council have recently rescued the upcoming Gala Day in June. The event included a children’s entertainer last year, but had a poor turnout due to bad weather. Any future gala days were under threat due to lack of support, but this actually caused more of the locals to become involved and saved the day. The Gala Day this year will be on Saturday 9 June 2012.

The community police officer had no outstanding reports and claimed that crime in Edinburgh in general, and in Gorgie/Dalry in particular, had decreased. After concerns from locals, the police have concentrated their attention on the telephone boxes on Easter Road due to children gathering in the area. The Community Council are also focusing on removing

the advertising or changing the current full length posters on the phone boxes to half length to prevent people lingering in the area.

Other issues discussed were planning permissions in the area, including [the former Landmark site at 7 Westfield Avenue](#). There is a deadline for submissions and comments at the end of this week. The planning proposal is for 60 affordable housing units.

Finally the Gorgie and Dalry Community Council wish to encourage people to attend future meetings, The Chair, Maria Kelly said:- "It means every individual has a voice."

The next meeting is being held on Monday 4 June 2012 in St Martin's Church, 232 Dalry Road.

For more information on the work that the community council does [visit their website.](#)

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