

Almond Neighbourhood Network

NOTE OF MEETING – Wednesday 16th June 2021, online via Teams

PRESENT

ORGANISATION

Percy Feketey	Almond Neighbourhood Network Rep- NW LCPP / Almond Community Safety Panel
Bert Scott	Almond Community Safety Panel
Georgena Wylie	Cramond & Barnton Community Council
Ian Williamson	Cramond & Barnton Community council
Rod Alexander	Davidsons Mains & Silverknowes Association
David Buchanan	Kirkliston Community Council
Keith Giblett	Queensferry & District Community Council (Chair)
Graeme McKinley	Queensferry & District Community Council
Anne Mitchell	Queensferry & District Community Council
Judy Wightman	Ratho & District Community Council
Liz McIntosh	Voluntary Sector Forum / Queensferry Care in the Community
CLlr Norman Work	City of Edinburgh Council

IN ATTENDANCE:

Evelyn Kilmurry	CEC NW Locality Manager
Helen Bourquin	CEC NW Lifelong Learning Service Manager
Dave Sinclair	CEC Transport
Mike Massaro Mallinson	Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership
Katrina Smith	NHS Public Health Practitioner
Elaine Lennon	CEC NW Lifelong Learning Development Officer

APOLOGIES:

Pauline Nicol-Bowie	Muirhouse Millennium Centre LIFT (Low Income Families Together) Project
CLlr Kevin Lang	City of Edinburgh Council
CLlr Louise Young	City of Edinburgh Council

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>INPUT/DISCUSSION</u>	<u>DECISIONS / ACTIONS</u>
1. Welcome and Introductions	<p>Keith welcomed the group and reminded members of Teams protocol.</p> <p>Change to order of Agenda was agreed.</p>	
2. Minute of previous meeting and any matters arising	<p>The minute was proposed by David Buchanan and seconded by Judy Wightman.</p> <p>Matters arising:</p> <p>Evelyn updated the group on timeframe for role of elected Rep from this group to the LCPP, saying that it was due to be for a period of one year but, because of COVID restrictions and unless there was a desire for change, that current arrangements could remain in place until review of governance arrangements was complete. She also explained that in future there would be no need for a voting process, but that any change would need to be agreed by this Network.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Percy agreed to remain as Rep at this time. 	
3. Neighbourhood Environment Programme (NEP) – Roads and Footpaths update	<p>Keith welcomed Dave Sinclair who spoke to the current list of outstanding NEP projects:</p> <p>Dave explained that, owing to changes in Roads staffing city wide that the locality Roads team no longer exist and that a new team was to be recruited.</p> <p>Bowling Club Kirkliston pathway lighting– land ownership issues being looked at as the Street Lighting team need to adopt this path before carrying out any work. Also, as the project would then be much larger, the cost would increase (estimate £20-25k) so would need to be considered as a new/extended NEP proposal once staffing and budgets were in place.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> David B welcomed this update and pointed out that this was a safety issue with many being unable or unwilling to use the path in evenings. <p>Barnton Grove – several design options had been considered and found to be not possible, so a new design is currently being developed that would offer a shortened crossing. Dave to share new design with Community Council and elected members.</p>	Revised design to be circulated

	<p>Bo'ness Road – final design expected soon, and this will be circulated to Community Council. Dave welcomed information that Cala Homes was planning road changes at this site and agreed to look into this.</p> <p>Gateside – this is not yet at design stage. Dave to talk to Gateside Tenants and Residents Group and Kirkliston Community Council</p> <p>Stirling Road – an external Designer has been appointed for this scheme and design would be circulated to NN shortly. When asked if this could be done during summer when schools were closed, this was not going to be possible this summer.</p> <p>Reponses to questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As previously circulated, David.wilson@edinburgh.gov.uk is currently taking stock of all NEP schemes across the city, and would be point of contact for any queries or issues. Dave added that any handover when new team is in place will include background to these projects. Any unsafe footpaths to report should be done ideally online using this link: https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/roadproblem which can also be found on CEC home page Junction improvements at Queensferry Road / Clermiston Road, which was an Active Travel team project may be waiting for shared path to be completed. Dave to supply an update. 	<p>Final design to be circulated</p> <p>Dave to liaise with GTRA and KCC</p> <p>Design to be circulated when available</p> <p>Dave to talk to Active Travel team and bring an update</p>
<p>4. LCPP subgroup on Social Isolation update</p>	<p>Keith welcomed Mike Massaro Mallinson and Katrina Smith.</p> <p>Health & Wellbeing / Social Isolation across all ages has been identified as the main issue this LCPP and also the Almond NN should try to tackle.</p> <p>LCPP Social Isolation subgroup update:</p>	

	<p>Mike explained that this was also a priority of the Locality Community Planning Partnership (LCPP) and that he was leading on a subgroup which had been set up to tackle this from grassroots.</p> <p>He introduced Katrina, NHS Public Health Practitioner in this area who was supporting this work, and that the subgroup had representatives from wide range of statutory and voluntary agencies including Voluntary Sector Forum and Spartans.</p> <p>Katrina explained that the group had two main priorities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To increase the amount of services and activities that are open again for service. This included services by NHS and voluntary / community groups 2. To promote these services so that residents and front-line workers know about these opportunities. It was highlighted that front-line services especially GPs were often overloaded with information and found it difficult to signpost effectively. <p>It was agreed that this was a long-term issue and that work to tackle social isolation would extend beyond timeframe of current Locality Improvement Plan (LIP) which is due to end in March 2022.</p> <p>She also highlighted links to the recently published NHS Lothian's Green Health publication, and that the LCPP subgroup would be looking at how best to link with this.</p> <p>Mike added that the group did not want to lose or to duplicate the excellent work taking place across the locality but would focus on identifying gaps and sharing existing good practice from voluntary and community sectors.</p> <p>Katrina added that they had identified a need for drop in mental health support and sub-locality level and are exploring options eg libraries as venue.</p> <p>Almond social isolation subgroup update:</p>	
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	<p>Liz explained that she had met with Anne to start listing groups providing these services to all age groups. She aimed to meet with Elaine and Anne shortly to see how best to start presenting this info.</p> <p>It was agreed that cost can be a barrier to some families even with smaller activities such as Brownies, and that capacity of these services to take on new members is often tight.</p> <p>It was agreed to try to recruit subgroup members from across the ward:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Queensferry – Liz and Anne • Kirkliston – David agreed • Davidsons Mains and Silverknowes – Rod to ask DMSA • Cramond and Barnton – Gena agree • Ratho Station / Newbridge – Judy to put call out • Muirhouse- to ask Pauline for ideas <p>It was agreed that communication and links between the LCPP subgroup and this Almond one would continue to be strengthened though Liz's involvement in both.</p> <p>Edinburgh Leisure still able to take new participants from GP referrals for exercise, which appears to be little known, even amongst GPs and community links workers. Katrina to get this info out to them across the locality.</p> <p>Mike mentioned a Physical Activity Alliance that was in operation pre-COVID. He agreed to get an update on this work.</p> <p>Additional barriers exist for those living in Ratho Station and Queensferry for example such as travel costs and length of time to get to services. Is there a plan to open up new facilities in high school?</p>	<p>Liz, Anne and Elaine to meet along with any new subgroup members</p> <p>Rod and Judy to out call out for members</p> <p>Liz to talk to Pauline</p> <p>Katrina to share info</p> <p>Mike to bring update on PAA</p> <p>Helen to look into this and bring update</p>
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5. Capital Roads Schemes	Dave spoke to the previously circulated list and explained that any queries or issues should be raised with sean. Sean.Gilchrist@edinburgh.gov.uk	
6. Community Grants Fund (CGF)	<p>Helen spoke to the circulated paper on the current processes and possible local criteria that could be set by NNs as well as how decisions should be taken.</p> <p>It was agreed to reintroduce the Funding Panel and to ask for representation from across the NN. Current members should let Elaine know if willing to remain.</p> <p>One application had been circulated for decision – Cleanferry Environment Group, requesting £744 for branded high vis vests and safety equipment. Keith declared an interest in this application.</p> <p>The application was approved subject to satisfaction that costs were of best use for project.</p>	<p>Please email if interested elaine.lennon@edinburgh.gov.uk</p> <p>Info to Helen for decision</p>
7. Local Community Planning Partnership (LCPP) update	<p>The LCPP plans to meet again soon.</p> <p>The previous meeting had had a presentation from EVOC on Thriving Organisations, and this would shortly be circulated to NNs for information and would be added to agenda for next meeting.</p>	Thriving Organisations to be added to agenda
8. A.O.C.B,	There was no additional business and Keith closed the meeting.	
9. Date of next meeting	<p>Wednesday 8th September, 6pm.</p> <p>Please send any agenda items to Keith at giblett@btinternet.com at least one week in advance of the next meeting.</p>	