

# FORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD NETWORK - NOTE OF TEAMS MEETING: - Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2021

## Present

Fred Marinello (Chair) - Granton and District Community Council  
Mark Kennedy - Circle Scotland  
Abigail Jackson - Fresh Start  
Linda Garcia - Granton:Hub  
Lesley Ross - Pilton Youth & Children's Project  
Dawn Anderson - Pilton Community Health Project (PCHP)  
Dougie Samuel - Spartans Community Football Club  
Tim Parker - Trinity Community Council  
Cllr Bird - City of Edinburgh Council  
Cllr Campbell - City of Edinburgh Council  
Cllr G Gordon - City of Edinburgh Council

## In attendance:

Scott Donkin - CEC NW Lifelong Learning Service Manager  
Elaine Lennon - CEC NW Lifelong Learning Development Officer

## Apologies:

Heather Yang - EVOC  
Kate Wimpres - North Edinburgh Arts  
Bill Atkinson - Trinity Community Council  
Andrew Anderson - Trinity Community Council  
Cllr Day - City of Edinburgh Council

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>INPUT/DISCUSSION</u>	<u>DECISIONS / ACTIONS</u>
1. <u>Minute of previous meeting and matters arising</u>	Fred welcomed attendees and introduced the minute of the meeting of 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2021.  There were no queries or matters arising raised.  It was agreed to move Locality Improvement Plan Priorities Presentation to next agenda item.	
2. <u>Locality Improvement Plan Priorities – Presentation</u>	Scott gave a presentation on the revised NW Locality Improvement Plan (LIP) (attached) and explained that the earlier LIP had been revised and now focused on three key priorities:  <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Social Isolation (Locality Wide) – Lead Organisation: Health &amp; Social Care</li><li>2. Employment &amp; Skills (Locality Wide) - Lead Organisation: Edinburgh College</li><li>3. North Edinburgh (Focus on parts of Forth and Almond) – Lead: Third Sector / Community</li></ol>	Circulate LIP presentation

	<p>He shared some of the actions to date and the Lead organisations for each priority sub group and explained that we all have a role to play in the success of this plan.</p> <p>How the success of this plan is measured to be discussed at future meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Gordon thanked Scott for this input and it was agreed to circulate to wider community.</p>	<p>Presentation on key measurements and monitoring framework at future meeting</p>
<p>3. <b><u>Community Grants Fund (CGF)</u></b></p>	<p>Scott talked to a discussion paper that had been circulated regarding how Forth NN might want to prioritise allocation of funding, and whether any local conditions were desirable.</p> <p>He explained that the CGF budget which has been confirmed is £25,112 and that current CEC guidelines allowed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• awards up to maximum of £5,000, although it was recognised that larger awards meant that fewer projects could be supported.</li> <li>• awards to same organisation in same year if for a different project, and it was recognised that this limited funds available for other organisations and groups.</li> <li>• Current process allows for applications to be accepted at any time, subject to funds remaining.</li> </ul> <p>Discussion items:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Should we lower the maximum grants available or recommended?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was agreed that a cap on applications should be promoted.</li> <li>• It was agreed that this would help reach smaller groups who do not have access to staffing and other funding sources</li> <li>• Wording to be agreed such as ‘although grants of up to £5,000 are permitted, the Forth NN particularly welcome smaller applications’</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>2. Should repeat applications be permitted?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was felt that this should be discouraged to widen access to these limited funds.</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>3. Should we set deadlines for applications?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recognition that this is difficult to manage and relies on funds available but would be welcomed by groups</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>4. How do we reach new groups and smaller projects?</b></li> </ol>	<p>Circulate paper with minute.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We all could take responsibility to share info with our networks and Community Councils</li> <li>• Positive outreach is required to widen access and to find out what these groups are doing and how this Network and the CGF could help</li> <li>• It was agreed to circulate existing mailing list to identify errors or omissions</li> <li>• Should we look at annual turnover to give priority to smaller groups?</li> </ul> <p><b>5. Miscellaneous</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How do we avoid projects that duplicate work?</li> <li>• We shouldn't lose the current flexibility to support vital projects</li> </ul> <p>Scott and Elaine to pull together these thoughts and circulate a report before next meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> June.</p>	<p>Community groups list to be circulated</p> <p>Draft guidance paper to be circulated in advance of next meeting.</p>
<b>4. <u>Community Involvement with LIP Activity</u></b>	<p>Discussion points here overlapped with the discussion on promotion of CGF to smaller community groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We all could take responsibility to share info with our networks and Community Councils</li> <li>• Positive outreach is required to widen access and to find out what these groups are doing and how this Network could help</li> <li>• It was agreed to circulate existing mailing list to identify errors or omissions</li> <li>• It was agreed to explore option for reprinting of Community Map, with work done to identify as many groups and organisations as possible, although it was recognised that a CGF could support this if a group decided to apply</li> </ul>	<p>Community groups list to be circulated</p> <p>Scott to explore costs of reproducing a Community Map</p>
<b>5. <u>AOCB</u></b>	<p><b>Q – what is the frequency of meetings for this group?</b> – Fred explained that the next meeting was 30<sup>th</sup> June and that future meetings would be discussed but that it might be beneficial to agreed dates in advance</p> <p>There were no further items of discussion so Fred closed the meeting.</p>	<p>Future dates to be agreed if possible</p>
<b>6. Date of next meeting</b>	<b>30<sup>th</sup> June 2021, 6pm on Teams</b>	