

# FORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD NETWORK (NN) - NOTE OF TEAMS MEETING: - Wed 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021

## Present

Fred Marinello (Chair) - Granton and District Community Council  
 Ama-zing Harmonies - Ama Shallangwa / Dave Stainton  
 Fresh Start - Biddy Kelly  
 Libertus - Barrie Simcock  
 Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh - Paula Bushell  
 Royston Wardieburn Community Centre - Mizan Rahman  
 Trinity Community Council - Bill Atkinson / Bill Rodger  
 Cllr Jim Campbell – City of Edinburgh Council  
 Cllr George Gordon - City of Edinburgh Council

## In attendance:

Scott Donkin - CEC NW Lifelong Learning Service Manager  
 Elaine Lennon - CEC NW Lifelong Learning Development Officer  
 Fay Butler – CEC Granton Waterfront Development Project

## Apologies:

Circle Scotland - Mark Kennedy  
 Manor Estates - Alastair Fraser  
 North Edinburgh Arts - Kate Wimpess  
 Pilton Community Health Project (PCHP) - Dawn Anderson  
 Pilton Youth & Children's Project (PYCP) – Lesley Ross

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>INPUT/DISCUSSION</u>	<u>DECISIONS / ACTIONS</u>
1. <b><u>Minute of 11<sup>th</sup> May 2021 and matters arising</u></b>	<p>Cllr Gordon welcomed attendees on behalf of Chair, Fred Marinello and introduced the minute of the meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> May 2021.</p> <p>Re item 4, Biddy informed the group that PCHP in association with Port of Leith Housing Association had refreshed and reproduced a community map, which is now available on PCHP website (<a href="http://northedinburghmap.org.uk">Pilton Community Map (northedinburghmap.org.uk)</a>) and that printed maps are available at Fresh Start as well as other pantries.</p> <p>There were no other queries or matters arising raised.</p>	Any member can visit Fresh Start to pick up printed copy if required.
2. <b><u>Community Grants Fund (CGF)</u></b>	<p>Elaine summarised a discussion paper that had been presented to meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> May and was building on a discussion at meeting of 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2020.</p> <p>This gave background to city-wide generic guidelines for CGF applications and also outlined potential additional local guidance that could be promoted. In particular, the following areas were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Themes – although earlier discussions had suggested that applications would be particularly welcomed that dealt with 'poverty including food poverty', members felt that this may restrict projects, and</li> </ul>	

	<p>aspects of poverty were too broad therefore to highlight food growing was perhaps narrowing the options too much. It was agreed to encourage applications that aimed to tackle any of the three LIP priorities of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Social Isolation</li> <li>○ Employment &amp; Skills</li> <li>○ North Edinburgh / Poverty and inequality</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maximum award – in order to be able to support as many projects as possible a maximum award of £3000 would be encouraged, acknowledging that applications up to £5000 would be permitted – local criteria accompanying future applications would suggest that applications more in line with the smaller award would be encouraged.</li> <li>• Decision making – it was agreed that the previous funding panel model would be continued to consider any applications, to be accountable and transparent. Recommendations would then be circulated to Neighbourhood Network for transparency and comment before going to Locality Manager for final decision. Panel to include/invited as a minimum – Elected members, Community Council representatives and interested Network members.</li> <li>• Promotion – now that there’s clarity on how the NN wish to consider and decide on applications, we need to get the info out to local groups, and to newer, smaller community groups that may need support with the application process.</li> <li>• Deadlines – a calendar of application deadlines would be welcomed where possible</li> </ul>	<p>CGF to be advertised through weekly bulletin plus through members own networks</p> <p>Calendar of deadlines to be provided where possible to link with NN dates</p>
<p><b>3. <u>Community Involvement with NN and wider LIP Activity</u></b></p>	<p>Fred took over as Chair from this point. He suggested that this discussion was to help encourage new faces and small groups to get involved in the NN and also the wider work of the Locality Improvement Plan (LIP). Please find a link here to this (<a href="https://www.edinburghpartnership.scot/plans/north-west-locality-improvement-plan/1">https://www.edinburghpartnership.scot/plans/north-west-locality-improvement-plan/1</a>)</p> <p>Fred added that there was a need, in his view to ensure greater transparency around the Community Grant process, who the applicants are and receiving more information around how funding is spent.</p> <p>Cllr Gordon indicated that much of this discussion had taken place at the previous item with a decision reached on how to progress.</p>	

	<p>Scott added that in terms of linking with the LIP activity, there is a huge amount of work going on at local level through this group and its members, Edin College, Waterfront Development, the learning strategy, third sector organisations etc and that at the heart of this work is the local community. The challenge is to ensure those that need to access the relevant service or information can do so and that their voices are heard. It was also suggested that one of the key aims of this group could be to help create ways of ensuring what's going on is in accessible formats to these groups, and in turn support the community's voice.</p> <p>It was acknowledged that this discussion was linked closely to the process and application of grants to ensure information can be better distributed to help engage smaller groups that will exist. It was felt that there is likely to be a small percentage of the community that will have no knowledge of the grants.</p> <p>It was suggested that the relationship between this group and the work of others, including Community Councils should be strengthened and that communication was key. Scott acknowledged that there had been a slow start to these processes. Cllr Gordon added that the Network is still new and communications could be improved.</p> <p>Scott suggested that perhaps it would help if a discussion paper was created which provides more focus on the Network, it's role and how it links with the LIP process and the wider community planning family.'</p> <p>As co-chair of the Locality Community Planning Partnership, Cllr Gordon welcomed this approach.</p>	Scott to produce discussion paper for next meeting
4. <b><u>AOCB</u></b>	There was no other business and Fred closed the meeting	
6. <b>Date of next meeting</b>	<b>To be confirmed</b>	