

Inverleith Neighbourhood Network

NOTE OF MEETING: THURS 24th JUNE 2021, Online via Teams

Present

Susie Ross
Jenny Williams
Alex Dale
Malcolm Durie
Joan Beattie (Rep from this group on NW
Locality Community Planning Partnership (LCPP)
Bryan Christie
Cllr Max Mitchell
Cllr Hal Osler
Cllr Gavin Barrie (Chair)

Organisation

Craighleith Blackhall Community Council
Drylaw Parish Church
Drylaw Telford Community Association
Edinburgh Model Boat Club
Friends of Inverleith Park

Warriston Crescent Residents Association
City of Edinburgh Council
City of Edinburgh Council
City of Edinburgh Council

In attendance:

Helen Bourquin
Elaine Lennon
David Stevenson
Dave Sinclair

CEC NW Lifelong Learning Service Manager
CEC NW Lifelong Learning Development Officer
CEC Housing Team Leader
CEC Transport and Environment Manager

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>INPUT/DISCUSSION</u>	<u>DECISIONS / ACTIONS</u>
1. Welcome and Introductions	Cllr Gavin Barrie welcomed the group, and those present introduced themselves.	
2. Matters arising	Helen B explained that under item 6, she had discovered that this related to reps on the LCPP, who can get involved in the work of the sub groups.	
3. Locality Community Planning Partnership (LCPP) Update	<p>Joan B explained that the LCPP had met 27th May 2021, but that she was a little frustrated at lack of action and was still finding the discussions unclear. She added that the Education subgroup had been an interesting discussion.</p> <p>Helen B agreed that we need a better shared understanding for all, and especially for NN Reps, and also that this should become clearer when NNs have settled in and there is more to share to the LCPP.</p>	Helen to circulate presentation

	<p>She added that this meeting had an interesting presentation from Bridie Ashrowan from EVOC on 'Thriving Local Places' which talked about community anchor organisations and related to the 20-minute neighbourhood initiative. The presentation and added notes will be shared with each NN. The three subgroups also gave an update:.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Social Isolation / Health & Wellbeing (Locality wide), led by Edinburgh Health & Social Care Partnership (Mike Massaro Mallinson) 2. Employment (Locality wide), led by Edinburgh College (Nick Croft) 3. North Edinburgh, (Focused priority), led by the COVID Recovery group which is comprised of a number of local projects such as Fresh Start, Spartans and North Edinburgh Arts (Biddy Kelly gave update) <p>It was agreed to add link to minutes of LCPP when available.</p>	<p>LCPP links to be added to agendas in future</p>
<p>4. Community Grants Funding</p>	<p>Helen B explained that the Community Grants Fund budget for 2021/22 was £24,990 and that there had been one award to Blackhall Community Trust approved so far, leaving a balance of £23,550.</p> <p>One application was submitted for consideration at this meeting, from Drylaw Rainbow Club for £3705 to support the total cost (£6175) of recruiting of additional cleaning staff hours to ensure that COVID 19 national infection prevention and control best practice is in place for reopening. This cost was considered 'additional' and not 'core' staffing therefore could be recommended. It was agreed to fully award £3705 to this organisation.</p> <p>Cllr Barrie stated that at previous meeting it had been agreed to form a funding panel who would consider applications, including at least one elected member. There had been no volunteers to form a funding panel and this application had been circulated in advance to elected members, with verbal information shared to members attending this meeting as it was felt that circulating it to wider membership was not appropriate.</p> <p>Q - Cllr Osler asked if there was still a need for Cllrs to make decisions as these are CEC funds, but Helen explained that that Neighbourhood Networks were in effect the vehicle for gathering community views, and that Evelyn Kilmurry as CEC Locality Manager would hold the final decision based on recommendations from this group, including elected members.</p> <p>It was agreed that at least one funding panel member from each Community Council area would be of benefit in decision making, and the following members came forward:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Barrie 	<p>To award £3705 to Drylaw Rainbow Club</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Osler • Cllr Mitchell • Joan Beattie • Susie Ross <p>It was agreed to ask again for members especially for unrepresented areas.</p>	To send out invitation again to membership
5. Inverleith NN Priority	<p>Cllr Barrie explained that a subgroup had met to discuss the identified priority of developing new community growing spaces in Inverleith ward.</p> <p>Although not all able to make first meeting, the sub group currently comprises of Cllr Barrie, Joan Beattie, John Campbell (Arbor Green Nursery), Pam Barnes (Friends of Inverleith Park), Pauline Cumming (Broughton High School), Stuart McKenzie (Inverleith Allotments), Rosemary Pipes (Friends of Rocheid Path) & Ian Woolard (CEC Allotments Officer)</p> <p>Those present agreed that it made sense to identify one or two possible locations in Drylaw / Telford area, partly because of the identified need for such spaces in this area and partly because of the possibility of funding from Housing NEP to take them forward.</p> <p>Cllr Barrie summarised the two locations identified as initial possibilities based on the map of greenspace that had been circulated:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Ferryhill Primary School – he explained that the school was already doing good environmental and growing work with pupils and that they had extensive groups that may be suitable for increased activity. <p>The Head Teacher seemed very receptive to the idea and agreed to further discussion on how this group could help develop this work after summer break.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Wester Drylaw Place – David S reported that he had visited this site again to look at possibilities. He agreed that this could be a possible site with some prep work on fencing to make it safer. <p>Q – How do we find out if this is what the community want and get buy in?</p> <p>Joan B welcomed that the area might be used for community growing i.e. public rather than private allotments, and hoped that this might also lead to increased community involvement and buy in.</p> <p>It was agreed to meet on site for next subgroup meeting</p>	<p>Cllr Barrie to renew contact with Head Teacher.</p> <p>Subgroup to agree date to meet at Wester Drylaw Place</p>

	<p>Alex D reminded the group that this plot was looked at in past (but as a possible allotment site) and water supply costs were too high to take forward. He also said that Drylaw Telford Community Council (DTCC) and Drylaw Telford Community Organisation (DTCA) may be able to get involved in identifying land pockets as potential sites.</p> <p>Jenny W added that the church had found it incredibly difficult to get volunteers to help out in their garden space but that the churches had come together to hopefully tackle this in partnership.</p> <p>Alex D said that the garden project at Drylaw Neighbourhood Centre was looking for volunteers to, and Cllr Osler suggested that we may need to gather local volunteers before we start on any potential projects.</p>	<p>Subgroup to look at additional site ideas at next meeting and to agree top 1 or 2 sites.</p>
<p>6. NEIGHBOURHOOD ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME (NEP)</p>	<p>Roads NEP – Dave S explained that the team which is being created to manage these projects is still being established but that he hopes it will e n next few months.</p> <p>He gave a brief update on the following schemes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drylaw Pathway - CCTV enabled lampposts – Installation cost £7,593 - Complete CCTV power sockets are installed and ready for use • Drylaw Crescent and Gardens - Completion of footway resurfacing - £41,451 Allocated in May 2019- Complete Cost £58,009. Additional cost agreed with Sean Gilchrist (Transport Manager). • Telford Road / House O’Hill Road / Drylaw Crescent Junction build-out - £25,000 - 80% designed. Safety audit required. Scheme design to be finalised and expected to be delivered by the Transport Infrastructure team in 21/22. • Buckingham Terrace Junction Closure - £5,000 Scheme options to be considered. If still required, the proposal is expected to be initiated by the Transport Network and Enforcement team in 21/22. A new Traffic Order will need to be promoted. <p>Clarity was requested as to whether new TRO had already been readvertised? Cllr Osler asked if this was not to be part of wider Spaces for People work (A90 Segregation route)? Alex D suggested speaking to residents would be best option and Dave explained that residents are encouraged to make representation when TRO is promoted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hillpark Way Resurface footway, replace kerbs - £50,000 - Scheme design to be finalised and expected to be delivered by the Transport Infrastructure team in 21/22. • Orchard Drive Junction build-out - £15,000 - Scheme design to be finalised and expected to be delivered by the Transport Infrastructure team in 21/22. • The Snakey Path / Saxe Coburg Place to Glenogle Road - Resurface path, replace edging, replace handrail - £15,000 Scheme design to be finalised and expected to be delivered by the Transport Infrastructure team in 21/22. 	<p>DS to clarify additional costs confirmed</p> <p>DS agreed to keep project in project bank until queries resolved and to explore community views</p>

	<p>Q – Members asked what reassurances they could give to local residents that these projects would be carried out?</p> <p>Q – How would these projects be prioritised by a new team dealing with similar urgent projects across the city?</p> <p>Dave explained that the new team would engage with each locality and acknowledged that there would be pressure on them to work through.</p> <p>It was agreed that NEP would remain a standing agenda item to get updates.</p> <p>HRA (Housing Revenue Account) NEP – David S reminded the group that they had a budget of £58206 to be spent on NEP projects that sit on land held by CEC Housing and that there were currently three proposals for consideration in the project bank:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easter Drylaw Gardens – proposal to fit multi sports in open land behind the Church to offer young people activities during evenings / holiday period <p>Cllr Osler and Jenny W added that this was to provide a safer area for young people to play, and that Church had also engaged with Street Soccer and Ferrywell Youth Project to engage with the young people who meet regularly at the church.</p> <p>It was agreed that David would do initial consultation with residents and bring this to next meeting.</p> <p>Helen B added that NW Youth Work staff were developing a summer programme as priority across NW, While capacity was very limited Helen had asked them to see if they were able to provide some input.</p> <p>Other ideas suggested:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Make contact with Edin College / Edin Uni to see if any students of youth work or PE might help out ○ Engage with Drylaw Neighbourhood Centre to use their space – Jenny to make contact ○ Use of Wester Drylaw Park’s facilities which are not too far a walk <p>Jenny / Cllr Osler / David to look at options and report back</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dean Street – for fencing to deter parking on grass <p>Q – Cllr Mitchell asked if the current TRO that was going through might help this issue? David to get clarity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Growing project – to develop community growing spaces. <p>Refer to item 5b above for actions</p>	<p>NEP as standing agenda item</p> <p>DS to consult with residents</p> <p>Subgroup to report back</p> <p>DS to check</p>
7. AOCB	There was no other business	

8. Date of next meeting

To be circulated