

Almond Neighbourhood Network

NOTE OF MEETING – Wednesday 11th November 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
Charlotte Cowe	Davidsons Mains & Silverknowes Association
Paul Vaughan	Gateside Tenants & Residents
David Buchanan	Kirkliston Community Council
Keith Giblett	Queensferry & District Community Council (Chair)
Graeme McKinley	Queensferry & District Community Council
Anne Mitchell	Queensferry & District Community Council
Rod Alexander	Davidsons Mains & Silverknowes Association
Judy Wightman	Ratho & District Community Council
Liz McIntosh	Voluntary Sector Forum / Queensferry Care in the Community
Pauline Nicole Bowie	Muirhouse Millennium Centre LIFT (Low Income Families Together) Project
Cllr Norman Work	City of Edinburgh Council

IN ATTENDANCE:

Helen Bourquin	CEC NW Lifelong Learning Service Manager
Dave Sinclair	CEC Transport & Infrastructure Manager

APOLOGIES:

Cllr Graham Hutchison	City of Edinburgh Council
Cllr Louise Young	City of Edinburgh Council

ITEM	INPUT/DISCUSSION	DECISIONS / ACTIONS
1. Welcome and Introductions	Keith G welcomed the group and said that as he, and 2 other members, had to attend another meeting at 7pm Dave Buchanan would chair meeting after he left with everyone's agreement.	
2. Minute of previous meeting and any matters arising	<p>Matters arising not on agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In relation to tardiness of LCPP minutes Helen highlighted that link to LCPP minutes will be included on every agenda and minute so members can access as soon as minutes become live. Keith will also be raising at EACC meeting he will be attending after this meeting • Update on who will take forward work on Physical Activity Alliance – Was to be circulated by Katrina Smith . • Thrive Presentation from Bridie Ashrowan has still not been made available • Resurfacing in front of Barnton shops. Percy has been in contact with designer who will update him once design is ready to view • Re request for more shelters in greenspaces – Keith will follow up through new developments • Query about whether walkabouts for Community Councils have been arranged. Dave apologised that he had missed this action. Rod sought clarification whether walkabout was specifically related to NEP projects or could be for any issue. Dave highlighted that they were for any new projects for NEP funding from the new financial year. While he is endeavouring to get on-going projects over the line any new projects would be dealt with by new team and they would organise walkabouts. Keith encouraged CCs to do pre-walkabout to identify potential pieces of work. 	<p>Helen to follow up</p> <p>Helen to follow up</p>
3. A) Neighbourhood	Keith G welcomed Dave S who spoke to the current list of outstanding NEP projects: Updated list shared with meeting.	

<p>Environment Programme (NEP) – Roads and Footpaths update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bowling Club Kirkliston pathway lighting– no change in update. £5k allocated but more funding required, so that this project would possibly be able to be carried out in 2022-23. David B highlighted that the CC are still very much behind project and pathway very well used. • Barnton Grove – Stylianos Kapetanakis (Snr Engineer, Transport Contracts & Design) is considering the inclusion of this scheme with the adjacent re-surfacing project. Information has been passed on about the position of the near-by pedestrian refuge island. • Stirling Road – David B said he noticed no lighting to be re-installed on plan . Dave S mentioned the scheme design has been considered by a road safety auditor, so assume they have deemed lighting adequate. • Gateside -Paul V meeting with Kevin Cook regarding the £15k that was agreed for various parking and speed reduction measures in Gateside. • Boness Road- Traffic signals team working on signal design. Road safety audit now complete pending traffic signal design. Colleagues in the TC&D - NEPs team should be able to appoint a contractor in early 2022. • New team leading on NEP projects is called Transport Contracts and Design, in the Transport Infrastructure service. Keith asked if an officer from that team would be available to attend next NN meeting in January • Keith G raised changes to North side of Bo’ness Road where cycle lane is to be put in. CC have seen drawings From Cala and wanted to check that Transport Infrastructure team are aware of those plans. Dave S said he assumed they would be but will flag it • Anne raised issue with ‘Spaces for People’ along Queensferry Hight Street. She is aware of 3 people who have fallen due to space. Dave highlighted nothing will be changed 	<p>Dave S to find out time scales for completion of project</p> <p>Post meeting note: cut back of foliage around adjacent lighting columns was noted in the road safety audit.</p> <p>Dave S to get more information on a planned start date</p> <p>Dave S to pass on next NN date to new team.</p> <p>Dave S has discussed this with Lloyd Richardson (from the NEPs team), he will contact Transport Planning team to check.</p>
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	<p>significantly until Autumn 2022 when the Town Centre works are expected to commence, but will review the current layout to see if any revisions may be appropriate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rod asked for a contact for proposed Queensferry Road/Clermiston Road junction project - Brendan Forrester is engineer in charge and Dave S shared contact details at meeting. Request for update on work on Davidsons Mains roundabout. Andrew Eason is the lead. Dave will find out timeline. Cllr Work will contact Brendan Forrester to get slides and send to Rod Dave B asked about legacy section 75 funds for the installation of town gateway signage in Kirkliston (£10,000 suggested). Dave S will check on this what funds remain and check if the transport traffic signs team could progress this matter. Query raised on Section 75 works proposed on the Kirkliston signalised junction . The developer associated with a local planning application has appointed consultant to design new traffic signal infrastructure and controller at the main junction. 	<p>Dave S to visit the site to consider any appropriate revisions.</p> <p>Dave to find out timeline for works. Cllr Work to share slides</p> <p>Dave S</p> <p>Post meeting note: These proposed junction improvements will be noted in a committee report in January 22, the installation date is TBA, however, installation is expected in early 2022.</p>
<p>1. B)</p> <p>NN Priority: Health Wellbeing & Social Isolation subgroup update - Liz McIntosh</p>	<p>Sub- group meeting held this week. Main points discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Big demand for anxiety management classes. Health in Mind piloted face to face 6-week class at Norton Park to test interest. Found that people are not ready to commit to regular face to face sessions so decided to do local drop ins for now. New initiative to be piloted in GP surgeries in Western with Volunteer Centre. Volunteers will offer supported walks to people who, are not housebound, but a bit anxious about going out. These will be 20-minute weekly walks for 6 weeks combined with linking people in with local activities. Initiative has been delayed due to getting a data sharing agreement in place but should be able to start around Xmas/New Year. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep Safe initiative – initially set up for people with disabilities who are experiencing harassment. Partnership with Police Scotland and the ‘I am Me’ campaign. Businesses, cafes and libraries can sign up and display a logo that indicates they are a safe place for people to go who are experiencing harassment. Training will be given to staff which will include helping them recognise the symptoms of hate crime and harassment. • Scottish Ambulance Service – Looking to develop a way to support people who they have attended after a fall. If staff ‘recognise’ person is socially isolated they can link them in with other support or signpost them to activities /support in the community. Liz suggested they attend one of the NN meetings which Keith agreed was a good idea. • Mapping Exercise – Excel sheet circulated for NN members to populate with groups /activities and contacts for them in their area. Georgena highlighted that all activities in Cramond are in the Kirk. While she can give details of the activities she cannot share contacts due to church data protection policy. Groups are also not advertised on Church website. Georgena also highlighted that people may be reluctant to share their details outside their own local area. • Liz highlighted that the main point of the exercise was to get info out to isolated people. They were still discussing how best to share that information and a digital platform was an option being looked at. <p>Keith wished everyone a good Christmas and left the meeting and David B continued to chair.</p>	Helen to link with Liz to invite ambulance Service rep to next NN meeting.
4. Local Community Planning Partnership (LCPP) Meeting 4th October	<p>Percy updated on key points discussed at last LCPP meeting below . Full details available in the minutes - link below</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Edinburgh Partnership Update • Updates from the three priority subgroups • Locality Improvement Plan (LIP) update • Reports from all 4 Neighbourhood Networks 	

	https://www.edinburghpartnership.scot/community-planning-family/locality-community-planning-partnerships?documentId=4&categoryId=4	
5. Community Grants Fund (CGF) update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> David B ran through allocations so far. Refer attached list. He highlighted that they are keen for smaller groups to apply for the funding. There is a balance of £13,236 to be allocated before the end of the financial year. Liz highlighted that Almond and Western VSF are offering an online information and support Community Grant Fund Workshop On Wed 23rd November 6-8pm. Its aimed at smaller groups who may not know about the grant or how to apply. (Link to register below) https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/neighbourhood-networks-community-grants-funding-tickets-204484718297 Anne thanked the panel for the award on behalf of Queensferry and District CC for the 'Ferry Elves' project and said they were already receiving enquiries for support The panel will meet again prior to the next NN meeting as we are aware of pending applications 	
6. A.O.C.B	<p>Liz wanted to highlight a project she omitted in her update- the Gyle Well-being Project. Its run by the chaplain at Western -Esther Elliott who is working alongside Corstorphine Community Centre. The Gyle management has donated spaces upstairs in café area for community use.</p> <p>Esther will be managing that space. A couple of ideas put forward are using it in Mental health week or Dementia awareness week for events. Currently they are running 'Drop in for a Brew' sessions for people from the community to have a cuppa and put forward ideas of what support/ideas they would like to see. Project will be working with Thrive project running courses. There will be a launch in December</p>	
7. Date of next meeting	<p>26th January 2022</p> <p>Please send any agenda items to Keith at giblett@btinternet.com at least one week in advance of the next meeting.</p>	