

Almond Neighbourhood Network

NOTE OF MEETING – Wednesday 8th September 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
Gillian Ross	Cramond Playgroup
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
Dave Purves	Queensferry Memorial Pipes and Drums
Judy Wightman	Ratho & District Community Council
Liz McIntosh	Voluntary Sector Forum / Queensferry Care in the Community
Cllr Norman Work	City of Edinburgh Council
Cllr Kevin Lang	City of Edinburgh Council

IN ATTENDANCE:

Helen Bourquin	CEC NW Lifelong Learning Service Manager
Dave Sinclair	CEC Transport & Infrastructure Manager
David Stevenson	CEC Housing
Elaine Lennon	CEC NW Lifelong Learning Development Officer

APOLOGIES:

Pauline Nicol-Bowie	Muirhouse Millennium Centre LIFT (Low Income Families Together) Project
Rod Alexander	Davidsons Mains & Silverknowes Association
John Loudon	Cramond Barnton Community Council
Kenny Manson	Queensferry High School
Cllr Graham Hutchison	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	Keith G welcomed the group and allowed members to introduced themselves	
2. Minute of previous meeting and any matters arising	<p>The minute was proposed by David Buchanan and seconded by Percy Feketey.</p> <p>Matters arising not on agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Percy raised his dissatisfaction at tardiness of minute of meetings in particular LCPP. It was agreed to record this here and to send a request that minutes are produced in timely fashion preferably within two weeks, at least in summary. Item 4 - Keith gave an update from Katrina Smith in relation to LCPP Social Isolation subgroup actions: <p>She had followed up on Edinburgh Leisure with Liz and Anne</p> <p>Physical Activity Alliance – Health Promotion are part of the Public Health reorganisation and once this is out, it should be clearer who takes forward the work on the Physical Activity Alliance. Katrina to send update when available</p> <p>Thrive Physical Activity & Greenspaces Collective – is a partnership between Edinburgh & Lothians Greenspace Trust, Edinburgh Leisure, SAMH & Cyrenians. The relevant agencies in this collective for the NW locality are ELGT and Edinburgh Leisure. The NN might be interested to hear that that the locality wide social isolation group plans to use a case study of the health walk prescribing that has been going on with Crewe MC and the ELGT to promote the idea to surgeries in other areas, including Almond.</p> Item 4 - Community use of new facilities at Queensferry High School - The pool use is managed by Edinburgh Leisure from 4-9pm, and no info had been forthcoming from the school about other facilities. 	<p>This group to write to LCPP</p> <p>Katrina to circulate update</p> <p>Thriving Organisations presentation to be added to next meeting</p>

	<p>Keith G added that the Community Council get regular updates from Edinburgh Leisure, and Anne M added that daytime use of facilities would not be possible as access is within school.</p> <p>Dave P added that they were not accepting any new venue hires at this time</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Item 7 – It was agreed to move this item to next agenda 	
<p>3. A) Neighbourhood Environment Programme (NEP) – Roads and Footpaths update</p>	<p>Keith G welcomed Dave S who spoke to the current list of outstanding NEP projects:</p> <p>Dave S explained that the historic NEPs programme was still in a transition phase, with a team led by David Wilson overseeing this work. At this time, they were trying to get all agreed projects at a stage where they can be passed over to the new team.</p> <p>He added that there was no NEP funding for new projects 2021-22 and that focus would be on getting legacy projects on the ground.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Barnton Grove – Dave S has shared designs but agreed to share new design with wider members.</p> <p>Dave S agreed to liaise with Paul V and David B regarding the £15k that was agreed for various parking and speed reduction measures in Gateside.</p> <p>Dave S agreed to get definitive dates to update this group</p> <p><u>Comments and queries:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> David B added that he had had confirmation from David Wilson that ... Keith G asked that the revised plan for Bo’Ness Road is recirculated 	<p>Dave to liaise with colleagues and Paul V / David B</p> <p>Dave to share dates</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Percy F had received an update from Cllr Lang regarding resurfacing in front of Barnton Shops and felt that this was a waste of money whilst the unsafe central island remained. It was agreed that they would meet outwith this meeting to discuss this project Cllr Norman Work asked if there was an update on the work at Clermiston Road / Queensferry Road? Dave S agreed to pursue Active Travel colleagues 	<p>Dave to circulate this with minute</p> <p>Percy, Cllr Lang, Cramond Community Council and Dave S to arrange meeting</p> <p>Dave to get update from Active Travel</p>
<p>4. B) Neighbourhood Environment Programme (NEP) – Housing Revenue Account (HRA) update</p>	<p>David S talked to the report he had circulated and asked the group for guidance on best way forward.</p> <p><u>Comments and queries:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anne M asked if shelters in parks or greenspaces could be considered to make the outdoors more comfortable for the many people who now use it? David explained that HRA funds could only be spent on Council Housing land projects Keith added that there may be other sources of funding that the Community Council might look at how at how they could access this? Cllr Work added that although a good idea, shelters in parks may raise objections by residents because of fear of these becoming gathering points. David B asked why Kirklands Sheltered Housing required increased mobility when the majority of tenants are mobile? David S explained that he viewed the facilities and improvements appear to be needed David B asked if fencing had been completed in the Kirkliston Community Gardens? David S replied in affirmative. Paul V reported that the new benches and planters that were trialled in Gateside seem to have been well accepted except for one or two that may need to be moved. 	<p>QDCC to progress</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keith G asked if this list was fixed for 2020-21? David S said that this group needed to prioritise this list and decide which projects are taken forward to more accurate design and costing phase. <p>It was agreed that walkabouts with Community Councils would be arranged, and that contacts for the Muirhouse Salvesen area be confirmed.</p>	<p>David S to arrange walkabouts with contacts.</p> <p>Elaine L to share contacts for Muirhouse Salvesen Community area with David</p>
5. LCPP subgroup on Social Isolation update	<p>Liz reported that the subgroup had new members and now covered the locality:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liz McIntosh – Queensferry Care in the Community Anne Mitchell – Queensferry & District CC Georgina Wylie - Cramond & Barnton CC David Buchanan - Kirkliston CC Charlotte Cowe - Davidson Mains & Silverknowes Association Kim Crawford - Ratho & District CC Paul Vaughan - Gateside Tenants and Residents Association Pauline Nicol-Bowie – Muirhouse Millennium Centre LIFT Project <p>She said that the mapping exercise was continuing, and they were surprised at the wide range of activities and services happening locally. She explained that in Western, they were looking to produce a leaflet but this group did not feel that this would be the best way to get this information out in Almond, so they were still looking at options.</p> <p>She added that recent developments included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A relationship with the Gyle Shopping Centre had recently strengthened and that they were keen to use this as a local community space for example the drop in vaccine centre that was taking place for ages 16+ ELGT were looking at this as a possible outdoor activities space. 	

	<p>The latter recommendations were accepted but there were a few appeals for a higher award to be considered for the Queensferry Memorial Pipes and Drums application..</p> <p>It was agreed that these views would be circulated to funding panel for a quick (face to face or teams) meeting to discuss.</p>	<p>Funding panel to reconsider award to Queensferry Memorial Pipes and Drums</p> <p>£944 to be awarded to Cramond Playgroup</p> <p>£2000 to be awarded to 30th Craigmmond Scouts</p>
8. A.O.C.B,	There was no additional business and Keith closed the meeting.	
9. Date of next meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10th November 2021, 6pm via Teams • 26th January 2022 <p>Please send any agenda items to Keith at giblett@btinternet.com at least one week in advance of the next meeting.</p>	