

# Almond Neighbourhood Network

NOTE OF MEETING – Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2022, online via Teams

## PRESENT

Keith Giblett	Queensferry & District Community Council (Chair)
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
Graeme McKinley	Queensferry & District Community Council
Anne Mitchell	Queensferry & District Community Council
Rod Alexander	Davidsons Mains & Silverknowes Association
Judy Wightman	Ratho & District Community Council
Cllr Norman Work	City of Edinburgh Council

## IN ATTENDANCE

Alan Hill	Fire and Rescue
Helen Bourquin	CEC NW Lifelong Learning Service Manager
Dave Sinclair	CEC Transport & Environment Manager
Lloyd Richardson	CEC Senior Transport Team Leader
Elaine Lennon	CEC NW Lifelong Learning Development Officer

## APOLOGIES

Liz McIntosh	Voluntary Sector Forum / Queensferry Care in the Community
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>
<b>1. Welcome and Introductions</b>	Keith G welcomed the group.	
<b>2. Minute of previous meeting and any matters arising</b>	<p>The minute was accepted as true record and proposed by Paul v, seconded by David B.</p> <p>Matters arising not on agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Physical Activity Alliance - Katrina Smith reported: "Health Promotion were part of the Public Health reorganisation, with many staff drawn into health protection work. The new structure was eventually finalised in late 2021. What was the health promotion service now no longer exists and there are instead place based public health teams. I have asked if there is a new organisational chart available for wider sharing and for an update on what will</li> </ul>	

	<p>happen with topic-based work like the Physical Activity Alliance, though I suspect this has not been picked up yet with the ongoing demands of Covid on staff time. I will pass on any updates.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thrive Presentation – Elaine reported that this would be circulated again.</li> <li>• Request for update from Ambulance Service – To be carried forward as they were not available for this meeting</li> </ul>	<p>Action - Elaine</p> <p>Action - Helen</p>
<b>3. Scottish Fire and Rescue</b>	<p>Keith welcomed Alan Hill, Scottish Fire and Rescue, who was until recently Station Commander with the South Queensferry Crewe.</p> <p>Alan explained that he had moved on to a new role in prevention and protection, and that Mark Landels had hoped to join us this evening was new in this role.</p> <p>He outlined that the difficulties with the response team in South Queensferry last year was due to rules around number of ‘competent’ i.e. qualified members plus trainees required to be able to respond safely to calls, and that they now had adequate staffing reducing need for cover from Dunfermline and Crewe Toll crews.</p> <p>Comments / queries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Q - How much local knowledge do incoming crews get when called to area? A – Each vehicle is fitted with a device which shows GPS location of hydrants</li> <li>• Q – Is the Sighthill station still in operation? A – yes, Sighthill has full time crew and heavy rescue vehicle. This has heavier equipment for lifting and cutting.</li> <li>• Q – What type of station is Newbridge? A – Newbridge is a training / storage / workshop area for East of Scotland.</li> <li>• Q – Do you have any info / advice on new alarms required from 1<sup>st</sup> Feb in residential buildings? A – This is new Scottish Government guidance and not Fire and Rescue. Full info is available <a href="http://www.gov.scot/publications/fire-and-smoke-alarms-in-scottish-homes/">www.gov.scot/publications/fire-and-smoke-alarms-in-scottish-homes/</a> To protect the most vulnerable, SFRS will fit interlinked alarms into owner-occupied homes where the individual/household is assessed as “high risk” through our <a href="#">Home Fire Safety Visit</a> assessment process.</li> </ul>	



		<p>Q – Keith asked if school holiday be better time for this work A – Yes, they are looking into that</p> <p>Q – Graeme asked if they had liaised with Springfield Devt? A – We have been in touch and waiting for confirmation.</p> <p>Q – Will there be traffic signals whilst work underway? A – yes</p> <p>Comment - There will also be Archaeological work taking place in same area which may impact on traffic.</p> <p>Q – Are communications with Echline Primary underway? A – yes, we will notify them</p>		Action – Rod A
	Other roads issues:			
	‘Spaces for People’ layout issues along Queensferry High Street	No action proposed. A white line is present at the edge of the temporary widened pavement and the segregator units are marked by high visibility reflective posts.		
	Queensferry Road/Clermiston Road junction project - Lead Officer - Calum McQueen	<p>As part of the Queensferry Road resurfacing project, between Clermiston Drive and Quality Street (TBA). My understanding is that Calum is looking to deliver the project during 2022 however I will defer to him for a more detailed update.</p> <p>Brendan Forrester is leading with an off-carriageway path improvement within Davidson’s Main Park from the Clermiston Road North junction and linking to Barton Park Avenue which we are aiming to take to construction asap following the scheme above.</p> <p>Q – Rod A asked about continuing delays. A – Dave advised contacting <a href="mailto:calum.mcqueen@edinburgh.gov.uk">calum.mcqueen@edinburgh.gov.uk</a> or <a href="mailto:transport.VIP@edinburgh.gov.uk">transport.VIP@edinburgh.gov.uk</a></p>		

	Davidsons Mains roundabout. Lead Officer - Andrew Eason	Dave S has asked Andrew for an update  Q – Rod A asked if design is finalised as he had been told that it wasn't? He thought this this was due 2021-22. A – Dave S will get update		Action - Dave S
	Section 75 funds for the installation of town gateway signage in Kirkliston? (£10,000 suggested)	DS has requested information from John MacIver, Snr planning Officer, regarding any possibility and will report back		Action - Dave S
	Section 75 works proposed on the Kirkliston signalised junction.	New signal infrastructure is due to be installed by summer 2022. <a href="#">Link to Kirkliston Junction Report</a>  Q – David B asked who best to contact if not happy with resurfacing work. A - <a href="mailto:Transport.VIP@edinburgh.gov.uk">Transport.VIP@edinburgh.gov.uk</a> is most direct route for elected members, community councillors etc to raise or check issues or concerns		Action - All to use <b>Transport.VIP@edinburgh.gov.uk</b> where possible
	Cammo Estate Percy F reported that the general road condition is concerning. Is a walkabout possible?	Dave S advised community council stakeholders to please use our <a href="mailto:Transport.VIP@edinburgh.gov.uk">Transport.VIP@edinburgh.gov.uk</a> mailbox to request this inspection/walkabout. <a href="mailto:Sean.Gilchrist@edinburgh.gov.uk">Sean.Gilchrist@edinburgh.gov.uk</a> manages the Roads Asset Management team.		
	Percy F asked if CEC were learning / liaising from Borders Council as they have purchased a new pothole repair vehicle	Cllr Hutchison (not present) is following up on this.		
	Rod A asked if there was a list / diagram with Transport Contacts that could be shared?	<a href="mailto:Transport.VIP@edinburgh.gov.uk">Transport.VIP@edinburgh.gov.uk</a>		

	<p>Paul V asked is the 3-week road closure for works at Burnshot Bridge was necessary when works seem to be scheduled for 4 days?</p> <p>Gena W thanked Dave for his quick resolution of recent issues</p>	<a href="mailto:Transport.VIP@edinburgh.gov.uk">Transport.VIP@edinburgh.gov.uk</a>		
<b>5 NN Priority: Health Wellbeing &amp; Social Isolation subgroup update</b>	<p>Anne M reported that she is still gathering data on template circulated by Katrina, NHS from different areas of Almond, and asked that these were sent to her by 14<sup>th</sup> Feb.</p> <p>The subgroup's short-term goal is to make information about local service more accessible and available.</p> <p>The group had also developed / strengthened partnerships with for example families and children through Homestart, Health Visitors, CEC contacts for children and families document <a href="#">which can be found here</a> and also for isolated older people through Liz's work at Queensferry Churches Care in the Community</p> <p><b><u>Comments / queries:</u></b></p> <p>Q Judy W – asked if Kim had confirmed activities in Ratho Station / Newbridge area? She also mentioned that a new group had been set up in Ratho Station and she was trying to contact them. A – Anne said that she had had no contact. Judy to make contact with Kim and with new group.</p> <p>Concerns re personal details / GDPR / capacity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Many smaller groups in Kirkliston and Davidsons Mains do not want to give their contact details.</li> <li>• Some groups might also not want to be promoted widely as already at capacity.</li> <li>• David suggested that this was discussed at next meeting of Kirkliston Community Council.</li> </ul>		Action - ALL	
			Action – Judy W	
			Action – Kirkliston CC	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gena W said that Cramond area was trying to look at list (mainly in Church so no contact problems) to identify gaps, and Anne M agreed that this was one of the aims of the mapping exercise.</li> <li>Anne M agreed to talk to Katrina about this and it was agreed that subgroup could discuss whether contact details were required if not for an organisation or a venue? Or whether a simple permission to share or not was sufficient.</li> </ul>	Action – Anne M
<b>6 Local Community Planning Partnership (LCPP) Meeting 10<sup>th</sup> Dec 2021</b>	<p>Percy updated on key points discussed at last LCPP meeting. Full details will be available in the minutes before their next meeting- link <a href="https://www.edinburghpartnership.scot/community-planning-family/locality-community-planning-partnerships?documentId=4&amp;categoryId=4">https://www.edinburghpartnership.scot/community-planning-family/locality-community-planning-partnerships?documentId=4&amp;categoryId=4</a></p> <p><u><a href="#">Comments / Queries:</a></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rod A asked if link to LCPP could be recirculated (see above)</li> <li>Keith G asked if more information could be shared, or would he as Chair be able to attend to observe a meeting? Some members admitted being unclear about work of LCPP and links to NN (Neighbourhood Network) and EP (Edinburgh Partnership). Helen asked if he had specific questions to send to her and she could either provide or request if he'd be able to attend.</li> </ul>	Action - Helen
<b>7 Community Grants Fund (CGF) update</b>	<p>David B, Chair of Funding Panel reported that two new awards had been approved at their meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> January. He summarised allocations to 11 organisations this financial year to date. (List circulated and below).</p> <p>He highlighted that they are keen for smaller groups to apply for the funding. There is now a balance of £10,275 to be allocated before the end of the financial year, and that the panel have spread the word.</p> <p>He also confirmed that two applications were currently on hold – from North Edinburgh Arts and Davidsons Mains Silverknowes Association and more to come, and that the Panel will meet mid-February prior to the next NN meeting to ensure spend.</p>	

	<b>PROJECT AWARDS 2021-22</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>BALANCE</b> <b>£27,586</b>	
	Cleanferry Environmental Group	To purchase safety equipment for volunteers	£591	£26,995	
	Queensferry Memorial Pipes & Drums	To purchase Jackets / Waistcoats and Sporrans	£1,500	£25,495	
	Cramond Playgroup	To purchase tablets and an online observation platform subscription	£944	£24,551	
	30 <sup>th</sup> Craigmmond Scouts	To run an outdoor weekend camp	£2,000	£22,551	
	Community Renewal	To improve the community space	£3,659	£18,892	
	Edinburgh Archaeological Field Society	To establish an Oral History group and purchase gardening equipment for volunteers	£600	£18,292	
	Christmas in Kirkliston	To support costs installation / dismantling costs	£2,000	£16,292	
	Christmas in Queensferry	To support the costs of Christmas lighting	£1956	£14,336	
	Queensferry & District Community Council	To support their 'Ferry Elves' project	£1100	£13,236	
	Queensferry History Group	To produce a reprint of their booklet "Queensferry at War" as detailed in their application form.	£2138	£11,098	
	Ferry Blend Choir	To organise an expert singing technique / voice-craft workshop for members to reignite choir members and learn new skills	£823	£10,275	
<b>8 A.O.C.B</b>	There was no other business				
<b>9 Date of next meeting</b>	It was agreed that Wednesdays at 6pm suited most members. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next meeting - Wed 9<sup>th</sup> March 2022, 6pm</li> </ul> And proposed schedule of quarterly dates for 2033:				



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Wed 8<sup>th</sup> June 2022, 6pm</li><li>• Wed 30<sup>th</sup> August 2022, 6pm</li><li>• Wed 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022, 6pm</li></ul> <p><b>Please send any agenda items to Keith at <a href="mailto:giblett@btinternet.com">giblett@btinternet.com</a> at least one week in advance of the next meeting.</b></p>	
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