

# WESTERN NEIGHBOURHOOD NETWORK

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021 At – 18:00 via Teams

## Present

Steve Kerr	Corstorphine Community Council/Western NN rep on LCPP
Esther Elliot	Workplace Chaplaincy Scotland
Jim Forbes	Friends of Roseburn Park
Tommy Mclean	Western & Almond Voluntary Sector Forum
Sian McSorley	Corstorphine Community Centre
Ben Supple	Edinburgh Zoo
Cllr Robert Aldridge	City of Edinburgh Council
Cllr Claire Bridgman	City of Edinburgh Council
Cllr Mark Brown	City of Edinburgh Council
Cllr Gillian Gloyer	City of Edinburgh council

## In Attendance

Scott Donkin	City of Edinburgh Council, NW Lifelong Learning Service Manger
Dave Sinclair	CEC Transport Manager
David Wilson	CEC
Elaine Lennon	City of Edinburgh Council, NW Lifelong Learning Development Officer

## Apologies

Chris Wark	Edinburgh leisure- Energise
Cllr Frank Ross	City of Edinburgh Council

AGENDA ITEM		ACTIONS AGREED
<b>1. Welcome &amp; Apologies</b>	Steve opened the meeting and welcomed attendees.	
<b>2. Notes of Previous Meeting</b>	<p>The notes of 20<sup>th</sup> October 2021 were approved</p> <p>Sian wanted to report her thanks for the recent grant but asked that questions asked to one organisation should be asked to all for consistency. In particular she was asking whether a contribution from the Organisation was compulsory. Scott and Elaine explained that any changes to form would need full CEC discussion and that a contribution was not compulsory for this fund.</p> <p>It was felt that WNN did like to see where possible that it had at least been considered, and that all projects should be asked if they had considered a contribution towards costs.</p> <p>Sian added for information that CCC's lunch club had been filmed by STV to be shown this evening at 6pm.</p> <p>Scott added under item 4 of previous minute that Craigmount Community Wing Committee had disbanded and that the space was currently being used by school for COVID isolation purposes. He added that his team were hoping to carry out some youth work in the <del>space</del> school soon.</p>	

<p><b>8. Neighbourhood Environment Programme (NEP) Roads</b></p>	<p>Dave Sinclair and David Wilson gave a brief report on two current projects:</p> <p><b><u>DRUM BRAE DRIVE JUNCTION TRAFFIC SIGNALS:</u></b> (£80k contribution to project costs) – The scheme to install traffic signals at the junction of Drum Brae and Drum Brae Drive forms part of the Road Safety capital programme.</p> <p>Design work commenced in late 2018, following the confirmation of the NEPs funding contribution to cover the difference in cost between a puffin crossing and a fully signalised junction.</p> <p>The design process is now nearing completion and we anticipate issuing tenders for the scheme in early 2022, to allow construction to take place in the spring. The statutory process to advertise the proposed additional double yellow lines is due to commence early next year. Stacey Monteith-Skelton will share the design with the Drum Brae CC</p> <p>Comments/ queries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Q Can we be confident that this will actually happen next year?</li> <li>Q Why are certain safety projects outwith schools taking too long now that staff are in post?</li> <li>Q How confident are we that prices won't have shot up delaying completion, or worse, making us start all over again?</li> <li>Q Is there a set percentage of increase that CEC won't consider going ahead?</li> </ul> <p>Dave said that the there was a strong will to get this on the ground and he was hopeful that the Market Rates were settling again. Dave and David were not aware of a formal figure but would ask the question</p> <p><b><u>CORSTORPHINE CONNECTIONS – LOW TRAFFIC NEIGHBOURHOOD</u></b> (£50k contribution in lieu of the Featherhall One-Way proposal) The Corstorphine Connections Low Traffic Neighbourhood (LTN) scheme forms part of the Active Travel Investment Programme.</p> <p>Work commenced on this project in the latter part of 2020. A Concept Design has since been developed for an LTN and this was then the subject of an extensive community engagement exercise, the results of which were reported to the Transport &amp; Environment Committee on 19 August.</p> <p>We are now progressing towards implementation of the LTN on a trial basis, under an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO). It is intended to deliver a further report to the Committee in January 2022, with a view to proceeding with the trial from spring next year.</p>	<p>Design to be shared</p> <p>Dave to-provide an update</p>
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## Comments/ queries:

- Q What does an LTN look like on the ground? David said that Walthamstow London was pioneering in this work.
- Q Steve said that Corstorphine CC had had a presentation from Officer which showed some designs. Websites for information –

[Corstorphine Connections – The City of Edinburgh Council](#)

[Corstorphine Connections LTN - Low Traffic Corstorphine](#)

## OTHER NEP / ROADS DISCUSSIONS:

Cllr Bridgman asked if updates on work on **Queensferry Road at High School** could be included in our updates as this impact on both NNs

Steve asked that the list of projects that was circulated at the very first meeting of the WNN be shared again and any updates on projects remaining in project bank given? Dave shared this list (below)

Drum Brae / Drum Brae Drive junction (Project led by Transport Road Safety team)	Signalised junction with pedestrian crossings	Western NP 30/05/18, NW Locality Committee 19/06/18, Western NP 06/12/18	Full cost estimated between £120k and £150k. Road Safety contribution £70k NEP funding agreed: £70k to £100k* (Assume £80k)
Featherhall Avenue	Proposed one-way and additional parking spaces	Western NP 23/04/19	Est £50,000
Clermiston Road / Drum Brae Drive junction	Proposed road widening with new left turning lane	Western NP 23/04/19	Est £60,000 (Gas main and HP cable location TBC)
Clermiston Park	Path installation/ Park improvements	Western NP 23/04/19	TBA. Future project to be scoped.

Dave to provide an update for the network

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	Clermiston	Pavement repairs and patching	Western NP 23/04/19	Est £15,000	
	Drum Brae Drive (East end parallel to main road)	Road widening	Western NP 23/04/19	Est £30,000	
	Claycot Path (Ladywell Road, South side)	Footway resurfacing. Project to be scoped as potential revenue commitment	Western NP 23/04/19	Est £30,000	
	Benjamin's Crossing		Western NP 23/04/19		
	Corstorphine Church Path	Surfacing repairs to North footpath	Western NP 23/04/19	Est £15,000	
	Ellersly Road SD – Suggested wouldn't be touched unless private wall was made good. Apparently wall works completed 15 months ago.	Surfacing repairs to North footpath	Western NN 23/04/19 But referred to in minutes 24/01/18	Est £80,000	
	Murrayfield Road	Installation of a pedestrian refuge island	Western NN 19/12/19	Est £20,000	
	Gyle Park	Middle path (North to South)	Western NN 19/12/19	Est £30,000	
	Manse Road	Servicing Lay-by		Est £15,000	
	<p>David W introduced himself as CEC Transport, Construction and Design Manager (with responsibility for NEP projects across the city). Staff team now in place and agreed that those in project banks across the city would need to be reprioritised.</p> <p>It was agreed that a special meeting to be arranged before next WNN meeting in early Feb, to have this discussion with NN members and Dave s / David W to feed community priorities into Q1 planning.</p>				
					Meeting to be arranged

	Dave S to add any known updates to list eg to remove any that were being taken forward elsewhere.	Dave to circulate update to EL
<b>Edinburgh Zoo and plans for Community Engagement</b>	<p>Steve welcomed Ben Supple, Director of Engagement and Business Development</p> <p>First discussion on what the community's perception of community engagement by Edinburgh Zoo revealed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Until now, not really aware of any specific engagement opportunities</li> <li>• Have found it difficult to get in touch with the right people</li> <li>• Years ago, there was good engagement but seems to have stopped until now</li> </ul> <p>Tommy added that he welcomed this discussion and felt that we needed to see this as an opportunity for wider community and not just a chance to ask for free entry. He also questioned how this might be managed in a coordinated way rather than each project trying to get in.</p> <p>Ben spoke about some current and developing partnerships eg Scottish Autism, Corstorphine Primary, and keen to try to use a blank sheet approach to look at ways to increase enjoyment of the Zoo without additional barriers such as cost or physical access.</p> <p>Keen that they are 'fulcrum' to a stronger local community and that they had secured some funding to support a post to develop this.</p> <p>Comments / queries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Widespread excitement at opportunities being discussed to bring the Zoo closer to the community</li> <li>• Possible links with the Employability group of the LCPP (Local Community Planning Partnership). Key contact here is Nick Croft, Edinburgh College - <a href="mailto:Nick.Croft@edinburghcollege.ac.uk">Nick.Croft@edinburghcollege.ac.uk</a></li> <li>• Great that Zoo are developing an engagement strategy, but who has given the community's voice to this? Ben explained that the Strategy will be launched in Spring and that Engagement is only one part of it. He will then be talking to the community through groupings like this one.</li> <li>• Hope that community groups buy into this and help shape the strategy.</li> <li>• See this as a two-way education opportunity with Zoo learning from local communities as well as us learning from the Zoo</li> <li>• Friends of Corstorphine Hill would be a good link as well as Communities of Faith (Esther Elliot - <a href="mailto:esther.elliott@wpcscotland.co.uk">esther.elliott@wpcscotland.co.uk</a>)</li> </ul>	

	Steve thanked Ben for his presentation.	
<b>3. North West Locality Community Planning Partnership (LCPP)</b>	<p>Steve indicated that no meeting had taken place since the 4<sup>th</sup> October 2021 with the next meeting scheduled to take place on 10<sup>th</sup> December. <a href="#">The full papers from 4<sup>th</sup> October can be viewed here.</a></p> <p>Steve informed the group that there were now other demanding pressures on his time and that he was considering his role as Western NN representative to the LCPP and therefore as Co-Chair of LCPP (with Cllr Gordon, Forth NN). Steve indicated that he would take counsel from other community representatives before reaching a decision.</p>	Agenda item future meeting
<b>4. Social Isolation priority</b>	<p>Tommy reported that a number of pieces of work were progressing but felt that these were happening in isolation rather than being coordinated.</p> <p>He added that a new fund has been announced that might help progress work on Social Isolation and would encourage projects to look into it. <b>Edinburgh Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund</b> is now open to expressions of interest – <a href="#">find out more</a> here. The closing date for expressions of interest is <b>Fri 14 Jan 2022</b>.</p> <p>Crucial to have subgroup meeting but need clarity on membership and to ask NN members again to get involved.</p> <p>Tommy agreed to make contact with Almond Social Isolation group to discuss ways of combining the groups, and to call a meeting in next few weeks to take advantage of funding above.</p> <p>Scott added that he should have more staffing resource in new year to support work such as this coming out of NNs.</p>	<p>Elaine to send out request for members to get involved.</p> <p>Tommy to take forward</p>
<b>7. Western Community grant Fund (CGF)</b>	<p><b><u>FUNDING WORKSHOP</u></b></p> <p>Tommy reported on the workshop that was organised by VSF Almond and Western and presented by Elaine. He thanked Elaine for input and felt that it had been a success, attracting a number of smaller new organisations that had not applied in the past.</p> <p>It was agreed that this could be an annual event and suggested Oct 2022.</p> <p><b><u>COMMUNITY GRANTS FUND APPLICATIONS</u></b></p> <p>Elaine gave summary of CGF balance and one new application from Corstorphine Village Playgroup</p>	Elaine / Tommy to progress

	<p>Comments / queries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is the legal structure of this group? It is a Charitable org with Charity number.</li> <li>• Good application and happy that the extra info re contribution was asked as helps understand.</li> </ul> <p>It was agreed to award £2287 as detailed in application giving a balance of £25,647 (less £5k also ringfenced for Youth Decides/YouthTalk Lite).</p> <p>Tommy asked members their views on constituted groups leading on an application for CGF on behalf of a non-constituted group such as VSF? It was agreed that this was acceptable and that any application would not jeopardise any other applications from same group in their own name.</p> <p>Tommy mentioned a couple of applications are likely to be submitted, including the 'Over a Brew' project which is led by Esther.</p> <p>Elaine said that she had proposed a deadline for new applications by 19<sup>th</sup> January to allow for decisions at meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> Feb 2022.</p> <p><b><u>YOUTH DECIDES</u></b></p> <p>Scott gave report from Steven Kipanda, saying that he was attempting to 'close the loop' with young people, asking if priorities from most recent YouthTalk activity are still valid to them.</p> <p>Steven was in the process of meeting school staff, accepting that this is a slow process as schools are under a lot of pressure. He has also been meeting with local youth providers including SE Scotland scouts, Local churches who are happy to support.</p> <p>Scott is confident that we will be able to make full spend of the £5k before end financial year, and added that information will continue to be circulated to wider organisations before Christmas break.</p>	To award £2287
<b>9.Date of Next Meeting</b>	<p>Date of next meetings –  <b>WNN: Wed 1<sup>st</sup> December and Wed 9<sup>th</sup> February 2022</b></p> <p>Special NEP meeting as above: tbc  Social Isolation subgroup meeting as above: tbc</p>	