

# FORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD NETWORK (NN) - NOTE OF TEAMS MEETING: - Wed 19<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 18:00 via Microsoft Teams

## Present

1. Fred Marinello (Chair) - Granton and District Community Council
2. Ama-zing Harmonies - Ama Shallangwa / Dave Stainton
3. EVOC – Heather Yang
4. Fresh Start - Biddy Kelly
5. Manor Estates – Joanne Picken / Leanne Drummond
6. North Edinburgh Arts – Kate Wimpers
7. Pilton Community Health Project – Dawn Anderson / Carla Sayer / Helen Lowe
8. Pilton Equalities Project – Ryan Lytwyn
9. Pilton Youth and Childrens Project – Lesley Ross
10. Trinity Community Council – Tim Parker / Bill Rodger
11. West Pilton Neighbourhood Centre / West Pilton West Granton Community Council

12. Cllr Jim Campbell – City of Edinburgh Council

13. Cllr Ellie Bird – City of Edinburgh Council

## In attendance:

- George Norval - CEC Housing Operations Manager
- David Delargy, CEC Quantity Surveyor
- Elaine Lennon – CEC Lifelong Learning Development Officer

## Apologies:

- The Prentice Centre – Moira Fenning
- Pilton Youth & Children's Project (PYCP) – Debbie McMillan
- Circle Scotland - Mark Kennedy / Julie Calder
- Cllr George Gordon - City of Edinburgh Council

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>INPUT/DISCUSSION</u>	<u>DECISIONS / ACTIONS</u>			
1. Minute of 03 Nov 2021 and matters arising	The minute was approved by FM and seconded by BK				
2. Forth NN Neighbourhood ENvironment Project (NEP) Housing Revenue (HRA) proposals	<p>George N presented eight proposals for NEP funding as per circulated presentation. He also welcomed David D to give technical updates where relevant:</p> <p><u>Summary of decisions:</u></p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Project 1 – 35/37/39 Ferry Road Drive</td><td>£106,000</td><td>It was agreed that this version (£106k) to improve the area behind all three blocks would give biggest impact, least upheaval for residents plus better cost due to scale of project. George agreed to check again the proportion of CEC tenants to private owners.</td></tr> </table>	Project 1 – 35/37/39 Ferry Road Drive	£106,000	It was agreed that this version (£106k) to improve the area behind all three blocks would give biggest impact, least upheaval for residents plus better cost due to scale of project. George agreed to check again the proportion of CEC tenants to private owners.	Actions – GN / DD
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			This proposal was agreed subject to confirmation of proportion of Council tenants was majority. (Following an ownership check, George confirms that there is only one owner in block 35, the rest Council tenants in all 3 blocks.)		
	Project 2 - Wardieburn Tree Planting – Various Locations	£66,000	There was widespread support for the planting of fruit trees, and good fit with a Green Strategy that the Response and Recovery Group were developing. Who would maintain after initial period? DL explained that first season would be supported and then it would pass to Locality team when stable GN agreed to involve Granton Gardeners where possible. Walkabouts to be carried out and more accurate costing brought back to the group		
	Project 3 - West Pilton Park	£47,000	GN would report back with more accurate costing plus tenders		
	Project 4 – 1 to 6 Wardieburn Street West	£tbc	GN to move forward with design and costings		
	Project 5 - Ferry Road Drive – West Pilton Grove	Circa £53,000	GN would get final estimates and take this project forward		
	Project 6 – 60/62 Ferry Road Drive	£21,000	This proposal was agreed to be progressed		
	Project 7 - Laverockbank Avenue, Newhaven	Circa £37,000	As long as this is adopted, agreed to progress		
	Project 8 - Community Boards at Forth Sheltered Housing developments	£1,500	This proposal was agreed to be progressed		
3. Living in Harmony Research Project	<p>Carla Sayer and Helen Lowe presented the findings of a study into the Impact of lockdown on mental health and well-being that was carried out by Pilton Community Health Project.</p> <p>A copy of the presentation and of the research report to be circulated.</p> <p>Comments / queries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Q - What were the boundaries of the research? A – the focus was on the ‘North’ Edinburgh small area as identified in the Locality Improvement Plan</li><li>Q – What are the next steps / how do we translate fundings into practice on the groups? A –</li><li>George N asked that Carla might attend one of his Housing Team meetings to inform staff of these findings. Carla stated that it might be more appropriate to invite their GP Link Workers who would have direct contact with staff and local residents. <a href="mailto:George.norval@edinburgh.gov.uk">George.norval@edinburgh.gov.uk</a></li></ul>			Action – EL	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bill R said that Trinity Community Council had a report on Living in Trinity and similar issues had been found. Bill to share with Elaine for circulation</li><li>• Biddy K / Willie B reported that the Response and Recovery Group have working groups looking at health &amp; wellbeing issues and that these reports would be useful evidence. Biddy added that an Edinburgh wide health &amp; wellbeing study also found similar themes being raised and that she would share the report.</li><li>• Q – The responses were still very low in this study. Are they considered robust enough to base future planning on? A – PCHP feel that the study was still a valuable way to touch base with people and 24 responses, as well as follow up opportunities was very useful to use in funding applications and to influence their work.</li></ul> <p>Fred thanked Carla and Helen for their presentation and ask to be kept informed of any further work.</p>	Action BR  Action – BK														
4. Forth NN priority update (Poverty)	<p>Biddy provided an overview of Respond and Recovery (R2) activity to date (report attached).</p> <p>She noted that they now had 30 organisations attached to this partnership, across 5 working groups below that were now setting priorities as described in the attached summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Children and Young people;</li><li>• Mental Health;</li><li>• Tackling Place;</li><li>• Tackling Poverty;</li><li>• Connecting the Dots.</li></ul> <p>They are also planning to continue producing a newsletter to aid communication between the 5 groups and wider community.</p> <p>Willie B added that the group had been recognised at a civic reception recently by the Lord Provost, where volunteers and staff were thanked for this new way of working.</p> <p>Fred thanked Biddy for this detailed and informative update and looked forward to the next update.</p>															
6. Community Grants Fund (CGF)	<p>Elaine informed the Network that decisions reached to date by the funding panel are:</p> <table><tr><td>Starting balance: £24,298</td><td>AWARDED</td></tr><tr><td>Ama-Zing Harmonies</td><td>£1540</td></tr><tr><td>Newhaven Heritage Community Garden</td><td>£3763</td></tr><tr><td>Friends of Granton Castle</td><td>£1540</td></tr><tr><td>Pilton Equalities Project</td><td>£1133</td></tr><tr><td>Heart of Newhaven</td><td>£520</td></tr><tr><td colspan="2">New balance: £15,802</td></tr></table>	Starting balance: £24,298	AWARDED	Ama-Zing Harmonies	£1540	Newhaven Heritage Community Garden	£3763	Friends of Granton Castle	£1540	Pilton Equalities Project	£1133	Heart of Newhaven	£520	New balance: £15,802		
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	Project to be considered – West Pilton Neighbourhood Centre	£4000		
	New balance if above is fully successful: £11,802			
	One application had been received for consideration by funding panel in advance of this meeting:  <b>West Pilton Neighbourhood Centre (WPNC)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Seeking £4000 to support the transport costs for their volunteer-led lunch clubs for older people (as detailed in the application that was circulated) for 12 months.</li><li>• Their transport costs have increased due to COVID restrictions, and this amount would allow them to support individuals as they attempt to grow their numbers and attract new members.</li><li>• The overall costs of the project is £7400 and they have raised £3400 towards this.</li><li>• They confirm that these costs are an estimate of average transport requirements over last quarter of 2021 and if not fully required, any unspent balance would be returned.</li></ul> Elaine explained that the application had been circulated by email to Funding Panel members and that of 13 members (one having declared an interest), responses to date totalled 6, with majority of positive support.  <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Willie B declared an interest and gave a brief summary of the project.</li><li>• The groups tackle social isolation and increase quality of life and bring joy to members</li></ul> This group agreed to recommend that the project is funded in full.  The Network noted balance of the Community Grants Fund to date - £11,802 and encouraged groups who had a project in mind to talk to Elaine.			
7. <u>AOCB</u>	Willie B informed the group that a festival event in West Pilton Park was being organised on 7 <sup>th</sup> May, that would include sports, cultural activities, food, staging and more. It aimed to bring together existing communities – all ages, multicultural - together with new waterfront community, and that they had employed an Events Manager to take it forward. More info to be shared when available. Amazing Harmonies would be keen to be part of this event.  Ama S informed the group that Ama-zing Harmonies had produced a booklet of recipes from around the world, together with PCHP, and that these were available for the local community. Please contact <a href="mailto:Elaine.lennon@edinburgh.gov.uk">Elaine.lennon@edinburgh.gov.uk</a> if you would like a copy.		Action - EL	
8. Date of next meeting	Proposed quarterly dates for 2022: (please note change of next date) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Wed 27<sup>th</sup> April 2022</b> / Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2022 / Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Sept 2022 / Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Dec 2022</li></ul>		Action - ALL	