

Inverleith Neighbourhood Network

NOTE OF MEETING: Monday 6th December 2021, Online via Teams

Present

Richie Adams
Joan Beattie
Alex Dale
Roy Douglas
Malcolm Durie
Jenny Williams
Cllr Gavin Barrie (Chair)
Cllr Max Mitchell

Organisation

FetLor Youth Club
Friends of Inverleith Park ((Rep from this group on NW Locality Community Planning Partnership (LCPP)
Drylaw Telford Community Association
Drylaw Neighbourhood Centre
Model Boat Club
Drylaw Parish Church
City of Edinburgh Council
City of Edinburgh Council

Apologies

Cllr Hal Osler
Cllr Iain Whyte

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In attendance:

Helen Bourquin
Carol Marr
Elaine Lennon

CEC NW Lifelong Learning Service Manager
CEC Library Leader, Stockbridge Library
CEC NW Lifelong Learning Development Officer

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>INPUT/DISCUSSION</u>	<u>DECISIONS / ACTIONS</u>
1. Welcome and Introductions	Cllr Gavin Barrie welcomed the group, and those present introduced themselves.	
2. Minute of previous meeting	The minute was accepted as true record. There were no other matters arising that weren't on the agenda.	
3. Drylaw parks	This issue had been raised by Cllr Osler and Jenny following vandalism in the area. Jenny explained that concerns were that local young people were looking for engagement and social interaction, and the big question is how do we better engage with them? She added that this had	

	<p>potential to link with the greenspace / growing priority but asked how we get young people attracted to volunteering in this way?</p> <p>Comments / queries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do we know what the communities want? There had been extensive consultation in the past around skatepark and also around greenspace but much of this is out of date. • Elaine reported that she had reached out to Edinburgh & Lothians Greenspace Trust, who might be interested in applying for funding to carry out some engagement work. • Main issues currently in community seem to be request for a skip to remove flytipping across area and wider than greenspace only, as can be seen on DTCA social media. • Alex added that DTCA had a key role to play in this. • Carol added that libraries had a very active social media presence and that this could be used to reach out to potential volunteers and also to help educate the public. She added that libraries also had a community space that could be used and was happy for contact to be shared. Carol.marr@edinburgh.gov.uk • Gavin added that local people needed to reach out to Community Council, or to elected members to ask for help in dealing with issues. • Jenny asked how we network better? • Alex asked what had happened to the picnic area idea in Easter Drylaw Park (?), and also why the greenspace at Wester Drylaw Row was being allowed to grow high, and why one bin had been removed meaning that the remaining one often overflowed and was left on grass when emptied? • Main wishes from young people seem to be replacement goal posts, but it was acknowledged that these had been replaced and vandalised so now difficult decision for parks. • Helen added that the Lifelong Learning team was recruiting at moment and would hopefully have some new youth work resource in the new year, so engagement work in this area could be looked at. • Jenny reported that she is working with Ferrywell Youth Club and Street Soccer with a group of young men meeting behind the church, and that this was going well, although only able to meet once a month. She asked that this work could join up with any Lifelong Learning plans. 	<p>Elaine to follow up</p> <p>Elaine to talk to parks Alex to take to DTCA</p> <p>Elaine to talk to Parks</p> <p>Elaine to talk to parks</p> <p>Helen to feed in</p>
<p>4. Getting to know you</p>	<p><u>Drylaw Neighbourhood Centre</u></p> <p>Roy, Manager of Drylaw Neighbourhood Centre gave a presentation (attached) and spoke about the history of the project and its current facilities and programme.</p>	<p>Presentation to be attached</p>

	<p>He reported that, thanks to funding from Sc Government, they are able to employ a volunteer supporter which supports work in their garden, and that this project had circulated almost three quarters of a ton of fresh produce in the community last year.</p> <p>They had also had produce commended by Botanic Gardens, and regularly did litter picks with young people in the parks.</p> <p>He also highlighted some partnership work taken / taking place for example with Fet-Lor Youth Club and with local college and that they had been part of the COVID 19m Response group.</p> <p>Comments / queries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joan asked if the young people were involved in volunteering in the garden. Roy explained that yes this was the case but was very funding dependant. Joan asked if they allowed parties eg kids birthdays and Roy agreed that this did bring in some income but that he was having to restrict these to younger children as difficult to manage within current restrictions. Roy stated that DNC would be keen to be involved in any greenspace / growing ideas around Drylaw Telford areas. <p>Gavin thanked Roy for his presentation</p>	
5. Inverleith NN Priority – Greenspace and growing	<p>Cllr Barrie reported that John from Arbor Green Nursery, who had hoped to lead on this work, has had to withdraw because of other commitments. And thanked him for his ideas and enthusiasm to date. He added that this also removed the possible volunteers he had hoped to bring.</p> <p>He added that he was in discussion with Cllr Gordon of Edible Edinburgh to find a way forward and would report back on this.</p> <p>Comments / queries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roy asked for clarification on sites considered and Gavin explained that they had been looking at the greenspace next to Easter Drylaw Park along the shared pathway. Roy said they would like to be involved in this. 	Gavin / Roy to discuss
6. Locality Community Planning Partnership (LCPP) Update	<p>Joan explained that the next meeting of the LCPP was imminent so therefore she had nothing new to share since her presentation at last meeting.</p>	

<p>7. Community Grants Funding</p>	<p>Helen talked through the document outlining process for funding panel operation and it was agreed as a way forward for this group.</p> <p>Gavin asked that a quorate of 5 people be present at a meeting to take decisions on recommendations to Locality Manager, so that discussions would be shared. This was queried as felt by some that it would be difficult to get that number, but it was agreed to try it and see.</p> <p>Helen also informed the Network that there was still £19,845 remaining CGF balance for 2021-22 and that this should be promoted by Network members as well as Officers.</p> <p>Helen agreed to call next panel meeting when required and they could discuss whether they want to appoint a Chair or not, to feed back from meetings to NN.</p>	<p>Agreed quorate of 5</p> <p>CGF to continue to be promoted widely</p> <p>Helen to call meeting when required</p>
<p>8. AOCB</p>	<p>Inverleith Park</p> <p>Malcolm raised that they had not been given chance to consult on the plans for the park and would like to be given that opportunity, especially as the pond, and the maintenance of it, was not explicitly mentioned in the plans</p> <p>Max highlighted that the plan was very high level and this stage and that more detail was needed to understand its priorities.</p> <p>Joan explained that Friends of Inverleith Park had been involved and that there had been open invitations for groups to attend a consultation event. They had also set up a stall in the park.</p> <p>Elaine explained that she had received email from Diane Cassidy, Green Spaces Development saying: “We have had a number of online and face to face meetings with park stakeholders, one of which recently mentioned the existence of the Inverleith Network Neighbourhood.</p> <p>I have attached the presentation from the Landscape Architects (circulated) given to the various stakeholder groups and I wondered if you would be able to distribute it further. Also, would there be an opportunity for the Landscape Architects to present it to your members?</p> <p>It would be great to hear any comments and ideas before the plan is finalised. We are working with Rankin Fraser landscape architecture to pull together ideas for a new masterplan for Inverleith Park. This plan will form the basis of future changes and improvements to the park over coming years. “</p>	<p>Elaine to circulate and to invite to next meeting</p>

	<p>The main concerns were that public toilets are an immediate requirement.</p> <p>It was agreed to circulate the presentation and to invite to next meeting.</p> <p>There was no other business</p>	
<p>9. Date of next meeting</p>	<p>To be agreed – Monday 28th February 2022, 6pm via teams (link to meeting below)</p> <p>Microsoft Teams meeting</p> <p>Join on your computer or mobile app</p> <p>Click here to join the meeting</p> <p>Learn More Meeting options</p> <hr/>	