

WESTERN NEIGHBOURHOOD NETWORK

Wednesday 1st June 2022 – 18:00 via Teams

Present

Steve Kerr, Corstorphine Community Council/Western NN rep on LCPP
Angela Benzies, Corstorphine Community Council
Hazel Kelly, Corstorphine Connect Sight Loss Group
Tommy Mclean, Western & Almond Voluntary Sector Forum
Chris Wark, Edinburgh leisure- Energise
John Yellowlees, Murrayfield Community Council
Cllr Alan Beal, City of Edinburgh Council
Cllr Ed Thorley, City of Edinburgh Council

In Attendance

Elaine Lennon, CEC, NW Lifelong Learning Development Officer
Carol Marr, CEC, NW Lifelong Learning Development Officer

Apologies

Esther Elliot, Workplace Chaplaincy Scotland
Sian McSorley, Corstorphine Community Centre
Cllr Robert Aldridge, City of Edinburgh Council
Cllr Frank Ross, City of Edinburgh Council
Lloyd Richardson, CEC, Transport Contracts and Design
Steven Kipanda, CEC, NW Lifelong Learning Development Officer

AGENDA ITEM		ACTIONS AGREED
1. Welcome & Apologies	Steve opened the meeting and introduced attendees. He expressed congratulations to Corstorphine Community Centre for their Volunteer Week awards.	
2. Notes of Previous Meeting	The notes of 9 th Feb 2022 were approved	
3. Neighbourhood Environment Programme (NEP) Roads	Roads Officers were not able to be present but offered to get a fuller update on the two current NEP projects from Officers leading on these if required: Drum Brae / Drum Brae Drive junction (Project led by Transport Road Safety team)- Signalised junction with pedestrian crossings - Full cost estimated between £120k and £150k. Road Safety contribution £70k NEP funding agreed: £70k to £100k* (Assume £80k) – CEC Contact is Stacey.Monteith-Skelton@edinburgh.gov.uk Featherhall Avenue - Proposed one-way and additional parking spaces - Active Travel Team project Contribution to be included in Corstorphine Connections LTN (Low Traffic Neighbourhood) project - Est £50,000 – CEC Contact is martyn.lings@edinburgh.gov.uk	

	<p>Steve raised concerns that the proposed demolition of the old Woolworths building is due to start in August and this may overlap and have local impact with the work for the LTN.</p> <p>Agreed to ask Lloyd to arrange for both Stacey and Martin to be at next meeting if possible</p> <p>Hazel asked for Manse Road junction to be investigated as it does not meet needs of people with visual impairments, having no beep or coned surface. Agreed to report to Lloyd</p>	<p>Steve to talk to Martin Lings</p> <p>Action Lloyd</p> <p>Action Lloyd</p>
4. Western Community grant Fund (CGF)	<p><u>YOUTH DECIDES / Local Youth participation- update from Steven Kipanda (From Carol in Steven's absence)</u></p> <p>Lifelong learning will support young people in local decision making. We are in a better position than the start of this year. Lifelong learning will roll out youth decides and distribute information to local partners after the summer holidays with a view to collate applications before December. Please note Lifelong learning are under pressure with other priorities and under review.</p> <p><u>Key requirements:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Steven K will promote, distribute applications, collate applications, support young people. 2. The NN identifies an organisation that will hold the funds, while the process is carried out. And someone to oversee the financial side 3. Reps from the NN will attend any organised youth event /decision making. 4. Youth decides is re-named "YouthTalk – Lite" for continuity for lifelong learning purposes. 5. The process is reviewed <p>Steven will confirm once tasks have been set with process. Changed name from Youth Decides to YouthTalk.</p> <p>Queries and comments (Carol to get clarity):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How has this fit with YEP (Youth Engagement Partnership)? • Can we ensure that the engagement is wider than school to include other community groups as discussed previously? • Can we ensure that the whole area is covered? • Does 'YouthTalk Lite' have same ethos of Youth Decides? 	<p>Action Carol / Elaine</p>

	<p><u>COMMUNITY GRANTS FUND APPLICATIONS</u></p> <p>Rannoch Community Centre, ANN/03/2022-23, requested £2193</p> <p>The grant will be used to provide positive activities for young people during the summer holidays. Young people who live in Drumbrae, Clermiston and the surrounding area will be able to participate in the park life programme that will offer sports, creative activities & social experiences. Park life will be delivered in 3 sessions in Clermiston over a 3-week period and will target young people from P7 upwards. This could be described as an outdoor youth club with a variety of structured activities on offer. This will be useful for young people transitioning into secondary school this year.</p> <p>The grant will also go towards funding a number of excursions for children and young people who live in the same area. Young people attending park life and other local groups will be signposted to the trips as well as a registration process that will be open to the whole community.</p> <p>Comments / queries (Carol to get clarity):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has this proposal been discussed by YEP? • Why is there no work being proposed in Gyle Park? It is too far to expect young people to go to proposed parks from Gyle? Are there plans for any other type of work in Gyle Park area? Response is that work is mostly planned around priorities areas as detailed in the LIP and related to SIMD indexes <p>Decision – Members were generally in support of the project but wanted some clarity on above points before ratification.</p> <p>Craigmount High School Parent Council, WNN/02/2022-23, requested £4100</p> <p>Craigmount Parent Council would like to apply for funding for eight picnic tables for the playground which is open to the community. There is currently no public seating in this area.</p> <p>The picnic tables will be utilised during break and lunch times during the day relieving the pressure</p>	<p>Action Carol / Elaine</p> <p>Action Carol / Elaine</p>
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	<p>of the internal dining room and giving the students fresh air, reducing the risk of germ spread and having a positive impact on the student's wellbeing. After school, the community and local residents will also use the area.</p> <p>Our open grounds will become an inviting, outdoor social area where children, young and old and families can engage with one another. The seating will create an open meeting space. It will be accessible to disadvantaged groups who find it difficult to socialise in cafe and restaurant environments, elderly people who struggle to go far without a seat and young people looking for a safe, open space to hang out with their friends. The picnic tables will make our grounds more inclusive and a place for much needed social connection.</p> <p>Comments / queries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Happy that benches will be secured • Need to make sure that access is available to whole community, and that this is promoted locally. Suggested that applicant use Elaine's bulletin and Tommy / Chris' newsletter to let people know. It was also agreed that Elaine's bulletin should include CGF awards for info to the wider community. • Queried as to whether school should be funding this, but in the knowledge that this is highly unlikely in current climate, happy to make award, especially with knowledge that they are contributing volunteer hours to install them. <p>Decision – full award to be recommended</p> <p>Carol reported that the Western NN balance would be £26,387 once above were approved, and with £5k ringfenced for YouthTalk Lite, that would give a balance of £21,387</p>	<p>Action – Carol to propose to applicant Action – Elaine</p> <p>Action Carol / Elaine</p>
5. North West Locality Community Planning	<p>Steve reported that the LCPP had received useful presentations from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andrew Field, new Head of Community Empowerment, who now has oversight of Community Planning including Neighbourhood Networks, Community Councils and wider community engagement 	

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	<p>Hazel thanked this group for their recent grant which has helped reduce social isolation in people with visual impairments, and also expressed thanks to the Friendly Corstorphine group for access to volunteers.</p> <p>John informed the group that work on the toilet block in Roseburn Park was underway and they believe that this will help tackle social isolation</p>	
7. Any other business	<p>Angela thanked this group for the recent grant award to St Thomas Church for improvements which returning users can see benefits.</p> <p>Steve thanked Carol for her work and wished her a happy retirement.</p>	
8. Date of Next Meeting	<p>Date of next meetings. It was agreed to continue to explore hybrid meetings but to hold next quarterly meeting in August on teams, and try to alternate between in person and teams for foreseeable future:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10th August 2022, 6pm - teams • 9th November 2022, 6pm – in person tbc • 25th January 2023, 6pm - teams tbc 	