

FORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD NETWORK (NN) - NOTE OF TEAMS MEETING: - Wed 27th April 2022

at 18:00 via Microsoft Teams

Present

1. Fred Marinello (Chair) - Granton and District Community Council
2. Fresh Start - Biddy Kelly
3. Granton Info Centre – Dave Pickering
4. Pilton Community Health Project – Dawn Anderson
5. Cllr Ellie Bird – City of Edinburgh Council
6. Cllr George Gordon

In attendance:

7. George Norval - CEC Housing Operations Manager
8. David Delargy, CEC Quantity Surveyor
9. Helen Bourquin – CEC Lifelong Learning Service Manager
10. Elaine Lennon – CEC Lifelong Learning Development Officer

Apologies:

- Trinity Community Council – Tim Parker
- Trinity Community Council – Bill Rodger
- Pilton Youth and Childrens Project – Lesley Ross
- North Edinburgh Arts – Kate Wimpress
- The Prentice Centre – Moira Fenning
- Pilton Youth & Children's Project (PYCP) – Debbie McMillan
- Circle Scotland - Mark Kennedy / Julie Calder
- Cllr Jim Campbell – City of Edinburgh Council

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>INPUT/DISCUSSION</u>	<u>DECISIONS / ACTIONS</u>
1. Minute of 19 Jan 2022		
2. Forth NN Neighbourhood ENvironment Project (NEP) Housing Revenue (HRA) proposals	<p>George N and David D presented updates on eight proposals for NEP funding as detailed in circulated presentation that were discussed at previous meeting:</p> <p>Project 1 – 35/37/39 Ferry Road Drive, updated estimate as agreed £95,900 New Specification: Slab the area, replace all of the fencing and cut by all vegetation, installing planting beds, install seating areas and install new washing lines over all three properties.</p> <p>Engagement complete. Project held up due to discovery of Japanese Knotweed.</p> <p>Query - % of CEC tenants. George G reported that there was only one owner / occupier.</p>	

	Project 2 - Wardieburn Tree Planting – Various Locations	£66,000	Visually attractive & low maintenance. Locations would be agreed by residents/ stakeholder estate walkabout.	Action – DD
	Project 3 - West Pilton Park	£36736	Comprehensive Improvement to tired parking area in 2 locations New bitumen tarmac, new paving, galvanized bow top low boundary fencing. Variety of hardy perennial plants with shrubs maintained for 12 months thereafter. Planting area will then be maintained by grounds maintenance thereafter. Resident engagement complete and project due to start 3/5/22	
	Project 4 – 1 to 6 Wardieburn Street West	£tbc	Construction of several bin recesses to allow numerous individual domestic bins to be removed from the street. Bins causing unsightly streetscape, poor arrangements for waste management, no room to allow residents to take them into building footprint. Waste & Cleansing Officer supportive of project Engagement complete and costing to be brought to next meeting.	
	Project 5 - Ferry Road Drive – West Pilton Grove	£30768	New public thoroughfare between new Grove development and West Pilton High Flats. Surface currently in poor condition with trip hazards. Non adopted HRA land which will be adopted and maintained by Roads Team on completion. Engagement with all effective residents complete and project due to start 3/5/22	
	Project 6 – 60/62 Ferry Road Drive	£20864	Front garden improvements to complement Stronger North building repainting. Low maintenance garden area for tenants, requirement to agree undertaking Crushed shell with granite edging , new hardy perennial shrubs.	

	<p>Engagement with both ground floor tenants complete and project will be started when projects 3 and 5 above are complete.</p> <hr/> <p>Project 7 - Laverockbank Avenue, Newhaven Circa £37,000 New public stairway, tree work and improved landscaping.</p> <p>Existing stairway is crumbling under tree roots.</p> <p>Historical design no longer compliant and needs redesigned to ensure public safety.</p> <p>Non Adopted HRA land which will be maintained by Roads Team thereafter.</p> <hr/> <p>Project 8 - Community Boards at Forth Sheltered Housing developments £1,500 Helpful information points for residents and wider community.</p> <p>Earlier estimate £5k for NW as a whole, Forth contribution around £1500, though currently suspended due to high levels of estimate. David D looking at a solution</p> <hr/> <p>George N encouraged any Community Councillors, Elected Members and wider community to contact him (george.norval@edinburgh.gov.uk) to arrange walkabout</p>	Action all
<p>3. Forth NN priority update (Poverty)</p>	<p>Biddy provided an overview of Respond and Recovery (R2):</p> <p>Background to the project was given and summary of the aims and membership of the group.</p> <p>The full presentation is attached.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aims to improve working together in North Edinburgh to a shared vision. • She noted that they now had over 30 cross sectoral organisations and growing • They had set up 5 working groups as described in the attached summary: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Children and Young people; ○ Mental Health; ○ Tackling Place; ○ Tackling Poverty; ○ Connecting the Dots. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Their main achievements and plans for moving forward were summarised <p>Members thanked Biddy for this detailed and informative update and looked forward to better working together, including with Community Councils.</p>											
6. Community Grants Fund (CGF)	<p>Elaine informed the Network of decisions reached by the funding panel so far 2022-22 are:</p> <table><tr><td>Starting balance: £25,112</td><td>AWARDED</td></tr><tr><td>104th Scouts Group - To create new storage for use by scouts and community groups by purchasing a large, prefabricated metal storage building to improve their community activities</td><td>£3369</td></tr><tr><td>West Pilton Neighbourhood Centre - To support the North Edinburgh Gala Day 2022 to provide a fun, free, family friendly day for all with a learning and upskilling focus for young people</td><td>£2556</td></tr><tr><td colspan="2">New balance: £19,187</td></tr><tr><td>Project still to be considered – Friends of Victoria Park, further info requested</td><td>£4650</td></tr></table> <p>She also referred to review of spend 2021-22, as circulated and it was agreed to circulate a review of project outcomes at future meeting.</p>	Starting balance: £25,112	AWARDED	104th Scouts Group - To create new storage for use by scouts and community groups by purchasing a large, prefabricated metal storage building to improve their community activities	£3369	West Pilton Neighbourhood Centre - To support the North Edinburgh Gala Day 2022 to provide a fun, free, family friendly day for all with a learning and upskilling focus for young people	£2556	New balance: £19,187		Project still to be considered – Friends of Victoria Park, further info requested	£4650	Action - EL
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7. AOCB	<p>Dave informed the group that the Gala day had been shortlisted for a grant from Dobbies and that votes could be made online: https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=2r9F2yySI0GS6DhkBR6U6oE70fzaBLkESDc_lq-F9UNFZSSlo3MFVVVjNBM0dWRTZYWFcyTjhaSi4u&embed=true</p> <p>Elaine reminded members of two events that had been circulated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ The NEP Presentation and discussion with George Norval on Thursday 28th at 6pm○ The launch of www.communitynorth.scot on Thursday 11am	Action - ALL										
8. Date of next meeting	<p>Proposed quarterly dates for 2022:</p> <p>Wed 22nd June 2022 / Wed 14th Sept 2022 / Wed 14th Dec 2022</p>											