

Almond Neighbourhood Network

NOTE OF MEETING – Wednesday 30 November 2022, online via Teams

PRESENT

Keith Giblett	Queensferry & District Community Council (Chair)
Percy Feketey	Almond Neighbourhood Network Rep NW LCPP / Almond Community Safety Panel
Bert Scott	Almond Community Safety Panel
Georgena Wylie	Cramond & Barnton Community Council
Liz McIntosh	Queensferry Churches Care in the Community (QCCC)
Anne Mitchell	Queensferry & District Community Council
Graeme McKinley	Queensferry & District Community Council
Judy Wightman	Ratho & District Community Council
Cllr Norman Work	City of Edinburgh Council
Cllr Lewis Younie	City of Edinburgh Council
Charlotte Cowe	Davidsons Mains & Silverknowes Association
Rod Alexander	Davidsons Mains & Silverknowes Association
Stacy O'Flaherty	Ratho & District Community Council

IN ATTENDANCE

Lloyd Richardson	CEC Senior Transport Team Leader
Helen Bourquin	CEC NW Lifelong Learning Service manager
Alan Dean	CEC Transport Officer

APOLOGIES

David Buchanan	Kirkliston Community Council
Kate Wimpres	Manager North Edinburgh Arts
Cllr Louise Young	City of Edinburgh Council
Elaine Lennon	CEC NW LLDO
Paul Vaughan	Gateside Tenants & Residents

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>INPUT/DISCUSSION</u>	<u>DECISIONS / ACTIONS</u>
1. Welcome and Introductions	Keith G welcomed the group	
2. Minute of previous meeting and any matters arising	<p>Matters arising not on agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Item 3 – Still outstanding Judy will find out policing contact for Ratho / Ratho Station / Newbridge Item 3 – Sept meeting of Cramond Barnton CC was postponed until Nov when there was no police presence. They were given a report which CC did not find satisfactory. Would prefer a standard template which covered all areas of information. Keith offered to send Percy report given to Queensferry and District CC which was a good format to see if they could request something similar 	Action: Keith

	National Sea Cadets had offered 66% of costs to QSC but they had not yet received confirmation. Group themselves had not done any fundraising or contributed any funds.	
5. NN Priority: Health Wellbeing & Social Isolation subgroup update	<p>Update of activities</p> <p>Connections group opened on 30th Oct in Parish church. All ages group welcome. Games, craft activities etc Priory -Dalmeny Church offered a lot of groups at low cost.</p> <p>Cllr Younie highlighted that it had been raised with him a few times that people are reluctant to engage in some of the 'warm spaces' offered as felt stigmatised. Gave the example of offering activities eg Costorphine CC who are offering free movie nights.</p> <p>Judy- it is difficult in Ratho to find locations for 'warm space' activities and CEC haven't offered any funding.</p> <p>Georgina- Cramond /Brunton only have the church as a location but golf club is offering space for men's group for chat and bacon roll.</p> <p>Charlotte -Davidson Mains Parish Church is offering space and refreshments at reduced costs.</p> <p>Helen highlighted the CEC website that is about to go live which will give a map of the city with all the activities offered by CEC libraries, Community Centres and galleries. Voluntary sector organisations, churches and community groups are also being encourage to put their activities on so people can see the range of what is offered in their locality. Aim is to de-stigmatise as much as possible by offering activities people can engage in rather than just a warm space. Please contact Uta.Cochrane@edinburgh.gov.uk to add information to website . It will also link to the CEC 'Cost of living ' website which give lots of info and links to support and advice.</p> <p>Liz-Friendship group that used to meet in Queensferry prior to Covid is going to be combined with other groups to revive as numbers had dwindled. Money has been received from Age Scotland and Queensferry Care are also contributing funds. An event will be held in the New Year</p> <p>Liz- request had been received through VSF to run Mental Health First Aid training. Edinburgh College plan to run sessions but are still waiting to hear about funding for this . Once confirmed that will run sessions for staff of smaller community groups in Western, Almond and Queensferry.</p>	

	<p>Anne- Men's Shed has opened in Queensferry and is proving very popular.</p> <p>Keith asked about CEC 'Nights are fare drawing in ' publication and how far they have been being distributed. emma.gall@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk is the contact to get more paper copies but these must be picked up . The booklets are available from all libraries in the city, as well as the locality hubs. Additionally, many organisations that support both families and older people received booklets to go out with Christmas hampers etc. Can also be downloaded from link below https://www.edinburghthrive.com/news/the-nights-are-fair-drawin-in</p>	
<p>6. Transport Discussion</p>	<p>Alan Dean was attending in place of Stuart Lowrie CEC Public Transport Manager who had a prior commitment. David Phillips, McGill's General Manager for Dundee and Scotland East, was meant to attend as well but did not. Alan and Liz had problems accessing Teams from the meeting link so he may also have had problems. Post note meeting – David Phillips contacted Alan to say he did try to access meeting, but link did not work. It was agreed to arrange a separate focussed meeting prior to Xmas or early in Jan to discuss transport issues.</p> <p>Alan said he had recent meeting on 15 November with Stuart and members of the NN on West Edinburgh services and there was not a great deal to update. He added that when the previous service provider 'First ' was operating they had regular meetings and this is also planned with McGill's.</p> <p>Cllr Younie – asked about 'bus tracking' around McGills' services and wondered if a similar arrangement to that with Lothian buses could be organised. (Post meeting note - Alan has asked Andrew MacLeod to contact Cllr Younie to update on bus tracker project)</p> <p>Alan-Lothian bus tracking is being upgraded. Any queries on tracking please send to directly to Andrew.MacLeod@edinburgh.gov.uk – Project Lead</p> <p>Stacy- In last week there have been lot of problems with No. 20 bus particularly over 25th and 26th Nov when there were a lot of cancellations leaving people stranded. Stacy particularly concerned as this was affecting young people, one of whom had to walk from Ratho to Ratho Station at night after a work shift. Stacy asked what were the consequences on them if they did not fulfil obligations.</p>	<p>Action: Elaine</p>

