## Almond Neighbourhood Network

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

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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)

**PRESENT** 

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 Wimpress Manager North Edinburgh Arts

Cllr Louise Young City of Edinburgh Council

Elaine Lennon CEC NW LLDO

Paul Vaughan Gateside Tenants & Residents

<u>IT</u>	<u>EM</u>	INPUT/DISCUSSION	DECISIONS / ACTIONS
1.	Welcome and Introductions	Keith G welcomed the group	
2.	Minute of previous meeting and any matters arising	<ul> <li>Matters arising not on agenda:</li> <li>Item 3 – Still outstanding Judy will find out policing contact for Ratho / Ratho Station / Newbridge</li> <li>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</li> </ul>	Action: Keith

	• Item 7 – Cllr Younie confirmed that work was progressing. They had encountered an issue with connecting pipes to main sewer which made the job more challenging than originally anticipated but it was expected to be dealt with over the next few weeks.	
3. Neighbourhood Environment Programme (NEP) – Roads and Footpaths	The speed bumps here have no warning or lines for approaching cars. David B to email <a href="mailto:Lloyd.Richardson@edinburgh.gov.uk">Lloyd.Richardson@edinburgh.gov.uk</a> Lloyd has not received e-mail from David yet re speed bumps on Stirling Road and encouraged him to get in touch.	Action: David
update Lloyd Richardson	Lloyd updated that the 3 outstanding projects in Kirkliston have all been completed.  Other roads issues:	
	<b>Cramond Car Park behind now-closed pub</b> - Percy had asked if a height restriction banner be put in place to deter overnight camping of high vehicles. Further consideration required to establish if this can be added to the Project Bank. He will look to see if there are other options that could be considered to address this and will feed back.	Action: Lloyd
	Section 75 Agreements – Who is the contact for this? Lloyd will find out. If related to external 'road construction consent' sites eg Bo'ness Road, Lloyd has some involvement in the short term.	Action: Lloyd
	<b>Next Steps for NEP</b> – There are still a number of-projects on the list of committed projects that need to be completed. The new selection process has not yet been agreed but Lloyd will update Keith when agreed. In the interim if there are projects that people would like added to the bank please contact Lloyd.	Action: Lloyd
	<b>Kirkliston Public Realm</b> - David B said that there was £10k promised to Kirkliston but nothing has come forward. Lloyd checked with David Sinclair and funding is no longer available.	
	Keith thanked Lloyd for circulating some additional contact details for NW for areas of work. He asked that Elaine add them to the current contact list for circulation.	Action: Elaine

4.	Community		
	<b>Grants Fund</b>		
	Update		

APPLICANT	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	COMMENTS/ DECISION	REQUESTED	AWARD
ANN13_2022-23 Davidsons Mains and Silverknowes Association	To purchase a storage / transport trolley for volunteer use by Friends of Lauriston Castle	Fully supportive of this small project. Post meeting note – this grant has been declined as they were able to get the equipment from Parks Dept.	£304	£0
ANN14_2022-23 Elite Cleaning SOS	To purchase cleaning equipment to help clean / declutter homes of those in need	Would like to offer partial award to help this project get started but would suggest looking at alternatives to expensive cleaning products.	£610	£400
ANN16_2022-23 Greenferry Planting	To develop a community orchard	Would like to offer partial award to support this project but would suggest that they look at local fundraising.	£1740	£1,000
ANN17_2022-23 Queensferry & District Community Council	To purchase warm clothing for local children through Ferry Elves project	Fully supportive of this project	£2046	£2,046
ANN12_2022-23 Queensferry Sea Cadets	To contribute towards refurbishments of windows and doors	Some concerns about the total requested and that National Sea Cadets aren't contributing more. On hold whilst awaiting confirmation of above contribution and to suggest local fundraising.	£2884	On hold

**Additional Info**: Anne, on behalf of Ferry Elves, very appreciative of award. She also has collected a range of second hand suits should anyone else need them.

	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.	
. NN Priority:	Update of activities	
Health	Connections group appead on 20th Oct in Parich shursh. All ages group walcome. Comes graft activities etc.	
Wellbeing &	Connections group opened on 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct in Parish church. All ages group welcome. Games, craft activities etc  Priory -Dalmeny Church offered a lot of groups at low cost.	
Social Isolation	Priory -Daimeny Church offered a lot of groups at low cost.	
subgroup update	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.	
	Judy- it is difficult in Ratho to find locations for 'warm space' activities and CEC haven't offered any funding.	
	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.	
	Charlotte -Davidson Mains Parish Church is offering space and refreshments at reduced costs.	
	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 <a href="Uta.Cochrane@edinburgh.gov.uk">Uta.Cochrane@edinburgh.gov.uk</a> 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.	
	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	
	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.	

Anne- Men's Shed has opened in Queensferry and is proving very popular.

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 <a href="https://www.edinburghthrive.com/news/the-nights-are-fair-drawin-in">https://www.edinburghthrive.com/news/the-nights-are-fair-drawin-in</a>

## 6. Transport Discussion

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.

Action: Elaine

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.

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)

Alan-Lothian bus tracking is being upgraded. Any queries on tracking please send to directly to <a href="mailto:Andrew.MacLeod@edinburgh.gov.uk">Andrew.MacLeod@edinburgh.gov.uk</a> – Project Lead

Stacy- In last week there have been lot of problems with No. 20 bus particularly over 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

	Alan was aware of recent service issues and has already contacted McGill's to ascertain reasons.	
	Stacy – what is the future of the service between Ratho, Ratho Station and the Gyle.  Alan – We are looking for alternative options to traditional operators as new tenders may be unaffordable.  Looking at use of smaller buses, handicabs, dial a bus which may be more suitable for Ratho/Ratho Station.  They are receiving similar demands across the city where the current service doesn't meet local need.  Stacy- have been in discussions with RBS at Gogarburn to see if we could combine with them and have their service extended to Ratho/Ratho Station. Would suit them as would make savings and their current service is underutilised. Waverly Travel currently have the contract with RBS and Stacy also trying to arrange meeting with them.	
	Cllr Work- Are we able to allocate a service to an area rather than go through tendering process. Alan- We would need, as normal, clarification with colleagues in procurement to ensure correct procedure is followed. Last procurement framework ended in July, and it was thought it didn't add value so propose to put future tenders on open market rather than have a list of preferred/eligible providers.	
	Judy- how can we extend discussions to look at Almond area Alan – Look to also improve Service 63 on current levels and seek to resolve different issues on that route.	
7. A.O.C.B.	Q Percy highlighted LCPP update which has been shared	
8. Date of next meeting	Date of next meetings. Preference is to have specific transport meeting before Xmas/early Jan and have the next NN meeting in Feb/early March. Elaine will look at options (post meeting notes – proposed dates below)  • Wed 22 Feb 2023, 6pm  • Wed 10 May 2023, 6pm	Action: Elaine
	<ul> <li>Web 23 Aug 2023, 6pm</li> <li>Wed 8 Nov 2023, 6pm</li> <li>Please send any agenda items to Keith at giblett@btinternet.com at least one week in advance of the next meeting.</li> </ul>	Action ALL