

Almond Neighbourhood Network

NOTE OF MEETING – Wednesday 31 August 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
Paul Vaughan	Gateside Tenants & Residents
David Buchanan	Kirkliston Community Council
Liz McIntosh	Queensferry Churches Care in the Community (QCCC)
Terry Airlie	Queensferry & District Community Council
Graeme McKinley	Queensferry & District Community Council
Carol McDivitt	Queensferry Parish Church
Judy Wightman	Ratho & District Community Council
Cllr Norman Work	City of Edinburgh Council
Cllr Lewis Younie	City of Edinburgh Council
Cllr Louise Young	City of Edinburgh Council

IN ATTENDANCE

Insp. Caroline Flynn	Police Scotland
Lloyd Richardson	CEC Senior Transport Team Leader
Elaine Lennon	CEC Lifelong Learning Development Officer

APOLOGIES

Neil Wilson	Police Scotland
Pauline Nicol-Bowie	LIFT @ Muirhouse Millennium Centre
Dean Shanks	Muirhouse Youth Development Group
Anne Mitchell	Queensferry & District Community Council
Cllr Kevin Lang	City of Edinburgh Council
Charlotte Cowe	Davidsons Mains & Silverknowes Association
Helen Bourquin	CEC NW Lifelong Learning Service Manager

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>INPUT/DISCUSSION</u>	<u>DECISIONS / ACTIONS</u>
1. Welcome and Introductions	Keith G welcomed the group and new members introduced themselves to Insp Flynn	
2. Minute of previous meeting and any matters arising	<p>The minute was accepted as true record and proposed by Percy, seconded by David B.</p> <p>Matters arising not on agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Item 4 - Confirmed that the Terms of Reference of Social Isolation Sub Group had been circulated and that Carol M had been in contact with VSF Item 2 - Andrew Field was not yet in a position to come along to this group to present proposals 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Item 7 - Confirmed that advice was received re Almond Community Safety Panel Item 7 – Cllr Younie confirmed that he was working with other Ward Councillors to move drainage issue in Gateside forwards. David B expressed the frustration of Kirkliston Community Council on this matter and asked for urgent action. Cllr Younie agreed to report back. <p>(Post meeting note – Chair has emailed ward Councillors to escalate this)</p>	Action Cllr Younie
3. Insp Caroline Flynn, Police Scotland	<p>Insp Flynn introduced herself as replacement for Insp Elliot covering North West. She apologies on behalf of Chief Insp Neil Wilson who was called away and wouldn't be able to join this meeting.</p> <p>She explained that they would have a team of Community Officers who were more likely to be engaged in groups such as this and identified partnership working, as well as being able to call upon support from other specialist teams if required such as CID, road policing or support to tackle housebreaking.</p> <p>Queries / comments:</p> <p>Resourcing –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do you have concerns in relation to Policing resources in light of new estates being built The community policing team has been reduced from 3 to 2. Is this likely to go back to 3? Insp Flynn agreed that they would have an overall resource and that any issues or demands would be used to direct these resources accordingly. Insp Flynn added that they would also work in partnership as required. <p>Attendance at Community Council (CC) meetings for local updates -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will Officers be able to come to CC meetings again? Or if not available, could they provide a brief update? Insp Flynn agreed that this needs to be prioritised and that they are committed to attendance where possible. <p>Contacts –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Who is policing contact for Ratho / Ratho Station / Newbridge areas? Judy to contact caroline.flynn@scotland.police.uk Next meeting of Cramond Barnton CC is 15 Sept and it would be good to have a presence. Percy to contact caroline.flynn@scotland.police.uk 	Action – Judy

	Keith thanked Insp. Flynn for her time.	Action – Percy
4. Neighbourhood Environment Programme (NEP) – Roads and Footpaths update	<p>Ongoing NEP projects:</p> <p>Bowling Club Kirkliston pathway lighting – We can confirm this is still currently on the Project Bank list. The project bank is a list of projects which may be considered for delivery in future years.</p> <p>Q How can we get this committed as been on hold for several years? Lloyd reported that this can be allocated as soon as decision making process has been agreed.</p> <p>Stirling Road – The Engineer who delivered the project has checked with Street Lighting and it has been confirmed these street lights have been repaired and are now working.</p> <p>Lloyd clarified that the comment made regarding “<i>no specific safety requirement on this</i>” is referring to the advance signage for the new raised table on Stirling Road, this comment is not related to the street lighting issue.</p> <p>Q The speed bumps here have no warning or lines for approaching cars. David B to email Lloyd.Richardson@edinburgh.gov.uk</p> <p>Gateside –</p> <p>Bo’ness Road – Awaiting date for installation of traffic signal equipment, currently in discussion with Cala Homes.</p> <p><u>Other roads issues:</u></p> <p>Ferrymuir Crossing — This is included in the Pedestrian Crossing Prioritisation Report which is going to the Transport Committee Sept 2022.</p> <p>Kirkliston Public Realm - David B said that there was £10k promised to Kirkliston but nothing has come forward. Lloyd to investigate and to pull together meeting with David B and Dave Sinclair.</p>	<p>Action David</p> <p>Action Lloyd</p>

	<p>Cramond Car Park behind now-closed pub – Assuming this is CEC owned, could a height restriction banner be put in place to deter overnight camping of high vehicles? Percy F to email Lloyd.richardson@edinburgh.gov.uk to discuss how to get this put on project bank list.</p> <p>Generic roads condition – Percy asked that walkabouts are carried out to identify roads and pavements in need of repair. Lloyd to send contact details of appropriate team.</p>	Action Percy																				
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5. NN Priority: Health Wellbeing & Social Isolation subgroup update	<p>Liz reported that the group is meeting soon (29 Sept 10am) to focus on agenda items below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Update on the mapping exercise which was a focus/priority of both Almond and Western VSF and Almond and Western NN.2. Current progress of work around Mental Health and Wellbeing Support available3. Cost of living situation – Look at ways to respond locally to the current situation as well as linking up raising awareness of what supports are already available in our areas4. AOCB – If you do have something in particular for this section it would be helpful time wise if you can let Elaine know prior to meeting to ensure there is time to discuss <p>All members of Almond and Western NN are invited to attend. Please contact elaine.lennon@edinburgh.gov.uk to rsvp.</p> <p>She added that they are considering a printed paper map like the one that exists in North, but are also looking at other options e.g. online to get the info gathered in mapping exercise out there.</p> <p>Paul V said he would be keen to join this joint group.</p>	Action Elaine																				
6. Community Grants Fund (CGF) update	<p>David B. gave an update on behalf of the Almond Funding Panel:</p> <table><thead><tr><th>Organisation</th><th>Project</th><th>Amount awarded</th><th>Balance 22/23</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td colspan="3">AWARDS TO DATE</td><td>£27,586.00</td></tr><tr><td>Friends of Pikes Pool</td><td>Community Orchard</td><td>£2,291.00</td><td>£25,295.00</td></tr><tr><td>Project Esperanza</td><td>African women’s group</td><td>£1,500.00</td><td>£23,795.00</td></tr><tr><td>SHE Scotland</td><td>Queensferry Girls Zone</td><td>£2,000.00</td><td>£21,795.00</td></tr></tbody></table>	Organisation	Project	Amount awarded	Balance 22/23	AWARDS TO DATE			£27,586.00	Friends of Pikes Pool	Community Orchard	£2,291.00	£25,295.00	Project Esperanza	African women’s group	£1,500.00	£23,795.00	SHE Scotland	Queensferry Girls Zone	£2,000.00	£21,795.00	
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	Roseberry Hall Management Committee	SQ P7 Transition Group	£1,500.00	£20,295.00
	Kirkliston CC	Kirkliston YP Summer Programme	£1,855.00	£18,440.00
	PROJECTS RECENTLY CONSIDERED AND RECOMMENDATIONS APPROVED			
	Kirkliston Scouts	To purchase a shelter for cooking	£580	£17,860
	LIFT @ Muirhouse Millennium Centre	To support a weekly class for children with autism and their families	£2,000	£15,860
	Kirkliston Community Conservation Volunteers	To support the main priority of Community Garden.	£1,700	£14,160
	David added that he would encourage members to spread the word to attract applications from across the ward			
7. A.O.C.B	Q Keith G asked members to bring any pertinent issues to be added to the agenda. Please contact him as below or elaine.lennon@edinburgh.gov.uk Q Local public transport was agreed as first topic to be discussed. Elaine L to approach Officers to discuss in particular improvements to Bus routes 41 / 63 / 43 / 20 to enable the vision of a car free city to come about. Q Cllr Younie and Cllr Work agreed to look into this.			Action Elaine Action Cllrs Younie and Work
8. Date of next meeting	Date of next meeting on Teams is Wed 30 th November 2022, 6pm VIA TEAMS (link below)			Action ALL
	Microsoft Teams meeting Click here to join the meeting Meeting ID: 379 586 271 312 Passcode: R2fUVb			
	Please send any agenda items to Keith at giblett@btinternet.com at least one week in advance of the next meeting.			