

WESTERN NEIGHBOURHOOD NETWORK

Wednesday 10 August 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

Sian McSorley, Corstorphine Community Centre

Kenny Wright, Drumbrae Gyle Community Council

Cllr Alan Beal, City of Edinburgh Council

Cllr Euan Davidson, City of Edinburgh Council

Cllr Frank Ross, City of Edinburgh Council

In Attendance

Elaine Lennon, CEC, NW Lifelong Learning Development Officer

Lloyd Richardson, CEC, Transport Contracts and Design

Apologies

Esther Elliot, Workplace Chaplaincy Scotland

Jane Kerr, Corstorphine Trust

Chris Wark, Edinburgh leisure- Energise

John Yellowlees, Murrayfield Community Council

Cllr Robert Aldridge, City of Edinburgh Council

Cllr Ed Thornley, City of Edinburgh Council

AGENDA ITEM		ACTIONS AGREED
1. Welcome & Apologies	Steve opened the meeting and welcomed attendees.	
2. Notes of Previous Meeting	The notes of 1 June 2022 were agreed and there were no matters arising.	
3. Neighbourhood Environment Programme (NEP) Roads	<p>Lloyd gave a brief update on live projects:</p> <p>Drum Brae / Drum Brae Drive junction. Signalised junction with pedestrian crossings - This project is waiting to go out to tender, and timescale will be provided at this point. NEP funding agreed: £70k to £100k* (Assume £80k) – CEC Contact is Road Safety team Stacey.Monteith-Skelton@edinburgh.gov.uk</p> <p>Queries / comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Kenny highlighted that this project was nine years down the line, and four years since NEP funding was committed and raised concerns of his Community Council over these delays].	

	<p>Featherhall Avenue - Proposed one-way and additional parking spaces – This project is waiting to go out to tender, and timescale will be provided at this point. Est £50,000 – CEC Contact is Active Travel team - martyn.lings@edinburgh.gov.uk</p> <p>Steve asked that a meeting be set up urgently to look at NEP project bank to discuss review of priorities in light of length of time. He asked that someone from Lloyds team be present and liaise with Steve to arrange date, unless possible at next meeting on 9 November.</p> <p>Manse Road - Lloyd also reported that he had flagged up the issues raised at Manse Road junction with Traffic Signals team, as it does not meet needs of people with visual impairments.</p> <p>Other roads issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hazel raised the manhole outside Toby Carvery which is causing noise problems Hazel also asked about the path at bottom of The Glebe, which is in very poor state and which makes it very difficult for older people / visually impaired people to navigate. Cllr Ross added that this had been reported 2-3 years ago and funding supposedly allocated. 	<p>Action – Lloyd</p> <p>Action – Lloyd to get info on these</p>
<p>4. North West Locality Community Planning Partnership (LCPP)</p>	<p>Steve reported that the LCPP had not met since previous meeting but that he had a few related points of information to share:</p> <p>Meeting with Andrew Field, new Head of Community Empowerment, who now has oversight of some operational aspects of Community Planning including Neighbourhood Networks, Community Councils and wider community engagement. Part of this discussion included the need to review how NN's were working across the city and whether local engagement including CGF allocation arrangements should change.. Steve highlighted his disagreement with this course, and asked members for their thoughts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We need the voices of local people and LCPP is not an option for this A wider NW level would lose the local knowledge and focus and areas such as Western Edinburgh would suffer There are very different communities in NW and each has a need for CGF allocation Need to keep discussions and engagement as local as possible We know local needs and CGF allocations reflect this 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suspensions that this is being led from 'sort out the Dept first and think about local communities needs secondly!' Steve added that Andrew is due to attend EACC (Edinburgh Assoc of Community Council) and this would be discussed and that he would take any comments or questions from this group to that. <p>Steve also reported that he had been a member of a Panel to consider bids for an Edinburgh 'UK Shared Prosperity Fund' application for Scottish Government funding.</p> <p>There were 85 projects bidding for inclusion and, although these were pan-Edinburgh, that one local bid was included. He added that East Craigs Church bid for social gathering space was very well drafted and stood out. He agreed to circulate this info with minute.</p>	<p>Action – Steve</p> <p>Action - Elaine</p>
<p>5. Social Isolation priority sub group</p>	<p>Tommy spoke to his circulated report:</p> <p>Social Isolation Subgroup</p> <p>A The Terms of Reference for the Social Isolation Subgroup has now been agreed by all three partner groups, Almond and West Edinburgh Voluntary Sector Forum, West Edinburgh Neighbourhood Network and Almond Neighbourhood Network. The group will now look to develop projects and initiatives to tackle the range of issues within this broad spectrum and is looking to recruit more people to join this group, Please contact Elaine Lennon or Tommy McLean if you are interested.</p> <p>Hazel is willing to be part of this subgroup and is keen to be added to mailing list</p> <p>Mapping Exercise</p> <p>Lots of info has now been gathered but need guidance as to what is next.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How to share this info to local people to help tackle social isolation? Should this be a printed document / an online resource with pointers to other directories? Should we remove those included elsewhere eg schools and GP surgeries? Red Book (produced by EVOC) is comprehensive but lots of gaps in their info. We will strive to get those we know about included in this. An online google map is one idea that could meet needs of some sections of the population Please contact Tommy if able to help or any comments 	<p>Action – All</p> <p>Action – All</p>

	<p>Mental Health</p> <p>As part of the joint strategy Almond and Western Voluntary Sector Forum have facilitated free Wellbeing Sessions which have been very well received and places filled.</p> <p>Other provisions include Andy's Man Club and the idea of a Mental Health First Aid Course. Please contact Tommy if you know of anyone or if your project would like to be kept informed.</p> <p>VSF Leaflet</p> <p>Now being circulated in 5 local health centres as well as shops etc, online, and 1000 copies are delivered house-to-house. A few more volunteers would be really helpful to deliver these. They are also looking for a logo for the leaflet and plan a competition for older school pupils.</p> <p>Cost of Living Poverty</p> <p>What can we do in West Edinburgh to help people in need?</p> <p>Comments / queries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kenny - Associated issue is the closure or reducing of community facilities, which are becoming the only place to go to avoid spending on heat at home. He has written to CEC • Cllr Ross – Understand that The Prentice Centre was unable to accept a CEC grant of £50k to remain open and should this group meet to discuss pulling a case for this funding to be given to Western Edinburgh to tackle social isolation and cost of living poverty. Agreement from others to meet. • Tommy agreed that third sector, for example in North, responded quickly to providing food and other support during Pandemic and by working together, great things can happen. • Steve asked that Andrew Field is kept in loop with these discussions as this is a live issue 	<p>Action - All</p> <p>Action - All</p> <p>Action – Cllr Ross and other to meet</p>
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<p>6. Western Community Grant Fund (CGF)</p>	<p><u>COMMUNITY GRANTS FUND APPLICATION</u></p> <p><u>Edinburgh Performing Arts CIC, ANN/04/2022-23, requested £4464</u></p> <p>The grant would be used to provide a free weekly creative movement and dance class for people aged over 65, over 40 weeks, plus to improve accessibility.</p> <p>Comments / queries (Elaine to get clarity):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The concept of the project is good but some concerns as below. • Concern that this project would be used to pay venue hire to a commercial organisation. Is the venue hire figure an in-kind cost? • Are they confident about attracting 25-30 people who will remain over 40 weeks? What evidence of need exists? • Is 40 weeks sustainable for this project? Would shorter courses be better as a pilot? • Location of dance studio is on the edge of the NN area (South Gyle) and members were concerned that this would not be easily reached by people in this catchment area? In particular for people who may have mobility issues or confidence issues? • Transport is often a huge issue for this age group. Have they considered this? • Have they considered offering this service at another, more central venue? Would it be worth talking to for example St Thomas' Church, Astoria, Rannoch Centre, Corstorphine Community Centre? Happy to pass on contact if required. • Need more clarity on areas being targeted as this varies in application form. Elaine added that the group had agreed to focus on Western NN. <p>Decision – it was agreed that Elaine should get answers to the questions above and bring this back via email to members for recommendation.</p> <p><u>YouthTalk Lite</u></p> <p>Members agreed that it was vital that this project went ahead this financial year, and that partner organisations can help where needed in understanding that Lifelong Learning staffing is stretched.</p>	<p>Action - Elaine</p>
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	<p>Queries / comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do we collectively make sure this happens? • How do we ensure that all local groups and organisations are invited to get involved, as well as schools? • Ensure that whole NN area is covered? • Can this be linked to NW YEP (Youth Engagement Partnership)? We need to make a call out for organisations to get involved in YEP to be part of this and spread the workload. <p>Decision – To get update from Steven Kipanda on plans and best way forward, with timeframes.</p> <p><u>Balance</u></p> <p>Elaine reported that the Western NN balance remains £21,387</p>	Action – Elaine
7. Any other business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sian reported that Corstorphine Community Centre had moved temporarily to Kirk Loan, but that there was much work to be done to make the space accessible and useable. • Kenny reported concern that number 68 bus would soon be lost, and that this was a key service in the area. Cllr Ross added that this would be continued for now with reduced service. • Tommy reported that the NW YEP (Youth Engagement Partnership) hadn't met for obvious reasons but that it was felt that this should be revitalised and needed any relevant organisations or individuals to get involved. Tommy to share info on YEP and its aims. • Tommy reported that VSF had had a talk from Gam Café (group that tackles issues of gambling) and he would be delighted to share their contact details if anyone was interested in hearing what they are about 	Action - Tommy
8. Date of Next Meeting	<p>Date of next meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9th November 2022, 6pm – teams • 25th January 2023, 6pm - teams tbc 	