

FORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD NETWORK (NN) - NOTE OF TEAMS MEETING

Wed 14 September 2022 at 18:00 via Microsoft Teams

Present

1. Fred Marinello (Chair) - Granton and District Community Council
2. Ama-zing Harmonies – Ama Zirra Shallangwa
3. Circle Scotland - Mark Kennedy
4. Granton and District Community Council – George Gordon
5. North Edinburgh Arts – Kate Wimpress
6. Trinity Community Council – Tim Parker
7. Cllr Stuart Dobbin – City of Edinburgh Council

In attendance:

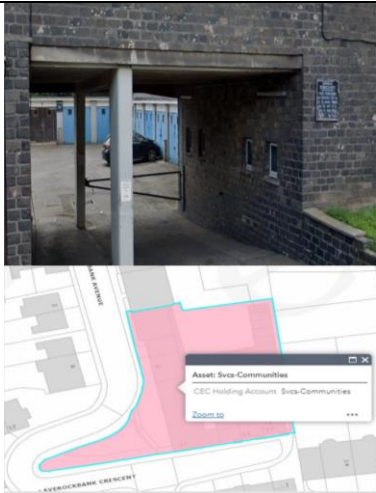
8. George Norval - CEC Housing Operations Manager

9. David Delargy, CEC Quantity Surveyor, Transport
10. Helen Bourquin – CEC Lifelong Learning Service Manager
11. Elaine Lennon – CEC Lifelong Learning Development Officer

Apologies:

- Fresh Start - Biddy Kelly
- Pilton Youth and Childrens Project – Lesley Ross
- Trinity Community Council – Bill Rodger
- Cllr Sanne Dijkstra-Downie – City of Edinburgh Council

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>INPUT/DISCUSSION</u>	<u>DECISIONS / ACTIONS</u>
1. Minute of 22 June 2022	The minute was accepted and there were no matters arising. Proposed by George G, seconded by Tim P	
2. Forth NN Neighbourhood ENvironment Project (NEP) Housing Revenue (HRA) proposals	<p><u>New proposals for consideration:</u></p> <p>George outlined a number of new proposals for NEP (Neighbourhood Environment Programme) soon to be renamed EIP (Estates Improvement Projects):</p> <p>a) Lighting improvements at Laverockbank Avenue</p> <p>Agreed to be taken to next stage with design and costing - Estimated cost £4.5k:</p>	



Access Vennel @ 11 Laverockbank Avenue

Current fluorescent lighting at access point to CEC owned garages is no longer fit for purpose.

One unit is broken, the other is very dim. A modern security lighting upgrade is required to provide confidence, comfort and improved safety to residents, particularly in the darker months.

David to provide update on costs/ design

b) Inchcolm Court

Agreed to be taken to next stage with design and costing:



Inchcolm Court

To create a strip of defensible space for ground floor properties to deliberately protect against nuisance, vandalism and break ins.

Prickly hedging/ bushes may be installed within the footprint of the high flats not only to offer the building protection, but to provide shrubs that provide year long colour improving the visual amenity of fairly bland common land.

A new residents community room will soon be provided which will offer a comfortable space for tenants to meet. Shrubs will discourage loitering near windows.

Parks & Greenspace will be consulted on ongoing land maintenance and species of shrubs, Concierge will litter pick shrubs as they mature

We ask for agreement to pursue costs and design

c) Wardieburn Road Gardens

Elaine explained that this project had originally been presented as a Community Grants Fund application, but that George had secured contribution from external funder of £1969 for some of the costs included. If these elements were progressed as EIP, then the CGF application would be reduced to £430 request.

Agreed to be taken to next stage with design and costing:



4 Wardieburn Road – Community Growing

Request from local tenants to develop an overgrown area (as highlighted in photo) to provide raised growing beds for up to 20 individual growing spaces for young people.

Our Estate Improvement Architect will provide an initial design for consultation with the volunteer growers and Edible Estates. Before agreeing final specification

We anticipate shale/ blais pathways will be created to connect the raised beds.

The area is currently a well developed and used growing space with much interest from residents who overlook the gardens.

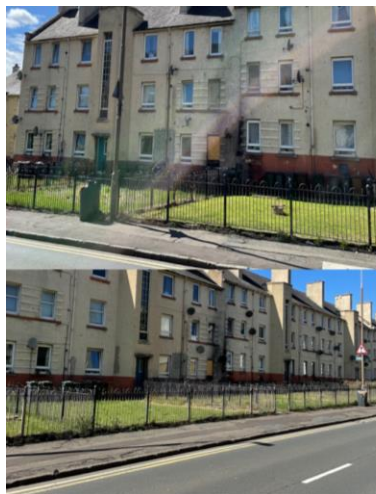
Also requested is some front decking to potting shed with a pergola covering this decking space. A replacement of the potting shed door which is now in poor condition would also be appreciated.

Nominated from Dorota McMurchie and Edible Estates

We ask for permission to proceed to design and estimates

d) Crewe Road North waste improvements

Agreed to be taken to next stage with design and costing:



71 – 77 Crewe Road North

Improved Waste Arrangements

To create wheelie bin recess locations within agreed Council front gardens to manage the location of numerous wheelie bins, removing them from the public pavement and improving general visual amenity.

Seeking agreement to move forward to design and costing

Nominated by Councillor Dobbin

George N /
David to bring
back designs
and full
costings for
above
proposals

	<p><u>Existing project updates:</u></p> <p>David gave a brief update on the following outstanding projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • West Pilton Park improved car parking areas - works are complete subject to snagging works by contractor. • West Pilton Grove / Ferry Rd Drive thoroughfare – being progressed next to aid access • 35-39 Ferry Road Dr refurbishment of communal garden – underway • 60-62 Ferry Road Dr – Works are complete subject to snagging works by contractor. • Laverockbank landscaping improvements – Designs being finalised in consultation with Residents Group • 1-6 Wardieburn Street West – waste improvements. Currently engaging with residents and waste colleagues to choose best solution • Wardieburn tree planting - Granton Gardeners have made a formal request for participation under Comm Emp Act. They have submitted a project proposal that needs discussed by Development re significant levels of finance. No movement at the moment • Noticeboards - David is pursuing affordable signage for Sheltered Housing Complexes. <p>Comments / Queries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Dobbin asked that the state of the skip outside West Pilton Neighbourhood Centre was monitored and put right. David agreed to this. • George G asked if time of year would impact on timescales for planting at Inchcolm Court, and whether a bin could be placed here to reduce littering. George N agreed that this would be taken into consideration, as would type of shrubs as prickly bushes would not be easy to keep litter free. George N to talk to concierge and to cleansing <p>George G – reported that proposals for NEP / CGF funding from Royston Cres / Royston Mains are forthcoming, from GDCC. George G to chase up.</p>	<p>George N / David to bring photos of above proposals</p> <p>David</p> <p>George N</p> <p>George G</p>
<p>1. Forth NN priority update (Poverty)</p>	<p>Kate provided an update on the work of Respond and Recovery (R2).</p> <p>A full report was circulated and will be attached to this minute.</p> <p>Comments and queries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • George G – does this work link in with the Empty Kitchens project – Kate explained yes, they have been involved and discussions ongoing. 	<p>Elaine</p>

<p>6. Community Grants Fund (CGF)</p>	<p>Elaine explained that two applications had been received and circulated to Funding Panel members. She added that the balance for allocation is currently £16,687 for this financial year. As the earlier funding panel meeting did not come to agreement, she summarised the two projects and the queries that remained.</p> <p>1) <u>FNN05/2022-23, History of Education Centre</u> – This group provide an immersive experience of what school and home life was like during the Victorian and Edwardian periods. It is run entirely by volunteers and currently caters mainly for visiting school groups.</p> <p>“We are moving from a modern portacabin to a genuine Victorian building in Newhaven, the former Victoria Primary School. The project will ensure our Victorian Schoolroom and associated collection of Victorian and educational artefacts are housed in suitable, sympathetic surroundings and the move will also support our application to become an accredited museum.”</p> <p>They seek funds to install this project into the new Heart of Newhaven building. Requested £4000 to support some of the key costs of electrical works, plumbing and decorating, to bring the space up to a more suitable, sympathetic surroundings.</p> <p>Although some members supported this project, there were some concerns from funding panel members including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confused about how much they are actually asking, and for what? Elaine explained that the application had been tweaked thus resulting in amended totals. She will get project to clarify and give more detail • Agreed that maximum £3k would be encouraged in all applications. It was agreed that this would be taken into account when deciding. • Does a Community Asset Transfer (CAT) host of such a project have responsibility to make the space fit for rental? Elaine explained that Heart of Newhaven would be bringing the standard of the building up to normal rental state but the History of Education project are looking to make the space more like an authentic Victorian space thus increased costs. • Are they confident about raising the additional income for this project as specified? Elaine to ask for update on other fundraising. • Elaine to get clarity on above 	<p>Elaine</p>
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	<p>2) <u>Edible Estates on behalf of Wardieburn Gardeners</u> – offer residents the chance to grow fruit and vegetables and where children can plan and learn.</p> <p>They seek a total of £3499 to buy new tools and equipment to help them deliver workshops in the community (£2399) and to create new raised beds and to repair the tool shed (£1100). Funding of £1969 has already been secured and the above EIP project would cover the raised beds and repair to tool shed. This leaves them seeking a balance of £430.</p> <p>The funding panel members recommended a full award to this project (£1530 if no EIP approved, or £430 in the case that the above is agreed).</p> <p>It was agreed to recommend funding of £430 and to come back with application of £1100 if NEP proposal unsuccessful.</p>	Elaine
7. <u>AOCB</u>	<p><u>Local Community Planning Partnership (LCPP) –</u></p> <p>Fred raised issue of representation from this group on the LCPP, as he was standing down on this. He stated that George G was willing to take this up and this was seconded by Tim</p> <p>Cllr Dobbin stated that it had been decided that he would also represent the elected members on this.</p> <p>Elaine to notify Michele Mulvaney</p>	Elaine
8. Date of next meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wed 14th Dec 2022 – online via teams (link below): <hr/> <p>Microsoft Teams meeting Join on your computer, mobile app or room device Click here to join the meeting Meeting ID: 373 291 143 779 Passcode: turzxQ Download Teams Join on the web Learn More Meeting options</p> <hr/>	