

Inverleith Neighbourhood Network (INN)

NOTE OF MEETING: Monday 26 September 2022, online via Teams

Present

Joan Beattie

Malcolm Durie

Susie Ross

Cllr Julie Bandel

Cllr Max Mitchell (Chair)

Cllr Vicky Nicolson

Organisation

Friends of Inverleith Park/Stockbridge
Inverleith Community Council (Rep on NW
Locality Community Planning Partnership
(LCPP)
Edinburgh Model Boat Club
Craigleith Hill Neighbourhood Watch /
Craigleith Blackhall Community Council
City of Edinburgh Council
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Apologies

Cllr Hal Osler

City of Edinburgh Council

In attendance:

Helen Bourquin

Elaine Lennon

CEC NW Lifelong Learning Service Manager

CEC NW Lifelong Learning Development Officer

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>INPUT/DISCUSSION</u>	<u>DECISIONS / ACTIONS</u>
1. Welcome and Introductions	Cllr Mitchell welcomed the group.	
2. Minute of previous meeting	The minute was accepted as true record.	
3. Getting to know you – 20-minute neighbourhoods	Due to illness, this presentation has been postponed until next meeting.	
4. A) Neighbourhood Environment Programme (NEP) – Housing Revenue Account (HRA) element	An update report on the new NEP proposals brought to the last meeting (soon to be known as EIP – Estate Improvement Projects) was discussed. <u>Maidenraig</u> Currently awaiting a recycling report from Waste in terms of recycling needs. David is involved in drawings to create a recycling hub in a more appropriate location near building with the agreement of residents.	

Growing Area – Maidenraig

This project currently suspended (to create some raised and ground level beds for fruit and vegetables growing and seating). Residents Chair recently resigned and no discussions have taken place about any development since. CEC small minority owner in block, would need to keen interest from a majority of existing tenants to justify HRA spend, but happy to revisit this in the future.

Land between 1&2 – 3&4 Saunders Street

David has engaged the landscape architect for Saunders Street proposal (Improving HRA communal public realm, crowning trees, new public benches, removal of old signage) and he's just waiting on a price. We have asked them to carry out a consultation to gather ideas, and to deliver a concept design- from there a final design.

3&5 Telford Drive- Lighting Improvements

David has spoken with Street Lighting and met them onsite to look at the job (installation of new modern lighting and crowning all trees in CEC ownership to promote better use of area). They will deliver a design to us but have stated that the two trees one in 3 and 1 in 5 Telford Drive will cause issues. We don't own the trees, which belong to the bottom flats (owners). One tree has a protection order on it. It is the roots of the trees that are causing the problem we would have to cut through the root systems to install the ducting for the lighting column this will destabilise the 2 trees which are in red zone falling distances to buildings and roads and a high risk to life or injury. We will continue to review options.

Easter Drylaw Walkabouts

No walkabouts have taken place in a while. David Stevenson to arrange an autumn appointment to see what we may agree together.

Overgrown communal area- Wester Drylaw Drive

Nominated by Cllr Nicolson, David Stevenson is exploring options for this site which is overgrown communal garden area, with an owner occupier in place. We are unable to take the lead on a Tenement Management Scheme piece of work so may need a capital NEP with low maintenance surface.

	<p>Cllr Nicolson keen to see walkabout soon across Drylaw / Telford areas to identify possibilities for improvements.</p> <p>If any queries, George Norval / David Stevenson: george.norval@edinburgh.gov.uk / david.stevenson@edinburgh.gov.uk</p>	Action – David Stevenson
5. B) Neighbourhood Environment Programme (NEP) – Roads element	<p><u>Telford Road</u> (Junction build outs at House O’Hill Road/ Drylaw Crescent/ Telford Road) – The Road Safety Audit has now been returned; this information is currently being reviewed. When this has been concluded we will look to progress the TRO/RSO for this project.</p> <p>Cllr Mitchell looking for reassurance that other work in this area will be taken into account to ensure upheaval is kept to a minimum.</p> <p>All other projects remain as the previous update</p> <p>If any queries, please direct to Lloyd Richardson, <i>Senior Transport Team Leader</i> - lloyd.richardson@edinburgh.gov.uk</p>	Action – Cllr Mitchell
6. Locality Community Planning Partnership (LCPP) Update	<p>Cllr Mitchell informed the group that as from now, Cllr Nicolson will be the elected member’s rep on the LCPP, and that he would take on Chair of the Inverleith Neighbourhood Network (INN). He added that these positions would be circulated regularly.</p> <p>Joan added that she would also be stepping down from her role as community rep on LCPP. Susie offered a huge thanks to her work over this time.</p> <p>As LCPP had not met since last meeting, and as there was no date set for next meeting, that the next meeting of the INN would have an agenda item to select a new community rep. It was also agreed that members would promote the next meeting of INN to try to increase attendance.</p> <p>Helen to find out when next date of LCPP will be.</p> <p>Papers for past meetings of the LCPP are available here: www.edinburghpartnership.scot/downloads/download/5/north-west-local-community-planning-partnership-papers?downloadID=5</p>	<p>Action – Elaine</p> <p>Action - Helen</p>

7. Inverleith NN Priority – Greenspace/growing	<p>It was reported that the subgroup had still not met, and concerns raised as to whether this priority is still valid to members.</p> <p>It was agreed that the next meeting of the INN would have an agenda item to discuss what the priority of this group should be. Agenda to be widely circuited to encourage increased attendance.</p> <p>Joan gave brief update on current work of Friends of Inverleith Park:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hoping to secure funding soon to plant 75 new trees, which would be in little groves and not in areas that would impact on useable space. • They are also looking into getting water supplied into sundial garden to reduce workload of volunteers and to help upkeep of the garden. <p>Cllr Nicolson asked for update on the Over the Bridge festival which had not gone ahead. Cllr Mitchell reported that the application had been withdrawn to look at how it might be revised for next year. It was noted that community benefit had been lost.</p>	<p>Action – Elaine / All</p>
8. Community Grants Funding	<p>Elaine reported that INN still had a full allocation of £24990 to support projects this financial year.</p> <p>One application had been received and circulated to all members (in absence of funding panel), and that three positive comments had been received:</p> <p>The Yard (INN01/2022-23) requested £1447 to purchase new Go-Carts for use by their members who were disabled children and young people and their families.</p> <p>It was agreed to recommend supporting this project in full, which would leave a balance of £23,543 and to fully promote the community grants fund. Elaine agreed to supply a poster to elected members and wider membership for circulation to their networks and social media.</p> <p>It was also agreed to put out call for funding panel members to resurrect this process of assessing and recommending projects.</p> <p>Cllrs Nicolson and Bandel asked if a PB (Participatory budgeting) method as used in Leith Decides had been considered here. Elaine explained that Inverleith had run a 'Youth Decides' in the past. It was agreed to produce a report for next meeting on possibilities of doing this.</p>	<p>Action – Elaine</p> <p>Action – Elaine</p> <p>Action - Elaine</p>
9. AOCB	<p>1. INVERLEITH POND</p> <p>Malcolm gave update on the state of Inverleith Pond:</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boardwalk had been fenced off for some time and asked for information on reasons and timescales for repair / reopening? Joan added that the boardwalk had been repaired in 2020-21 thanks to a grant from this group and expressed concern if it was still not sound. • Pond is suffering from weeds / duckweed and is now too much for Boat Club members to maintain. • Bins at pond are constantly overflowing, causing littering in pond and around. <p>He explained that several emails / phone calls had not been effective in getting work done. He agreed to copy in Cllrs plus Friends of Inverleith Park in correspondence.</p> <p>Joan suggested requesting aid from the Community Payback team.</p> <p>Susie added that members of CBCC valued this park and may be able to offer practical help. Elaine to share contact details with Malcolm.</p> <p>Cllr Mitchell to investigate</p> <p>2. OFFICERS WORKING FROM HOME</p> <p>Joan asked for clarity whether local offices were now staffed? Cllr Mitchell / Helen explained that a flexible model of working was now in place but that core services that relied on face-to-face contact continued to be in place where required. Cllr Mitchell to share further info to Joan.</p>	<p>Action – Joan</p> <p>Action - Elaine</p> <p>Action – Cllr Mitchell</p> <p>Action – Cllr Mitchell</p>
3. Date of next meeting	<p>Monday 21 November 2022, 6pm via teams</p> <p>Microsoft Teams meeting Join on your computer, mobile app or room device Click here to join the meeting Meeting ID: 346 593 149 280 Passcode: 4boApZ Download Teams Join on the web Learn More Meeting options</p>	