

# FORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD NETWORK (NN) - NOTE OF TEAMS MEETING

Mon 16 January 2023 at 18:00 via Microsoft Teams

## Present

- Fred Marinello (Chair) - Granton and District Community Council
- Willie Black - West Pilton West Granton Community Council
- George Gordon - Granton and District Community Council
- Biddy Kelly - Fresh Start
- Tim Parker - Trinity Community Council
- Bill Rodger - Trinity Community Council
- Kate Wimpres - North Edinburgh Arts
- Cllr Sanne Dijkstra-Downie – City of Edinburgh Council
- Cllr Stuart Dobbin – City of Edinburgh Council

## In attendance:

- George Norval - CEC Housing Operations Manager
- David Delargy, CEC Quantity Surveyor, Transport
- Helen Bourquin – CEC Lifelong Learning Service Manager
- Elaine Lennon – CEC Lifelong Learning Development Officer

## Apologies:

- Mark Kennedy - Circle Scotland
- Zoe Jordan – Stepping Stones

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>INPUT/DISCUSSION</u>	<u>DECISIONS / ACTIONS</u>
1. Minute of 14 Sept. 2022	The minute was accepted and there were no matters arising.	
2. Forth NN priority update (Poverty)	<p>Biddy provided an update on the work of Respond and Recovery (R2) as per circulated paper.</p> <p>30 people representing 20 organisations committed their time to a face to face meeting which agreed priorities for going forward:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Collaborative not competitive</li><li>• Strategic in approach – responding to the now and planning for the when</li><li>• Connected and supportive</li></ul> <p>A Development Group is now looking at the above and are now hoping to get funding to employ a Coordinator. They are also working with Partners across area to coordinate Warm Spaces and hope to work with West Granton Housing Cooperative to offer even more.</p>	



## 2) Boswall Crescent / Drive, to work with local residents to improve land popular with local residents and dog walkers

George presented some ideas of how this area could be improved, although recognised that in the past there was no agreement between residents surrounding and using the area. He asked that FNN members / Community Council reps / Councillors assist in wider consultation.



### Improved Public Space – Boswall Crescent/ Drive

Investment proposal to land popular with local residents and dog walkers .

Land on Housing account but low numbers of tenants nearby. Ideally, we enter into a partnership with Greenspace services to transform the area over a phase of 2/3 years.

Support for investment from Cllrs Dobbin/ Dijkstra-Downie and Granton & District CC.

Seeking approval to proceed with initial community engagement to gather ideas for development & to test appetite for change

Construction of wavy tree lined natural pathways with points of interest, relaxed seating and low maintenance shrubs. Refreshed landscaping supports exercise, rest, relaxation and community connection



Planting of native species of both traditional and fruit trees offering year round colour and a local food supply. Improved landscape potentially supported by a ' Friends of Boswall Park ' group who undertake minor maintenance tasks, litter picking and improvements. Wider maintenance arranged by Parks & Greenspace or Housing environmental contractors.





Well organised,  
attractive  
community space  
for pop up café's,  
community  
growing, picnics,  
events or just to  
meet and chat  
with neighbours



Small protected play area for infants/  
young children with seating and  
benches for parents/ carers

Comments / queries:

- Has maintenance been factored in? George replied that yes, this would be looked at.
- May be potential for match funding for this area through Scottish Water. George / David to explore
- George to contact members to be part of consultation.

George /  
David  
George N

## Updates on existing proposals:

### a) Lighting improvements at Laverockbank Avenue

David D reported that residents are now looking at revised design. Estimated cost £3.5k



#### **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**

### b) Inchcolm Court

Shrubs to be installed as part of West Pilton Grove project. Estimated £1.5k spend.



#### **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.

**David to provide update**

George N



### c) Wardieburn Road Gardens

Have met on site and yet to meet with residents group. George N to put David D in touch so costed design can be produced.



#### 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.

David to provide update

### d) Crewe Road North waste improvements

George N to get info on number of tenants from Officer, and estimate to be shared

George N /  
David

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<p><b>1. Local Community</b></p>	<p>Gerorge G gave an update on meeting of 18 November 2022 which he Chaired. The meeting had presentations on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cost of Living Crisis</li> </ul>	

<b>Planning Project (LCPP)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Poverty, Prevention and Transformation Team</li> <li>• Local LIP priority leads updates</li> <li>• R2 update</li> <li>• Andrew Field on his new Community Engagement and Empowerment Team</li> <li>• Future planning for new LIP (Locality Improvement Plans)</li> </ul> <p>George has shared the draft minute which will be circulated once approved.</p> <p>Bill added that Andrew Field will be talking to the EACC to share the proposals affecting Community Councils.</p>	Elaine
<b>6. Community Grants Fund (CGF)</b>	<p>Elaine talked to circulated update on Forth NN Community Grants Fund 2022-23.</p> <p>This showed that five projects have been approved so far this financial year, leaving a balance of £14,257. She added that the funding panel were also considering a further three projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• North Edinburgh Arts £2,858</li> <li>• FaceNorth, £2,915</li> <li>• Royston Wardieburn Community Centre, £755</li> </ul> <p>These are still under discussion, but if all were to be successful, a balance of £7,729 would still remain. Elaine encouraged members to share this info and to encourage any projects to apply if they have an eligible project.</p>	All
<b>7. AOCB</b>	There was no other business	
<b>8. Date of next meeting</b>	<p>The following proposed quarterly dates were agreed (all Wednesdays, all 6pm via teams):</p> <p>Wed 22 March 2023 (link below)</p> <hr/> <p><b>Microsoft Teams meeting</b></p> <p><b>Join on your computer, mobile app or room device</b> <a href="#">Click here to join the meeting</a></p> <p>Meeting ID: 335 861 939 865 Passcode: ASAPja <a href="#">Download Teams</a>   <a href="#">Join on the web</a> <a href="#">Learn More</a>   <a href="#">Meeting options</a></p> <hr/> <p>14 June 2023, 13 September 2023, 6 December 2023</p>	