

WESTERN NEIGHBOURHOOD NETWORK

Wednesday 25 January 2023 – 18:00 via Teams

Present

- Steve Kerr, Corstorphine Community Council / LCPP
- Maria Fernandez, Student, Corstorphine Community Centre
- Fiona McCabe, Corstorphine Community Centre
- Tommy Mclean, Western & Almond Voluntary Sector Forum
- John Yellowlees, Murrayfield Community Council

In Attendance

- Helen Bourquin, CEC Lifelong Learning Service Manager
- Elaine Lennon, CEC, Lifelong Learning Development Officer
- Steven Kipanda, CEC Lifelong Learning Development Officer

- George Norval, CEC Housing Operations Manager
- Lloyd Richardson, CEC Senior Transport Team Leader

Apologies

- Esther Elliot, Corstorphine Old Parish Church
- Angela Benzies, Corstorphine Community Council
- Hazel Kelly, Corstorphine Connect Sight Loss Group
- Sian McSorley, Corstorphine Community Centre
- Cllr Euan Davidson, City of Edinburgh Council
- Euan Hyslop, City of Edinburgh Council
- Cllr Ed Thornley, City of Edinburgh Council

AGENDA ITEM		ACTIONS AGREED
1. Welcome	Steve opened the meeting and welcomed attendees.	
2. Note of Previous Meeting	The notes of 9 November 2022 were agreed and there were no matters arising.	
3. Neighbourhood Environment Programme (NEP) Roads	<p>Lloyd shared a list of project proposals that are currently sitting in a bank for future consideration. This list to be shared with minute.</p> <p>As the process for prioritising these has not yet been agreed, none of these are yet confirmed and may be reassessed by NN members if necessary.</p> <p>Steve agreed that many of these were out of date and may no longer be relevant. He welcomed the opportunity to reassess the list and perhaps refocus on 2 or 3 which should have top priority for moving forward when process is in place.</p>	Elaine

	John felt that a few in Murrayfield were now meaningless but would welcome a walkabout with Lloyd to look at them and identify any new proposal ideas when selection process was confirmed.	
4. Neighbourhood Environment Programme (NEP) Housing Revenue Account	<p>George explained background to HRA NEP element and that he had been reviewing the process city wide. He is now engaging with community groups such as this.</p> <p>HRA funds come from Council rents and can only be spent on Council Housing land. Although this number in Western is low, resulting in a low budget, some environmental improvements have been successful in previous years such as Drumbrae (front pic on attached presentation).</p> <p>He explained that going forward, this would be called Estate Improvement Programme (EIP) and it is proposed that this splits into two main areas – a combination of smaller, more responsive, and larger projects with opportunities to draw in external funding.</p> <p>These changes aim to improve the environment by delivering projects that stand out and get people talking - creative projects that deliver the feel-good factor and bring the community together.</p> <p>He hopes to establish a 'Community Estate Improvement Group' which would consider nomination proposals & options and bring these to life. George to contact Steve when engagement phase is complete.</p> <p>He also plans a PB (Participatory Budgeting' workshop to equip community members to take on these roles. George to circulate details when available.</p> <p><u>Comments / queries:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Steve asked that this info is shared with Edinburgh Association of Community Councils (EACC) and George invited Steve to share his presentation / contact details with that group. George.Norval@edinburgh.gov.uk Steve informed the group that Drumbrae Community Council had had to disband temporarily and that this group would be key member to take EIP discussions forward. 	<p>George</p> <p>George</p> <p>Steve</p>

<p>5. NW Locality Community Planning Partnership (LCPP)</p>	<p>Steve had met to discuss agenda for next meeting, and that minute and associated papers would be available here when published: https://www.edinburghpartnership.scot/downloads/download/5/north-west-local-community-planning-partnership-papers?downloadID=5</p> <p>He added that the Edinburgh Partnership now aims to spread it's meetings across the city.</p> <p>The Edinburgh Partnership is the community planning partnership for the city. bringing together public agencies, third and private sectors with local communities to improve the city, its services and the lives of people who live and work here.</p>	
<p>6. Social Isolation priority sub group</p>	<p>Tommy gave the following update:</p> <p>Community Directory</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Community Directory is the result of the extensive mapping exercise that has taken place, • A version is now ready to be circulated wider, but please inform Tommy or Elaine of any errors or omissions • They are now looking for advice on where this could be hosted online, preferably in one place where others could link to on their own websites, to mean that any changes could be done in one place. Ideas or offer please to Tommy or Elaine. • Version to be circulated to group. • John added that it would be good to collaborate on the database that Murrayfield has developed on its website. https://www.murrayfieldcc.org.uk/local-organisations Tommy to get in touch <p>Mental Health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Still hoping to run this course (2-day intro and 1-day follow up) later in the year. Any organisations welcome to apply for a place. Please contact Tommy McLean t_w_mclean@yahoo.co.uk <p>Warm Centres Leaflet</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has been distributed as widely as possible • Please look out for it and spread the word • Fiona added there had been a lot of interest in this • Steven said the Community Café at Rannoch Centre was being reshaped following low numbers at the start. 	<p>All</p> <p>All</p> <p>Elaine</p> <p>Tommy</p> <p>All</p>

	<p>VSF Leaflet</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Funding from WNN will be fully spent soon and they may apply again in new financial year. <p>Corstorphine Christmas Support Project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">This year 104 families referred from Primary schools took up the parcels, compared to 80 last year, showing the extent of the crisis.These were offered only to families with children at Primary school, and there is scope to extend this to older children, early years and older people.Over 70n volunteers were involved and as well as food, families benefited from Takeaway food and Zoo vouchers.Additional parcels have been possible thanks to donations from businesses and individuals who have been extremely generous, but the group hope to be able to apply again next year. <p>Other updates on local projects supporting Health and Wellbeing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Friends of Gyle Park hope to have lighting project completed soon. They will now be looking at setting up a walking group and fundraising for new benchesTummies not Trash has been working to collect unused food from supermarkets and delivering these to community groups, libraries etc. Their premise is that food is best being used to save the environment rather than being destroyed by supermarkets, and this is for anyone not means tested in any way.Space to Be now operational with space to rent. For more information and to contact us please visit the website Space to BeAndy’s Man Club still looking for space. Contact Tommy if any suggestions please.									
7. Youth Decides	<p>Steven gave a summary of process that led to six projects being recommended by Young People through Youth Decides process as below.</p> <p>A total of £3725 was allocated.</p> <table><tr><th>GROUP</th><th>DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT</th><th>AWARD</th><th>NAME OF RECEIVING ORGANISATION</th></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr></table>	GROUP	DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT	AWARD	NAME OF RECEIVING ORGANISATION					
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	Corstorphine community centre	Popular Thursday evening club needs support with 2 x trips	£900	Corstorphine community centre
	Drumbrae Monday Club-	To buy tickets to see a show in the Playhouse January and go for food. Some of us have never been to a theatre and we think it would be good for us to have this experience	£750	Rannoch CC
	Open all hours-	To get junior Gym memberships for young people to encourage people to do their Gym accreditation	£420	Rannoch CC
	St Augustine's -	To run a girls and boys swim club at St Augustine's for pupils who have not had the opportunity to swim properly. To offer FREE swim coaching next term and term 3	£500	St Augustine's School
	Corstorphine Old Parrish –	To go on a Black History walking tour of Edinburgh	£500	Corstorphine Old Parrish
	Youth café -	Purchase a new pool table for busy youth café	£655	Rannoch CC
	TOTAL		£3725	

Members agreed that this sounded a worthwhile process and thanks to those involved, including the young people who gave up their time to fill consider each application.

It was agreed to consider higher maximum award in future, although recognised that for larger project ideas, the normal Community Grants Fund process might suffice.

	<p>Fiona added that this process would have been strengthened by Youth Participation training opportunities (e.g. ACT training which was available in the past) to increase confidence in those young people who do not engage.</p> <p>Elaine to process awards</p>	Elaine
8. Western Community Grant Fund (CGF)	<p>Elaine presented an update report, showing balance of £13,197 with four new applications for consideration totalling £19,393. These are summarised below:</p> <p>WNN06/2022-23 - Edinburgh Park Leisure (Energize). Requesting £5000 to contribute towards a canopy to enable outdoor classes. Total cost of canopy is £6,500 and they would contribute £1500. This group received £4400 in 2021-22 to provide new and additional classes and to market these. They also received £1554 but this was on behalf of the Voluntary Sector Forum</p> <p>Comment and queries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is this space still open to non-members to use for free? • Would the project go ahead with a partial award? <p>WNN07/2022-23 - The Corstorphine Singers. Requested £5000 to develop this new singing group by supporting tutor and venue costs. Total costs are £6850 for 1 year and they would raise balance from participation fees. This is a first application from this group.</p> <p>Comment and queries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This group has been going for a year now, although recognise that they are only newly constituted with bank account • Tutor costs appear high. • Should we offer 6 months stability to enable them to fundraise elsewhere and look at longer term funding? • CCC happy to support them with fundraising and planning • It would be good to support new organisations • Would a partial award be acceptable? <p>WNN08/2022-23 - Capital AllStars. Requesting £4625 to support travel costs to two events, to purchase new safety equipment and a sound system. This is a first application from this group.</p> <p>Comment and queries–</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can we get more info on your recent fundraising mentioned? • It would be good to support new organisations • Would a partial award be acceptable? <p>WNN09/2022-23 - Corstorphine Community Centre (CCC). Requesting £4768 to purchase new furniture for the development of their services. CCC received £4612 and £3879 in 2021-22 to support girls work / young people Christmas event and support to pupils with English as a second language.</p> <p>Comment and queries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would a partial award be acceptable? <p>Since Western NN is only NN in North West that does not use a funding panel to make these decisions, with agreed quorate, Steve to talk to elected members and to put on next agenda for discussion..</p> <p>Decision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was agreed to talk to each of the applicants to see if a partial award would still allow the project to go ahead in some shape. • Additional information as above to be asked. • Responses to be circulated to those in attendance plus elected members. • Steve to talk to elected members re establishing a funding panel 	<p>Elaine</p> <p>Elaine</p> <p>Elaine</p> <p>Steve</p>
9. AOCB	There was no other business	
10. Date of Next Meeting	<p>Date of next meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wed 12 April 2023 Teams (link below) <p>Microsoft Teams meeting Join on your computer, mobile app or room device</p> <p>Click here to join the meeting / Meeting ID: 389 750 228 408 / Passcode: nma58E</p> <p>Download Teams Join on the web Learn More Meeting options</p> <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wed 28 June 2023 Teams • Wed 4 Oct 2023 Teams 	