

Almond Neighbourhood Network

NOTE OF MEETING – Wednesday 1 March 2023, online via Teams

PRESENT

Keith Giblett	Queensferry & District Community Council (Chair)
Percy Feketey	Almond Neighbourhood Network Rep NW LCPP / Almond Community Safety Panel
Bert Scott	Almond Community Safety Panel
Georgena Wylie	Cramond & Barnton Community Council
Charlotte Cowe	Davidsons Mains & Silverknowes Association
Paul Vaughan	Gateside Tenants & Residents
David Buchanan	Kirkliston Community Council
Liz McIntosh	Queensferry Care in the Community (QCCC)
Graeme McKinley	Queensferry & District Community Council
Judy Wightman	Ratho & District Community Council
Cllr Norman Work	City of Edinburgh Council

NW Community Inspector

Caroline Flynn Police Scotland

Local Area Commander

Neil Wilson Police Scotland

Helen Bourquin CEC NW Lifelong Learning Service Manager

Elaine Lennon CEC NW Lifelong Learning Development Officer

APOLOGIES

Rod Alexander Davidsons Mains & Silverknowes Association

Anne Mitchell Queensferry & District Community
Council

Cllr Louise Young City of Edinburgh Council

Lloyd Richardson CEC Senior Transport Team Leader

IN ATTENDANCE

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>INPUT/DISCUSSION</u>	<u>DECISIONS / ACTIONS</u>
1. Welcome and Introductions	Keith G welcomed the group	
2. Minute of previous meeting and any matters arising	<p>Matters arising</p> <p>Roads NEP: There were actions against Lloyd Richardson that remain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speed bumps on Stirling Road remains an issue. David to make contact with Lloyd. Overnight parking behind pub at Cramond Car Park remains an issue and request for height restriction barrier. Lloyd had agreed to look at options. Percy to contact Lloyd to ask that this is added to potential project bank. Section 75 funding. Lloyd was to come back to Cramond Barnton Community Council and Kirkliston Community Council with contacts. Keith to request a meeting before next meeting. 	<p>David B</p> <p>Percy F</p> <p>Keith G</p>

3. Community Policing & Resourcing in Almond	<p>Local Area Commander Neil Wilson and NW Community Inspector Caroline Flynn of Police Scotland joined the group and gave an update on a review and redistribution of resources that was underway.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognise the need to communicate better with local communities to share the good work taking place. • Going to be working more closely with teams at Corstorphine and Wester Hailes to cover overlapping areas and respond to identified need. • PC Gill Young, school link Officer will now cover South Queensferry High and the wider community policing tasks. <p><u>Queries / comments:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthening partnership at local level has been welcomed, particularly in Kirkliston. • Looking forward to recreating relationships at QCC to protect vulnerable older people • Still some issues in Ratho Station with no contact Officers. Caroline to chase this up. • The community are looking forward to improvements to be gained by new CEC Control Centre, based on increased CCTV visibility and improved communication. • Neil added that this should simplify temporary positioning of CCTV cameras, based on prioritisation by CEC. <p>Keith thanked Officers for attending.</p>	CI Flynn
4. Neighbourhood Environment Programme (NEP) – Roads and Footpaths update	<p>There are no further updates for the Almond projects, all 3 have been completed – Bo’ness Road, Gateside and Stirling Road.</p> <p>Any queries or actions please email direct lloyd.richardson@edinburgh.gov.uk</p> <p>Actions from previous minute listed under item 2 above.</p>	
5. Local Community Planning Partnership (LCP) Meeting	<p>Percy updated on key points discussed at LCP meeting of 6 Feb 2023. Full details will be available in the minutes before their next meeting - at this link https://www.edinburghpartnership.scot/community-planning-family/locality-community-planning-partnerships?documentId=4&categoryId=4</p> <p>Key points discussed at LCP were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated action tracker 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North Edinburgh report by R2 group • Warm and Welcoming centres • New Engagement and Empowerment Team update by Andrew Field. He • Locality Improvement Plan = being updated and new one expected to be in place by end year. Helen urged everyone to familiarise themselves with the current version (link here) • Edinburgh Partnership – aims to start meeting around the city with invited groups 			
6. Community Grants Fund Update	David, as Chair of Almond NN Funding Panel gave a short summary of new awards recommended, and the following shows total allocations 2022-23:			
	CGF allocation for 2022-23 was £27586 plus there were repayments from project underspends of £559, giving total for allocation of £28,145			£28,145
	ANN01_2022-23	Friends of Pikes Pool	Planting of a community orchard in Pikes Pool Park	£2,291
	ANN03_2022-23	Project Esperanza	towards setting up a social group with activities for local women of African heritage.	£1,500
	ANN04_2022-23	SHE Scotland	To support residential and activity costs.	£2,000
	ANN06_2022-23	Kirkliston Community Centre	To carry out a summer programme of activities for young people	£1,855
	ANN07_2022-23	South Queensferry & Rosebery Hall Comm Education Centre	Local trips and activities for p7 Transition Group	£1,500
	ANN08_2022-23	1 st Kirkliston Scout Group	To purchase a fire shelter for camps	£580
	ANN09_2022-23	LIFT Project @ Muirhouse Millennium Centre	To run a weekly session for children with autism and their families	£2,000
	ANN10_2022-23	Kirkliston Community Conservation Volunteers	To support a programme of volunteering activity to improve the environment of Kirkliston	£1,700

	ANN11_2022-23	Kirkliston Community Council	To refurbish their Santa Sleigh to carry out Christmas activities	£2,500	
	ANN12_2022-23	Davidsons Mains and Silverknowes Association	To purchase a storage / transport trolley for volunteer use (for Friends of Lauriston Castle). - withdrawn	£0	
	ANN13_2022-23	Queensferry Sea Cadets	To contribute towards refurbishment of the windows and doors in their building	£1,000	
	ANN14_2022-23	Elite Cleaning SOS	To purchase cleaning equipment to be used to help clean and declutter homes of those in need	£400	
	ANN15_2022-23	Society of the St Vincent De Paul	To contribute towards a Christmas hot meal and entertainment for older and housebound people	£775	
	ANN16_2022-23	Greenferry Planting	To develop a community orchard	£1,000	
	ANN17_2022-23	Queensferry & District Community Council	To purchase warm clothing for local children as part of their Santa's Elves project	£2,046	
	ANN18_2022-23	Queensferry & District Community Council	To carry out repairs to a local public arts piece - The Guardian of the Bridges	£1,420	
	ANN19_2022-23	Muirhouse Youth Development Project	To support Youth Work Games 2023 by contributing to travel costs and activity instructors	£1,960	
	ANN20_2022-23	People Know How	To support a digital inclusion project	£1,618	
	ANN21_2022-23	Evolution Swim School	To offer free sessions to those who cannot afford it by contributing to a sessional Pool Side Supervisor and lane hire costs	£2,000	
	Total allocated			£28,145.00	

	<p>Keith gave a summary of the outcomes from the grant allocated to the Ferry Elves for Christmas support to families:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 95 children from 45 families supported • 60 coats and 49 pairs of shoes distributed • Knitted hats from a local knitting group were provided to all • The group welcomed this grant and also donations and support from other local groups and businesses 		
7. NN Priority: Health Wellbeing & Social Isolation subgroup update	<p>Liz gave info of a joint Almond and Western Social Isolation meeting taking place (face to face) on 19 April 2023, at Space to Be from 10-11.30am. The aim of this is to bring people together who are working to tackle social isolation in the community to find out what is going on and any barriers or gaps.</p> <p>She also said a recent LCPP Social Isolation Sub Group met and are looking more at Warm Spaces and the outcomes from these.</p> <p>Keith added that Warm Spaces appear to be more successful if focused around an activity to encourage more people to attend.</p> <p>Waste Not food in Kirkliston is another way to reduce social isolation and food poverty, where food destined to go to waste is available to anyone who needs it. This is not only for those in poverty but to anyone to help reduce waste.</p> <p>Liz explained that a 2 day Mental Health First Aid course will go ahead and will specifically target smaller, community led projects.</p>		
8. A.O.C.B.	<p>Public Transport in Almond</p> <p>David said that agreed improvements in McGill's Bus Services were not yet visible. Kirkliston Community Council intend to write to David Phillips Director and General Manager. He asked for support of Almond NN in this, which was agreed.</p> <p>Judy added that she had a contact that she would share who was very well connected in public transport.</p> <p>Gateside Hub</p> <p>David and Paul informed the meeting that agreed improvements to drainage had started but been abandoned leaving the area waterlogged and the building unusable.</p>	<p>David</p> <p>Judy</p>	

	Keith to set up meeting with Paul Lawrence and David, Paul	Keith
9. Date of next meeting	<p>Date of next meetings Please send any agenda items to Keith at giblett@btinternet.com at least one week in advance of the next meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wed 10 May 2023, 6pm (link below) • Web 23 Aug 2023, 6pm • Wed 8 Nov 2023, 6pm <div> <p>Link to meeting on 10 May 2023:</p> <h2>Microsoft Teams meeting</h2> <p>Join on your computer, mobile app or room device Click here to join the meeting</p> <p>Meeting ID: 381 290 713 783 Passcode: iBKyJH</p> <p>Download Teams Join on the web Learn More Meeting options</p> </div>	