

# Almond Neighbourhood Network

NOTE OF MEETING – Wednesday 10 May 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
Vanessa Hartley	Davidsons Mains & Silverknowes Association
David Buchanan	Kirkliston Community Council
Pauline Nicol Bowie	LIFT Muirhouse Millennium Centre
Kate Wimpres	North Edinburgh Arts
Liz McIntosh	Queensferry Care in the Community (QCCC / VSF)
Anne Mitchell	Queensferry & District Community Council
Graeme McKinley	Queensferry & District Community Council
Judy Wightman	Ratho & District Community Council

Cllr Lewis Younie	City of Edinburgh Council
Cllr Norman Work	City of Edinburgh Council

## **IN ATTENDANCE**

Andrew Field	CEC Community Empowerment & Engagement Head
Helen Bourquin	CEC Community Empowerment & Engagement Manager
Elaine Lennon	CEC Community Empowerment & Engagement Officer
Jade Mooney	CEC Community Empowerment & Engagement Officer
David Stevenson	CEC Housing Team Leader

## **APOLOGIES**

Rod Alexander	Davidsons Mains & Silverknowes Association
Paul Vaughan	Gateside Tenants and Residents
Cllr Kevin Lang	City of Edinburgh Council
Cllr Louise Young	City of Edinburgh Council
Lloyd Richardson	CEC Senior Transport Team Leader

<b><u>ITEM</u></b>	<b><u>INPUT/DISCUSSION</u></b>	<b><u>ACTIONS</u></b>
<b>1. Welcome and Introductions</b>	Keith G welcomed the group and introductions took place	
<b>2. Minute of previous meeting and any matters arising</b>	<p>Matters arising</p> <p>Roads NEP: There were actions against Lloyd Richardson that remain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Speed bumps on Stirling Road remains an issue.</li> <li>Overnight parking behind pub at Cramond Car Park remains an issue. Percy reported that a meeting was being held at Car Park in Cramond on Mon 29<sup>th</sup> June at 1pm</li> <li>Section 75 funding. Keith added that he has asked for a list of Section 75 projects in Almond but hadn't heard back. Cllr Younie to investigate</li> </ul> <p>Policing: Action remaining</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Judy to make contact with CI Flynn as discussed to clarify contacts in Ratho</li> </ul>	<p>Lloyd R / other relevant Officer</p> <p>Cllr Younie Judy</p>

	<p>Public Transport (McGill's):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Younie reported that a public meeting had taken place and the general feeling was that the service had improved slightly since McGill's had taken over the route S38, and that McGill's staff had listened to issues and promised to come back with answers.</li> <li>• David B added that although improvements were being seen, that there were still some agreements that need to be chased: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Update on search for a suitable turning circle at Winchburgh to enable duplicate service at peak times</li> <li>○ Lack of accurate bus timetables at bus stops</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Gateside Hub:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keith has written to Paul Lawrence and was put in touch with appropriate Officer. He explained that some of the delay had been caused by another conflicting Traffic Order. This can be removed from actions.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>3. Neighbourhood Environment Programme (NEP) – Roads / Footpaths update</b></p> <p><b>3b Neighbourhood Environment Programme (NEP) – Housing Revenue / Estates Improvement Projects (EIP)</b></p>	<p>It was agreed to invite Lloyd to attend next meeting to have deeper conversations on Roads NEPs</p> <p>Muirhouse Community Garden – David S presented a proposed project for EIP funding and explained that has been proposed by Edible Estates, working with communities in Muirhouse.</p> <p>This proposal involves the development of an area of land at Fidra Court for Community Growing.</p> <p>Estate Improvement Programme (EIF) formerly Housing NEP investment funding, to prepare the land for further growing development. This project proposal is supported by an overwhelming majority of those residents in proximity of the proposed location who responded following a community engagement exercise. Estimate costs for land prep, whin dust surfacing and 1.8m fencing to the perimeter of the area is £28700.</p> <p><b>Comments / Queries:</b></p>	Elaine



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ exploring what currently works well, what doesn't and what support may be needed.</li><li>• Andrew offered to come back to future meeting.</li></ul> <p><b>Comments / Queries:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Keith welcomed this and added that it was good for NNs to- evolve too and to try to encourage more people to get involved</li><li>• Cllr Younie said that there was widespread excitement about the ethos of this new work</li><li>• Keith said that he welcomed improved communication with Community Councils</li><li>• Pauline added that involvement of team so far had been very positive</li></ul> <p>If any questions, please send to <a href="mailto:helen.bourquin@edinburgh.gov.uk">helen.bourquin@edinburgh.gov.uk</a> or to <a href="mailto:elaine.lennon@edinburgh.gov.uk">elaine.lennon@edinburgh.gov.uk</a></p>			
<b>5. Local Community Planning Partnership (LCPP) Meeting</b>	<p>Percy said that the most recent meeting of the LCPP meeting of 6 Feb 2023. (Full details will be available in the minutes before their next meeting - at this link <a href="https://www.edinburghpartnership.scot/community-planning-family/locality-community-planning-partnerships?documentId=4&amp;categoryId=4">https://www.edinburghpartnership.scot/community-planning-family/locality-community-planning-partnerships?documentId=4&amp;categoryId=4</a>)</p> <p>There had also been a sub group meeting to look at the review of the current LIP (<a href="#">Locality Improvement Plan</a>), and Percy shared the main points (attached).</p> <p>Comments / queries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Keith – How does NN engage with the LIP review? –</li><li>• Helen explained that the first step was to issue a template to the three priority leads for completion so that we could gather Info on what has been achieved and to allow us to examine this and suggest what needs to be retained, what needs to be moved to core workplans, and what might need to be added. All will be encouraged to engage in this process. Workshops were being developed and invitations would be circulated to Neighbourhood Networks, Community Councils and wider community membership. Revised dates are <b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 10am to 1pm / Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June, 10am to 1pm</b>. Invitations to be sent next week.</li></ul>	<p>Elaine to circulate link and Percy's summary</p> <p>Elaine</p>		
<b>6. Community Grants Fund Update</b>	<p>David, as Chair of Almond NN Funding Panel gave a short summary of new awards recommended, and the following shows total allocations 2023-24:</p> <table><tr><td><b>Available budget £27,586</b></td><td><b>Approved</b></td></tr></table>	<b>Available budget £27,586</b>	<b>Approved</b>	
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	Ferry Fair ANN01/2023-24	To contribute to the family fun evening element of Ferry Fair week by bringing in inflatables, owls and alpacas.	£1,700	
	Kirkliston Community Gala ANN02/2023-24	To pay for inflatables and bands for the gala to offer accessible and affordable for the whole community	£1,250	
	Kirkliston Community Centre ANN03/2023-24	To support summer programme of activities across Kirkliston, South Queensferry & Dalmeny for young people aged 11-14	£2,494	
		<b>Balance remaining</b>	<b>£22,142</b>	
	Elaine added that deadlines for applications are 6 August and 22 October 2023.			
<b>7. NN Priority: Health Wellbeing &amp; Social Isolation subgroup update</b>	Anne reported that <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Warm Spaces had been successful in Dalmeny</li><li>• Community Connections was trying to rebrand theirs to reduce stigma</li><li>• A Warm Welcomes event had shared the success of this initiatives in Libraries</li><li>• A Mental Health 1<sup>st</sup> Aid course was taking place soon in Queensferry through the Voluntary Sector Forum (18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> May), and in Corstorphine later in year.</li><li>• Charlotte said that Davidsons Mains Parish Church had tried a Warm Spaces, but this had not been too popular and possibly because of the stigma going into a church. Anne said that combining it with an activity had shown some success in other paces e.g., knitting</li><li>• Kate said that they had also used activities as an attraction but that it took time to build up trust</li><li>• Pauline said that Muirhouse Millennium Centre don't call it 'Warm Spaces' but link it to for example a bingo afternoon, and people can get a warm meal, charge their phones and meet other people</li></ul>			
<b>8. A.O.C.B.</b>	<b>NEP Kirkliston Bowling Green</b> Percy asked if the NEP Project at Kirkliston Bowling Green had any updates? Elaine to ask Lloyd for update			Elaine
<b>9. Date of next meeting</b>	Date of next meetings <b>Please send any agenda items to Keith at <a href="mailto:giblett@btinternet.com">giblett@btinternet.com</a> at least one week in advance of the next meeting.)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Web 23 Aug 2023, 6pm – <b>face to face</b>. Muirhouse Millennium Centre, 7 Muirhouse Medway EH4 4RW Tel: 0131 467 3578</li><li>• Wed 8 Nov 2023, 6pm</li></ul>			