

Present

- John Yellowlees, Murrayfield Community Council (Chair)
- Tommy Mclean, Western & Almond Voluntary Sector Forum
- Jude Thomas, Saughtonhall Community Association
- Rosi Watts, Ravelston N1 Neighbourhood Watch

In Attendance

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

Apologies

- Steve Kerr, Corstorphine Community Council / LCPP
- Jane Kerr, Corstorphine Trust
- Cllr Robert Aldridge, City of Edinburgh Council
- Cllr Alan Beal, City of Edinburgh Council
- Cllr Ed Thornley, City of Edinburgh Council
- Lloyd Richardson, CEC Senior Transport Team Leader

AGENDA ITEM		ACTIONS AGREED
1. Welcome	John opened the meeting and welcomed attendees. He expressed disappointment at low attendance and asked that we all encourage participation from members.	All
2. Note of Previous Meeting	<p>The notes of 25 January were agreed and there were some actions outstanding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NEP Roads- John reported that a walkabout with Lloyd had taken place and that he would get back to them re what is deliverable in Murrayfield. • NEP Estate Improvements Programme - It was asked if George Norval had yet set up a 'Community Estate Improvement Group'. Decision – i to ask George for update. <p>Participatory Budgeting – it was felt that a recent PB imitative to decide projects getting The Edinburgh Community Climate Fund was difficult, with only two votes permitted. Decision – to feed this to organisers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding Panel - There remains a desire to set up a funding panel for Western. Decision – to put out call for members with minute 	<p>Lloyd</p> <p>Elaine</p> <p>Elaine</p> <p>Elaine</p>
3. Neighbourhood	In Lloyd's absence, it was agreed to take this forward to next meeting	Lloyd R

Environment Programme (NEP) Roads		
4. NW Locality Community Planning Partnership (LCPP)	<p>Link to papers was provided and update will be given to next meeting.</p> <p>Helen reported that a review of the current LIP would start soon and that a focus of this would be encouraging participation by hidden groups and individuals. The consultation plan will include a multi-pronged approach via Neighbourhood Networks, Community Councils, etc as well as Youth Clubs, Older people's groups etc with the intention of developing a LIP that is readable.</p> <p>Actions would be collaborative rather than the core work of partners and how we measure these actions will be key to its success. Helen to feed back updates from LCPP</p>	<p>Steve K</p> <p>Helen</p>
5. Social Isolation priority sub group	<p>Tommy gave the following update:</p> <p>Community Directory</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Community Directory has been circulated electronically with an ask of local organisations to put it on their website / send to mailing lists etc. He plans to mention it in next VSF leaflet as we now need ideas on how to promote this wider. Elaine to send a copy and request to share out again, and to new members in attendance. Decision – circulate copy <p>Mental Health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2-day course coming up. Aim is to improve our ability of recognise the signs and to offer help / signpost. Please contact Tommy McLean t_w_mclean@yahoo.co.uk <p>Warm Centres</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feedback has been positive but look forward to any formal evaluations. Helen added that an event on 26 April at City Chambers will be looking at this. Helen to send info to Tommy. <p>VSF Leaflet</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding from WNN has meant that leaflets have been produced until now. He reported an underspend due to finding efficiencies plus some months being unable to produce one. Tommy requested permission from 	<p>Elaine</p> <p>Helen</p>

	<p>WNN to use this underspend to produce leaflets over next few months. Decision - permission given to continue this.</p> <p>Joint Almond and Western NN Social Isolation Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recognise that there is a huge amount of work taking place in WNN, much by groups and organisations who do not see ‘tackling social isolation’ as their main focus, but this sub group is trying to identify how we can make better linkages and offer support to allow this work to continue.• Meeting taking place on 19 April which is looking at opportunities for linkages.• It was asked if evening meetings could be considered.	Tommy												
6. Western Community Grant Fund (CGF)	<p>Elaine presented a review of funding allocated in 2021-22 and these project’s completed End of Grant reports. This shows benefits of the awards and outcomes achieved.</p> <p>Two new applications have been received for consideration, one urgent due to timeframe and other has been on hold since January. These are summarised below and with full details circulated.</p> <p>A total of £37,565 is allocated for small projects in Western NN in 2023-24. If full awards were recommended, a balance of £31,904 would remain.</p> <p>She reminded members that groups that are constituted not-for-profit and have a bank account in their name which require at least two signatures are eligible to apply. Projects are encouraged for small scale activity that benefits local communities. Full guidance can be found here: https://www.edinburghpartnership.scot/get-involved/western-community-grants-fund/1</p> <table><tr><th>Project</th><th>Description</th><th>Requested</th><th>Comments</th></tr><tr><td>01 Ravelston No1 Neighbourhood Watch</td><td>To organise a street party to celebrate the Coronation, with afternoon tea, children’s activities 2-6pm on Sunday 7th May. Costs include marquee, tables, children’s activities This is a first application from this group.</td><td>£661</td><td>No CEC or Community Council funding for street parties. Permission to close the road. Due to low attendance, agreed to circulate to members for comment by end week.</td></tr><tr><td>02 Tummies not Trash</td><td>To run volunteer recruitment and training events, as well as to hire somewhere to use as a base</td><td>£5000</td><td>Due to small numbers at meeting, agreed to circulate to</td></tr></table>	Project	Description	Requested	Comments	01 Ravelston No1 Neighbourhood Watch	To organise a street party to celebrate the Coronation, with afternoon tea, children’s activities 2-6pm on Sunday 7 th May. Costs include marquee, tables, children’s activities This is a first application from this group.	£661	No CEC or Community Council funding for street parties. Permission to close the road. Due to low attendance, agreed to circulate to members for comment by end week.	02 Tummies not Trash	To run volunteer recruitment and training events, as well as to hire somewhere to use as a base	£5000	Due to small numbers at meeting, agreed to circulate to	Tommy
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	<p>where food can be collated from our store collections, sorted & redistributed.</p> <p>This is a first application from this group.</p>	members for comment within two weeks.	
	<p>Decisions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To circulate applications again for comment to wider membership. To work to set up a funding panel asap, with guidance for possible members. John, Tommy and Jude keen to be part of this. 		<p>Elaine</p> <p>Elaine / Steve K</p>
7. AOCB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Engagement and Empowerment Team - Helen explained that following the review of Lifelong Learning, a new Community Engagement and Empowerment Team has been established with Andrew Field leading on this. Helen and Jackie Stewart are the Service Managers and Elaine is now part of a small team of six Community Engagement and Empowerment Officers covering the city. Vacancies for this team hope to be filled soon. Meetings will be taking place to agree how this service will be developed and Andrew Field will come to the next meeting to give more information. Agreed to circulate more info on NN / LCPP etc. Decision – to send out info Redcroft garden - open days on 13/14 May New café The Rosebean - to be run by The Dower House team in Roseburn Park. Friends of Gyle Park – Have been awarded £90k from Paths for All funding to make improvements to park. Need to find £30k match funding. 		<p>Elaine</p>
8. Date of Next Meeting	<p>Date of next meeting: Wed 28 June 2023 Teams (link below)</p> <hr/> <p>Microsoft Teams meeting</p> <p>Join on your computer, mobile app or room device Click here to join the meeting</p> <p>Meeting ID: 319 248 438 031 Passcode: 9GPHAt Download Teams Join on the web / Learn More Meeting options</p> <hr/> <p>Future meetings: Wed 4 Oct 2023 Teams</p>		