

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

Mon 14 June 2023 at 18:00 via Microsoft Teams

## Present

- Fred Marinello (Chair) - Granton and District Community Council
- George Gordon - Granton and District Community Council
- Dawn Anderson – Pilton Community Health Project
- Willie Black – West Pilton Neighbourhood Centre

## 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:

- Biddy Kelly - Fresh Start
- Alex Collop – Circle Scotland
- Tim Parker - Trinity Community Council
- Bill Rodger - Trinity Community Council
- Kate Wimpess - North Edinburgh Arts
- Heather Yang – Volunteer Edinburgh

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>INPUT/DISCUSSION</u>	<u>DECISIONS / ACTIONS</u>
1. Minute of 22 March 2023	<p>The minute was accepted</p> <p>Matters arising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dawn reported that Volunteer Edinburgh's new worker would now have a base at PCHP as discussed at last meeting.</li></ul>	
2. Forth NN Estate Improvements Prog (EIS) formerly HRA NEP	<p><u>George N presented some slides:</u></p> <p><u>NEW PROJECT FOR CONSIDERATION (report circulated):</u></p> <p>1) <b>10-12 &amp; 24- 26 Granton Medway</b></p> <p>Communal Gardens Improvement Proposal. Proposed first phase test project aimed at significantly improving rear common spaces that have become neglected over the years with limited use and a favourite area for domestic dumping.</p> <p>Comprehensive engagement will take place with residents on proposed design, and to ensure their responsibility in maintaining and keep the locations free of waste in future (22 flats, 21 Council</p>	

	<p>tenants, 1 PSL tenant)</p> <p>Propose new low maintenance surfacing, slabbing, , new fencing, new washing poles, fruit trees, seating and shrubbed areas.</p> <p>Estimate for 4 large communal gardens. £95200.</p> <p><b>Comments / queries:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In the past, it has been difficult to get neighbours behind improvements. George N explained that this was communal gardens that has not had any previous investment. David added that the design would emulate Ferry Road Drive.</li> <li>• Further engagement with residents would take place.</li> </ul> <p><b>Action:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was agreed to move forward with this proposal and carry out resident engagement. An update on this, plus design ideas would be brought back to this group to discuss next steps</li> </ul> <p><b><u>CONTINUING PROJECTS:</u></b></p> <p>David D and George N gave updates on existing projects (please see attached presentation)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Granton Crescent / improved view.</b> Planned meeting with residents and a walkabout</li> <li>• <b>Boswall Crescent / Drive, to work with local residents to improve land popular with local residents and dog walkers.</b> Aiming to gather views asap, in particular looking at gate placement and best use of space. George N to send date to George G for door knocking as Community Council keen to assist.</li> <li>• <b>Laverockbank Avenue, vennel lighting improvements,</b> Residents have agreed a design. This is now out to tender</li> <li>• <b>Wardieburn Road, community growing.</b> Meeting has taken place with resident and Edible Estate. Designs to come and will be presented to residents and shared with this group.</li> <li>• <b>71-77 Crewe Road North, waste improvements, estimated cost £37100.</b> Engagement with residents underway. Improvements were welcomed.</li> </ul>	<p>George N</p> <p>George N</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Laverockbank Landscaping improvements.</b> Revised design produced. Estimated cost £27k</li> </ul> <p><b>Other issues:</b></p> <p>Willie B said that it had been difficult to deal with contractors on West Pilton Place. Project now complete and satisfactory but management could have been better.</p> <p>George G said that new trees in East Pilton Park had been welcomed but two had been sited at the side of the changing rooms which was reducing the capacity for football pitches and getting in the road of players and supporters alike and asked if they could be relocated. George asked George N / David D to make contact with <a href="mailto:Steven.cuthill@edinburgh.gov.uk">Steven.cuthill@edinburgh.gov.uk</a></p>	George N / David D
<b>3. Forth NN priority update (Poverty)</b>	<p>Willie B spoke to the circulated update from R2 group.</p> <p>He explained that they met every 3 months, and a Development Working Group met every 6 weeks.</p> <p>They have been granted 3 years funding from the Scottish Government for an R2 Co-ordinator post. Details to follow once it is all finalised.</p> <p>A meeting is due to take place to discuss problems of damp / mould issues that people in the area were facing.</p>	
<b>4. Local Community Planning Project (LCPP)</b>	<p>George G is now Chair of the NW LCPP and continues to share minute of this group with the LCPP and vice versa for the purpose of communication and information. George added that on this occasion the LCPP minute was not available.</p> <p>George reported that there was consultation taking place surrounding the LIP priorities and the current three priorities which are social isolation, employment and skills, and the North West area had been consulted upon to see if three priorities are still current and relevant and that it is important for people to get involved to shape the new plans and to ensure that it reflects the current position and thinking.</p>	
<b>5. Community Grants Fund (CGF)</b>	<p>Elaine talked to the report on CGF allocations for 2023-24.</p> <p>Two applicaitons were discussed at earlier meeting of the Funding Panel, and the following recommendations were agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stepping Stones, £1592 to organise a summer outing to East Links Park for 38 adults and 20 children</li> <li>• Wardie Bay Residents Association, £1004 to carry out planting at entrance to Wardie Bay to improve the visual amenity for local people and visitors.</li> </ul>	

	<p>Forth NN have an annual allocation of £25,112 and have a current balance of £21,461 (which includes a repayment of £123.60 underspend by Amazing Harmonies). If the above recommendations are successful, a balance of £18,115 will remain for allocation this financial year as shown below:</p> <table><tr><th>APPLICANT</th><th>PROJECT DESCRIPTION</th><th>AWARDED</th><th>BALANCE</th></tr><tr><td>FNN01/2023-24 North Edinburgh Childcare</td><td>To support outings and transport for children attending holiday provision</td><td>1300</td><td>£ 23,812.00</td></tr><tr><td>FNN02/2023-24 WPNC on behalf of North Edin Festival</td><td>To support North Edinburgh Festival by contributing towards a food marquee</td><td>2474</td><td>£ 21,338.00</td></tr><tr><td>(FNN10/2021-22 Amazing Harmonies)</td><td>Repayment of underspend</td><td>-123.6</td><td>£ 21,461.60</td></tr><tr><td>FNN03/2023-24 Stepping Stones</td><td>To organise a summer outing to East Links Park for 38 adults and 20 children</td><td>1592</td><td>£ 19,869.60</td></tr><tr><td>FNN04/2023-24 Wardie Bay Residents</td><td>To carry out planting at entrance to Wardie Bay to improve the visual amenity for local people and visitors</td><td>1754</td><td>£ 18,115.60</td></tr></table>	APPLICANT	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	AWARDED	BALANCE	FNN01/2023-24 North Edinburgh Childcare	To support outings and transport for children attending holiday provision	1300	£ 23,812.00	FNN02/2023-24 WPNC on behalf of North Edin Festival	To support North Edinburgh Festival by contributing towards a food marquee	2474	£ 21,338.00	(FNN10/2021-22 Amazing Harmonies)	Repayment of underspend	-123.6	£ 21,461.60	FNN03/2023-24 Stepping Stones	To organise a summer outing to East Links Park for 38 adults and 20 children	1592	£ 19,869.60	FNN04/2023-24 Wardie Bay Residents	To carry out planting at entrance to Wardie Bay to improve the visual amenity for local people and visitors	1754	£ 18,115.60	
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6. <u>AOCB</u>	There was no other business																									
7. <b>Date of next meeting</b>	<p>13 September 2023 (link below) 6 December 2023</p> <hr/> <p><b>Wed 13 September 2023 - Microsoft Teams meeting</b> <b>Join on your computer, mobile app or room device</b> <a href="#">Click here to join the meeting</a> Meeting ID: 313 367 127 248 Passcode: HVVbfw <a href="#">Download Teams</a>   <a href="#">Join on the web</a> <a href="#">Learn More</a>   <a href="#">Meeting options</a></p>																									