

Almond Neighbourhood Network

NOTE OF MEETING – Wednesday 23 Aug 2023, online via Teams

PRESENT

Keith Giblett (Chair)	Queensferry & District Community Council
Rod Alexander	Davidsons Mains & Silverknowes Association
Percy Feketey	Almond Community Safety Panel / Rep on LCPP
Bert Scott	Almond Community Safety Panel
David Buchanan	Kirkliston Community Council
Pauline Nicol Bowie	LIFT Muirhouse Millennium Centre
Anne Mitchell	Queensferry & District Community Council
Graeme McKinley	Queensferry & District Community Council
Paul Vaughan	Gateside Tenants and Residents
Judy Wightman	Ratho & District Community Council

APOLOGIES

Georgena Wylie	Cramond & Barnton Community Council
Charlotte Cowe	Davidsons Mains & Silverknowes Association
Liz McIntosh	Queensferry Care in the Community (VSF)
Mary Giblett	Queensferry Community Association
Cllr Louise Young	City of Edinburgh Council
Cllr Norman Work	City of Edinburgh Council
Andrew Field	CEC Community Empowerment & Engagement Head
Lloyd Richardson	CEC Senior Transport Team Leader
David Stevenson	CEC Housing Team Leader


IN ATTENDANCE

Helen Bourquin	CEC Community Empowerment & Engagement Manager
Elaine Lennon	CEC Community Empowerment & Engagement Officer

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>INPUT/DISCUSSION</u>	<u>ACTIONS</u>
1. Welcome and Introductions	Keith G welcomed the group and introductions took place	
2. Minute of previous meeting and any matters arising	<p>1) Meeting of 10 May 2023:</p> <p><u>Roads NEP:</u></p> <p>There were actions against Lloyd Richardson that remain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speed bumps on Stirling Road remains an issue. • 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 29th June at 1pm • Percy asked if the NEP Project at Kirkliston Bowling Green had any updates? Elaine to ask Lloyd for update • 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 	<p>Lloyd R</p> <p>Cllr Younie</p>

	<p>Agreed to invite Dave Sinclair to a separate meeting to get update on Roads teams and NEPs moving forward</p> <p><u>Public transport</u> Changes to bus timetables and routes is now being dealt with at separate meetings. Keith to send details of meetings.</p> <p><u>New Community Empowerment and Engagement Team</u> Helen to provide a structure diagram</p> <p>Minute was approved.</p> <p>2) Minute of EIS meeting of 240523. Minute was agreed as true record.</p>	<p>Elaine</p> <p>Helen</p>
<p>3. Neighbourhood Environment Programme (NEP) – Roads</p>	<p>It was agreed to invite Dave Sinclair to attend next meeting to have deeper conversations on Roads NEPs and new team structure for Roads</p>	<p>Elaine</p>

<p>4. Neighbourhood Environment Programme (NEP) – Improvement Projects (EIP)</p>	<p>1) Update – Muirhouse Community Garden</p> <p>Elaine presented an update on the project discussed at special meeting from George Norval, which involves the development of an area of land at Fidra Court for Community Growing following a community engagement exercise. Estimate costs for land prep, which includes dust surfacing 1.8m fencing to the perimeter of the area is £28700. The fencing is now installed with next steps preparation of to arrange good accessibility and raised beds. Edible Estates has also requested the use of community garages which are attached to the site that are currently in operation. We have instructed an asbestos survey so further guidance may be given to Edible Estates who intend to fund raise for the renovation and use of these units.</p> <p>Edible Estates will also have a shipping container arriving in the coming days which will be placed locally and used as a meeting point and tool shed until the future of garages is decided.</p> <p>2) New proposal – Birnie’s Court</p> <p>Elaine also presented a new proposal from George for consideration as per image below. It was agreed that George should bring costed design to group, and that he should reassure members that type of shrubs etc would be considered in terms of ongoing maintenance needs.</p>	<div data-bbox="1196 236 1823 753" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>and land not that</p> <p>George N</p>
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		<h3>Project proposal - overhaul and improvement to shrub beds – Birnies Court</h3> <p>A project referral has been received by a tenant in Birnies asking whether we can improve this site to make it more visually appealing and more accessible to residents, possibly as a place to relax, surrounded by sensory shrub/ plants and potentially with a small orchard of both small fruit bearing trees and shrubs that local people may benefit from. However, several options will be available to discuss</p> <p>The site is currently secured by fencing without gates and with much of the area now badly overgrown and in poor condition.</p> <p>We ask Almond NN to approve moving to design proposals before providing future estimates/ options . Thereafter, depending on estimates and further agreement, to move to resident engagement where necessary.</p> <hr/>	
5. Know your community – LIFT @ Muirhouse Millenium Centre	<p>Pauline gave a frank and passionate presentation on the work of LIFT and the challenges they face. Contact Pauline here if you'd like more info: Pauline Nicol-Bowie pauline.lift@outlook.com</p> <p>Her presentation will be shared, and key points included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• LIFT (Low Income Families Together) supports and advocates for families who are in work but who face barriers to finding and sustaining work• They have supported more than 6000 whole families and individuals• They now also manage the MMC building, with the additional challenges that brings• Services include a Sharing Shelf to support food poverty, a Baby Bank to provide baby essentials, a Sassy Savings second hand goods shop and activities such as Mindfulness, Kids sessions and Employability workshops• Fundraising accounts for a large chunk of Pauline and her team's time as they struggle to secure core funding.		Elaine

6. NN Priority: Health Wellbeing & Social Isolation subgroup update	Anne reported that <ul style="list-style-type: none">The Joint Almond and Western / VSF Social Isolation group had another well attended meeting recently. These have been themed, and Community Transport and Volunteering were first themes discussed.Since ‘Winter Warmers’ initiatives, she feels that groups and churches providing Social Isolation support are now better connected, sharing ideas and coordinating delivery.They are now engaging better with groups in Kirkliston and hope to also work with any interested groups in Cramond / Davidsons Mains. Anyone interested in funding out more, contact Anne Mitchell anne.p.mitchell@googlemail.com																					
7. Local Community Planning Partnership (LCPP) Meeting	<p>Percy said that the most recent meeting of the LCPP meeting was 30 June 2023. He summarised the main points of the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">LIP update – presentations will be circulated. Helen added that a sub-group was taking this forward in NW and a first draft actions will be circulated in due course for comment.Edinburgh Partnership model being reviewedNeighbourhood Network updates were shared. Helen added that a small survey is being drafted to go to NN chairs to try to better understand NNs, particularly across the city where NNs have not been meeting. <p>(Full details of all LCPP meetings will be available here before their next meeting - https://www.edinburghpartnership.scot/community-planning-family/locality-community-planning-partnerships?documentId=4&categoryId=4)</p>																					
8. Community Grants Fund Update	<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. Total annual budget is £27,586</p> <table><tr><th>AWARDS APPROVED TO DATE</th><th>DESCRIPTION / ADDITIONAL INFO – Opening balance £27586</th><th>REQUESTED</th><th>RECOMMENDED</th></tr><tr><td>Ferry Fair</td><td>To contribute to the family fun evening by bringing in inflatables, owls and alpacas</td><td>£1,700</td><td>£1,700</td></tr><tr><td>Kirkliston Community Gala</td><td>To bring new entertainment to the gala day</td><td>£2,996</td><td>£1,250</td></tr><tr><td>Kirkliston Community Centre</td><td>To organise a summer programme of activities for young people</td><td>2494</td><td>£2494</td></tr><tr><td colspan="4">Balance remaining £22,142</td></tr></table>	AWARDS APPROVED TO DATE	DESCRIPTION / ADDITIONAL INFO – Opening balance £27586	REQUESTED	RECOMMENDED	Ferry Fair	To contribute to the family fun evening by bringing in inflatables, owls and alpacas	£1,700	£1,700	Kirkliston Community Gala	To bring new entertainment to the gala day	£2,996	£1,250	Kirkliston Community Centre	To organise a summer programme of activities for young people	2494	£2494	Balance remaining £22,142				
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	PROJECTS FOR CONSIDERATION	DESCRIPTION / ADDITIONAL INFO – Opening balance £22,142	REQUESTED	RECOMMENDED	
	Church of the Holy Cross (Davidsons Mains)	To refurbish their kitchen area to allow them to comply with new EHO standards	£2,895	£1800 – partial award	
	Queensferry Community Association	To replace centre chairs with lighter, stackable ones	£1,512	£1512	
	Cramond Barnton Community Council	To improve communication by replacing 4 noticeboards and producing a newsletter	£2,207	£1200 – partial award	
	Sabash	To deliver a 5-day ‘Edinburgh Durgotsav’ festival in Cramond, to bring together Bengalis & other communities	£4,750	NIL	
	Edinburgh Agroecology Coop (Lauriston Farm)	To purchase IT and security equipment	£3,040	NIL / Defer	
	Total awarded: £4,512.00				
	Balance remaining 2023-24: £17630				
Next deadline for application is 22 October 2023					
9. A.O.C.B.	1) Disappointment at lack of involvement of elected members was raised. 2) Lack of Police attendance at Kirkliston Community Council was raised. Elaine to invite Inspector Flynn to next meeting for an update on local policing				Elaine
10. Date of next meeting	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.)				
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