

Present

- Tommy Mclean, Western & Almond Voluntary Sector Forum (Chair)
- Angela Benzies, Corstorphine Business Community
- John Yellowlees, Murrayfield Community Council
- Clare Marshall, Tummies not Trash
- Andy Wallace
- Cllr Beal
- Cllr Thornley

In Attendance

- Elaine Lennon, CEC, CEC Community Empowerment and Engagement Officer
- Miriam Leighton, CEC Community Empowerment and Engagement Officer
- George Norval, CEC Estates Improvement Programme

Apologies

- Steve Kerr, Corstorphine Community Council / LCPP (Chair)
- Sian McSorley, Corstorphine Community Centre
- Hazel Kelly, Corstorphine Connect Sight Loss Group#
- Cllr Aldridge
- Helen Bourquin, CEC, CEC Community Empowerment and Engagement Officer

AGENDA ITEM		ACTIONS
1. Welcome	Tommy opened the meeting in Steve's absence, and wished him well	
2. Note of Previous Meeting	<p>The notes of 28 June 2023 were agreed and there were two action outstanding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Agreed to reach out to East Craigs PTA re their intended funding application.• Steve and Lloyd to meet to discuss outstanding roads issues	Elaine Steve

3. Neighbourhood Environment Programme (NEP) Estates Improvement Programme (EIP) formerly Housing Revenue Account (HRA)	<p>George Norval presented the EIP and explained that this is a fund that comes from Council Housing Rents and which is available to make improvements to Council Housing Land. Presentation to be shared.</p> <p>He agreed to share a map of suitable land in Western that could be considered for an EIP project</p> <p>His presentation explained that this scheme would include smaller projects which can be done quickly to have immediate impact and also larger projects that would have more engagement with local people through NN or a Community Estates Improvement Group. Anyone interested please give name to elaine.lennon@edinburgh.gov.uk Updates for projects and proposal projects would be a regular agenda item on WNN</p> <p>George also offered to arrange a walkabout to identify any possible areas for development.</p> <p>Comments / queries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do we ensure that tenants are involved in any decisions, and harness this engagement? • How do we kick this off? • George said that a walkabout would be first step and that engagement with relevant tenants would also take place <p>Decisions / Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • George to circulate map of HRA land • All to contact george.norval@edinburgh.gov.uk if interested in walkabout 	<p>Elaine George</p>
4. NW Locality Community Planning Partnership (LCPP)	<p>Link to papers: https://www.edinburghpartnership.scot/downloads/download/5/north-west-local-community-planning-partnership-papers?downloadID=5</p> <p>Tommy gave a summary of the items discussed at the last meeting and minute would be circulated.</p> <p>He also stressed the importance of having a say on the developing Locality Improvement Plan (LIP). Helen's latest update to be circulated. He explained that one of the proposed priorities was Social Isolation which links well with the priorities of this group.</p>	

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5. Social Isolation priority sub group	<p>Tommy gave the following update:</p> <p>Community Directory</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation from Andy to follow which shows an exciting development of making the directory available to a wider audience <p>VSF Leaflet</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Latest issue now being distributed. Any volunteers welcomed! Due to volunteer holidays there will be no November Edition. Please send any new activities for inclusion in next issue which will be December. <p>Joint Almond and Western NN Social Isolation Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The next meeting of this group would discuss Befriending and Volunteering and was at 11 am at Space to Be on Wed 11th October, followed by a networking bring or buy your own lunch. All welcome. • He added that Community Transport was a big issue and that they were talking to Frank Henderson to look at this issue who has agreed to progress this with Community Transport providers and other CEC Departments. • He added that Edinburgh Zoo were keen to work with local groups. Contact on community@rzss.org.uk <p>Decisions / Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All to contact Tommy McLean t_w_mclean@yahoo.co.uk if willing to assist with leaflet delivery 	All
6. Western NN Community Directory	<p>Andy Wallace gave a presentation on his proposal to bring the Directory online in a new low tech, no cost and low maintenance website that he was creating. This can be seen here: https://corriehelp.wordpress.com/2023/09/23/about-this-site/</p> <p>He explained that the site was aimed to be a signposting site which would take the reader to community groups' individual websites, or to a specially created page if this doesn't exist. It would also feature the paper directory to show link between that and updates would be done by him and a few other volunteers.</p>	

	<p>Key elements include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ability to be read in several languages including Gaelic• QR codes will take people to website and links will take to relevant sections• It would be mobile, tablet and PC compliant <p>Comments / queries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Those present thought this would be a good additional to information provision in West and welcomed Andy's efforts.• Could events be added? Andy suggested that if groups used a calendar invite this could help create a simple events page• How do we monitor this activity? Tommy and Andy to look at setting up a reference group and create a terms of reference with clear aims and responsibilities. Volunteers would be welcomed <p>Decisions / Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All to contact Tommy t_w_mclean@yahoo.co.uk if willing to be part of a reference group.	All												
7. Western Community Grant Fund (CGF)	<p>Elaine gave the following update:.</p> <p>A total of £19,855 has been awarded to eight projects to date this financial year, and a balance of £18,434 remains as at this point. A total of four applications were discussed at the first Western NN Funding Panel that took place on 2 October 2023, and their recommendations are summarised below. Anyone who would be interested in being part of the funding panel, please contact elaine.lennon@edinburgh.gov.uk</p> <table><tr><th>Project</th><th>Description</th><th>Award</th><th>Decision</th></tr><tr><td>WNN01/2023-24 Ravelston No1 Neighbourhood Watch</td><td>To organise a street party to celebrate the Coronation, with afternoon tea, children's activities</td><td>£661</td><td>Full award recommended</td></tr><tr><td>WNN02/2023-24 Tummies not Trash</td><td>To run volunteer recruitment and training events, as well as to hire somewhere to use as a base where food can be collated from our store collections, sorted & redistributed.</td><td>£5000</td><td>Full award recommended</td></tr></table>	Project	Description	Award	Decision	WNN01/2023-24 Ravelston No1 Neighbourhood Watch	To organise a street party to celebrate the Coronation, with afternoon tea, children's activities	£661	Full award recommended	WNN02/2023-24 Tummies not Trash	To run volunteer recruitment and training events, as well as to hire somewhere to use as a base where food can be collated from our store collections, sorted & redistributed.	£5000	Full award recommended	
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	WNN03/2023-24 - You're Never Too Old	To organise a trip to theatre at Xmas for 27 users and 9 volunteers with food.	£1501	Full award recommended
	WNN04/2023-24 - Corstorphine Scottish Women's Institute	To purchase a PA system.	£1315	Full award recommended
	WNN05/2023-24 - Saughtonhall Community Association	To support 'Summer sessions' by purchasing equipment and resources and also to pay for workshops and activities.	£5000	Full award recommended
	WNN06/2023-24 - Murrayfield Community Council	To install a new noticeboard in Saughtonhall area	£964	Full award recommended
	WNN08/2023-24 Corstorphine Community Centre	To develop an old car park into a planted area, with intergenerational activities	£4343	Full award recommended
	NEW APPLICATIONS DISCUSSED 2 OCTOBER 2023		BALANCE	£18,434
	WNN09/2023-24 SMILE CIC	Requested £1700 to purchase a range of activity resources to use with older people in Corstorphine. A NIL award was recommended at this stage but the group would be offered support to reapply with more evidence of need.	£0	NIL
	WNN10/2023-24 WEST EDINBURGH COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUP	To provide approx. 130 local families with food and household items at Christmas	£5,000	Full award recommended
	WNN11/2023-24 EDINBURGH COMMUNITY YOGA	Requested £1681 to buy yoga bolsters and run a weekly yoga and relaxation class for six months, with 'by donation' charging his is the first application from this group.	£910	Partial award agreed

		Due to concerns about evidence of demand and equipment costs, the recommendation was for a partial award (50% of tutor / venue costs)			
	WNN12/2023-23 CORSTORPHINE OLD PARISH CHURCH	To purchase furniture and equipment for meetings and community activities at Space to Be.	£493	Full award recommended	
	TOTAL AWARDED TO DATE 2023-24		£25,187.00		
	BALANCE REMAINING (INC REPAYMENT OF £724)			£12,031.00	
	<p>The following items were also discussed by the funding panel:</p> <p>Cost of living crisis – Steve recognised that applications such as Western NN Community Support Group and others maybe vital in future years as no end in sight. It was suggested that the panel look favourably at future applications to tackle this growing issue.</p> <p>Edinburgh Art Fair, on behalf of a local constituted group, and looking at doing an art mural on the walls of Balgreen Tunnel. Although much of the proposed community activity would take place in SW boundary of the tunnel, it was felt that this would improve the area and that Western may also benefit. It was suggested that we wait until their application to SW Neighbourhood Network was discussed and ask them to apply here for a contribution if appropriate.</p> <p>Tummies not Trash had received a grant of £5000 to support volunteer recruitment, training and venue costs, with the majority being for hire of Saughtonhall Community Hall. They have made savings in spend by taking some of their training and recruitment sessions online and have discovered that the Community Hall is not ideal for sorting and storing food for distribution. Their request was to use some unspent element of their award to hire one or two vans over the Christmas period and this was agreed.</p> <p>Decisions / Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To process the above awards. • To liaise with Edinburgh Art Fair re Balgreen Tunnel potential application • To permit Tummies not Trash to use their underspend as requested 				

Elaine

8. AOCB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John informed the group that the Rosebean Café was now up and running at Roseburn Park and open Wed to Sunday • All to encourage any other local groups to attend WENN meetings. 	All
9. Date of Next Meeting	<p>Date of next meeting: Wed 10th January 2024, 6pm via teams (link below)</p> <hr/> <p>Microsoft Teams meeting Join on your computer, mobile app or room device</p> <p>Click here to join the meeting Meeting ID: 363 830 086 454 Passcode: ziT9WA</p> <p>Download Teams Join on the web Learn More Meeting options</p> <hr/> <p>Future meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 13 March 2024, 6pm location / online tbc • 12 June 2024, 6pm location / online tbc 	