

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

## 13 September 2023 at 18:00 via Microsoft Teams

### Present

- Fred Marinello (Chair) - Granton and District Community Council
- George Gordon - Granton and District Community Council
- Biddy Kelly - Fresh Start
- Bill Rodger – Trinity Community Council
- Cllr Dobbin

### In attendance:

- George Norval - CEC Housing Operations Manager
- Helen Bourquin – CEC Lifelong Learning Service Manager
- Elaine Lennon – CEC Lifelong Learning Development Officer

### Apologies:

- Tim Parker - Trinity Community Council
- Bill Rodger - Trinity Community Council
- Heather Yang – Volunteer Edinburgh
- Cllr Day
- David Delargy, CEC Quantity Surveyor, Transport

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>INPUT/DISCUSSION</u>	<u>DECISIONS / ACTIONS</u>
1. <b>Minute of 22 March 2023</b>	The minute was accepted. There were no matters arising that weren't on agenda.	
2. <b>Forth NN Estate Improvements Prog (EIP) formerly HRA NEP</b>	George N shared a presentation on new and existing project (to be circulated):  <u><b>NEW PROJECTS FOR APPROVAL (report circulated with images and detail):</b></u>  1) <b>Great Michael Rise, Newhaven</b> - To replace/ modernise the public pedestrian access route from	

the top of the Rise, to the bottom.

**Action:**

- It was agreed to move forward with this proposal and carry out resident engagement.

**2) Granton Community Orchard** - To create a snaking accessible path through the common area for volunteers and local residents, additional seating, removal of all overgrown shrubs and self seeders and generally assist with making the area much more useable.

**Comments / queries:**

- Could artwork be considered for educational purposes to raise awareness of when to eat the fruit, what could be made with it etc. Could be designed by young people?
- Concerns about flytipping?
- Lots of local organisations would be willing to help eg Empty Kitchens / R2

**Action:**

- It was agreed to move forward with this proposal and carry out resident engagement.

**3) Crewe Road Gardens** - A successful NEP improvement to add surface and new seating, infant play areas 7 years ago. The site remains reasonably well used but been asked to add tarmac to pathways and seating areas where whin dust routes were now in poor condition, fairly unsightly with trip hazards. Some repairs to play equipment also required.  
Estimate to improve surface to tarmac £30800. Approval sought to undertake work.

**Comments / queries:**

- Could the area be greened rather than tarmacked?

**Action:**

- It was agreed to ask for natural options for flooring.

**4) 10-12 & 24-26 Granton Medway** - 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.

New low maintenance surfacing, slabbing, new fencing, new washing poles, fruit trees, seating and

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	<p>shrubbed areas. Consultation concluded, works now on site.</p> <p><b>Action:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• George to share proposed design</li> </ul> <p><b><u>CONTINUING PROJECTS:</u></b></p> <p>Updates on these projects to be given at next meeting by David Delargy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Granton Crescent / improved view.</li> <li>• Boswall Crescent / Drive, to work with local residents to improve land popular with local residents and dog walkers.</li> <li>• Laverockbank Avenue, vennel lighting improvements.</li> <li>• Wardieburn Road, community growing.</li> <li>• 71-77 Crewe Road North, waste improvements.</li> <li>• Laverockbank Landscaping improvements.</li> </ul>	<p>George N</p> <p>David D</p>
<p><b>3. Forth NN priority update (Poverty)</b></p>	<p>Biddy shared a report from R2 (to be circualed). Key points include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They have raised funds for a R2 Coordinator (Biddy to share Job Description for info)</li> <li>• R2 will take on lead role in NEAT (North Edinburgh Active Travel) workstream</li> <li>• Recent feedback from partner organisations highlighted key issues:</li> <li>• Cost of living crisis – eg look at collective food hibs / community gardens / unclaimed benefits / school clothing</li> <li>• Mental health – eg regular meetings with elected members / look at funding</li> <li>• Also Housing issues and Social Isolation</li> <li>• New Coordinator will take some of these action plans on</li> </ul> <p><b>Comments / queries:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is there a link with Heart of Newhaven? Biddy said she is always happy to talk to other organisations about possible linkages</li> <li>• How are the issues of benefit checks being done? Biddy said that CAB and GI Caree involved in R2 and that they are looking at training, increasing opportunities for use of benefits calculators (NESSIE currently have 4 workers doing this)</li> <li>• It was agreed that this work is wider than small area North.</li> </ul>	

	<p><b>Action:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was agreed to share Bidy's R2 report</li> <li>• Bidy to share Job Description for new Coordinator</li> </ul>	Elaine L Bidy K																				
<p><b>4. Local Community Planning Partnership (LCPP)</b></p>	<p>George G, Chair of the NW LCPP, reported that there had been a meeting of the Chairs of LCPPs across the city to look at cross cutting issues, and that the LCPP is meeting this Friday..</p> <p>He added that there had been three consultation events to look at review of the NW LIP (Locality Improvement Plan).</p> <p>Helen added that a group of people in NW were now working together to bring views together and highlight top priorities. They are now working to identify some potential key actions and this will be circulated for comment.</p> <p>Link to LCPP meeting is here: <a href="https://www.edinburghpartnership.scot/downloads/download/5/north-west-local-community-planning-partnership-papers?downloadID=5">https://www.edinburghpartnership.scot/downloads/download/5/north-west-local-community-planning-partnership-papers?downloadID=5</a></p>																					
<p><b>5. Community Grants Fund (CGF)</b></p>	<p>Elaine talked to the report on CGF allocations for 2023-24.</p> <p>Five new applicaitons were discussed, and the following recommedations were agreed:</p> <p>Forth NN have an annual allocation of £25,112 and have a current balance of £18,115. If the above recomendations are successful, a balance of £18,115 will remain for allocation this financial year as shown below:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="544 1007 1919 1514"> <thead> <tr> <th>APPLICANT</th> <th>PROJECT DESCRIPTION</th> <th>AWARDED / RECOMMEND</th> <th>BALANCE</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td colspan="4"><b>PROJECTS ALREADY AGREED 2023-24</b></td> </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</td> <td>Repayment of underspend</td> <td>-123.6</td> <td>£ 21,461.60</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	APPLICANT	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	AWARDED / RECOMMEND	BALANCE	<b>PROJECTS ALREADY AGREED 2023-24</b>				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	Repayment of underspend	-123.6	£ 21,461.60	
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	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	1004	£ 18,865.60
<b>NEW APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION</b>				
	<b>FNN05/2023-24 – Edinburgh North and Leith Dodgeball</b>	<p>Requesting £3584 to support development of the group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Sports equipment inc netting, marking tape and dodgeballs £1165.97</li> <li>○ Hall hire for indoor sessions at Edinburgh Leisure £1108.80</li> <li>○ Print and delivery of leaflet to promote the group £1308.60</li> </ul> <p>Currently work with around 16-20 regularly of a membership of 46 This is a first application from this group. <u>Action:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Agreed to defer for more information</li> </ul>	DEFERRED FOR MORE INFO – on group membership, background and costings	
	<b>FNN06/2023-24 - Salvation Army</b>	<p>Requesting £2517 to support development of a community garden:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Garden equipment, shed and timber £1434.60</li> <li>○ Still saw £668</li> <li>○ Pots, baskets and seeds £263.71</li> <li>○ Mobility aids £149.96</li> </ul> <p>Currently work with around 56 local people This is a first application from this group. <u>Action:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Agreed to recommend partial award of £1500 in light of above</li> </ul>	£1500	

	<b>FNN07/2023-24</b> <b>Who Cares</b> <b>Scotland</b>	Requesting £1773 to support a monthly group for care experienced young people: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Venue hire (RWCC) 12 month x £62.50 = £750</li> <li>• Food for group 12 x £52.03 = £624.36</li> <li>• Play equipment (Nintendo switch and controllers) £348</li> </ul> Aim to work with around 20 young people This is a first application from this group. <u>Action:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agreed to recommend full award</li> </ul>	£1773		
	<b>FNN08/2023-24</b> <b>– Libertus</b>	Requesting £1628 to support volunteer development and activity costs for over 50s: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Volunteer Training £1240</li> <li>• Volunteer transport £172</li> <li>• Activity costs and refreshment – jewellery making £215.04</li> <li>• Mobility aids £149.96</li> </ul> They estimate they would work with 52 participants and 6 volunteers, with approx. 333% of these in Forth. This is a first application from this group. <u>Action:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agreed to recommend a partial award</li> </ul>	£814		
	<b>FNN09/2023-24 -</b> <b>Lauriston Farm</b>	Requesting £2726 to develop their community orchard: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fruit trees, stakes and tree ties £596.60</li> <li>• Mulch, mulch sheets, tree guards £1237</li> <li>• Equipment £630</li> <li>• Seeds £288.72</li> </ul> They currently work with 20 people with 10 interested in getting involved, and majority are from Forth This group received £3741 in 2021-22 to develop a	£1700		

	<p>community allotment.</p> <p><u>Action:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suggest partial award recommendation</li> </ul>			
<b>BALANCE IF RECOMMENDATIONS APPROVED:</b>			£11,913	
<p>Members asked that there was more visibility in impact of grants awarded. Elaine to invite recipients from previous financial year to come along and share info, as well as sharing End of Grant reports received.</p> <p><b>Action:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elaine to gather more info and circulate to funding panel</li> <li>• Elaine to process above recomendaitons for approval</li> <li>• Elaine to invite CGF recipients to share infor on impact of grants</li> </ul>				
<b>6. AOCB</b>	There was no other business			Elaine L Elaine L Elaine L
<b>7. Date of next meeting</b>	<p>6 December 2023 (link below)</p> <hr/> <p><b>Wed 6 December 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: 311 761 084 85 Passcode: 7rzhn  <a href="#">Download Teams</a>   <a href="#">Join on the web</a> <a href="#">Learn More</a>   <a href="#">Meeting options</a></p>			