# FORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD NETWORK (NN) - NOTE OF TEAMS MEETING 6 December 2023 at 18:00 via Microsoft Teams

#### Present

- Fred Marinello (Chair) Granton and District Community Council
- Anita Aggrawal Fresh Start / R2
- Dawn Anderson PCHP
- Cllr Dobbin

### In attendance:

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

### **Apologies:**

- George Gordon Granton and District Community Council
- Biddy Kelly Fresh Start
- Kate Wimpress North Edinburgh Arts
- George Norval CEC Housing Operations Manager
- David Delargy, CEC Quantity Surveyor, Transport

<u>ITEM</u>		INPUT/DISCUSSION					
1.	Minute of 13 September 2023	The minute was accepted. There were no matters arising that weren't on agenda.					
2.	Forth NN Estate Improvements Prog	Elaine shared an updates presentation from George Norval. Any comments below.					
	(EIP) formerly HRA NEP	Great Michael Rise, Newhaven - To replace/ modernise the public pedestrian access route from the top of the Rise, to the bottom. Awaiting build design and cost estimates before presenting back at NN. Should be available for next NN meeting in 2024.					
		<u>Granton Community Orchard</u> - 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. Resident consultation pencilled in for February once scope of works agreed for discussion. Granton Growers have offered meantime help with bramble cut back. I've referred to query CGF funding. David D has been asked to instruct waste removal at west end of site as an immediate instruction just to improve the overall mess and offer a blank canvas.					
		<u>Crewe Road Gardens</u> - 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. Awaiting design to incorporate soft landscaping. Tarmac estimate was £30800.					

## Comments / queries:

• Is plan for soft or hard tarmac? Is tarmac only opton? Post meeting response from GN - Mix of hard/ soft hardscaping. Last NN spoke of the benefits of better definition. We are trying to avoid large use of tarmac unless necessary so David was happy to look at design again

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<u>Granton Crescent</u> - improved view. Current view of Granton harbour and sea restricted by overgrown shrubs and self seeding trees in several locations. Supported by a majority of residents. Referred by Councillor Dobbin. Update not available

<u>Boswall Crescent / Drive</u> - Investment proposal to land popular with local residents and dog walkers. Public consultation will take place after Christmas holidays in the bowling club. Following agreement on content by NN members, posters will be placed in the park and also supported by letter drop of the wider area to advertise the consultation. David Delargy will share all information in advance of any letter delivery and any suggested designs to ensure members have the opportunity to adjust any content

**Wardieburn Road**, community growing - Request from local tenants to develop an overgrown area to provide raised growing beds for up to 20 individual growing spaces for young people. Our Estate Improvement Architect will provide an initial design for consultation with the volunteer growers and Edible Estates. Before agreeing final specification We anticipate shale/ blais pathways will be created to connect the raised beds. The area is currently a well developed and used growing space with much interest from residents who overlook the gardens. Also requested is some front decking to potting shed with a pergola covering this decking space. A replacement of the potting shed door which is now in poor condition would also be appreciated. Still awaiting design agreement with Residents and Edible Estates

71-77 Crewe Road North, waste improvements - To create wheelie bin recess locations within agreed Council front gardens to manage the location of numerous wheelie bins, removing them from the public pavement and improving general visual amenity. Unfortunately this project has been brought to an end as consensus could not be reached with tenants re locations for bin recesses. Waste services have been asked to arrange a site visit to discuss next steps. NN asked to confirm whether they wish to proceed with a survey further North down Crewe Road North to ascertain tenant interest in bin recesses?

Comments / queries:

- This is an environmental issue so might theed action despite some resident disagreement. Gardens are large enough. Cllr Dobbin to raise as environmental concern
- Would communal bins be an option? Post meeting response from GN Possibly, I've asked for a site visit with Waste Officer to see what might be possible nearby

Cllr Dobbin George N / David D

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3.	Forth NN priority	Anita i	ntroduced herself as	new R2 Coordinator and shared a repor	t (to be coircua	led).				
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4.	Local Community	_	•	LCPP, sent apologies and circulated the						
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	FNN06/ 2023-24	Salvation Army	To develop a community Graden to give benefits of outdoor activity	1500	£	16,200.60	
	FNN07/ 2023-24	Who Cares Scotland	To run an activity group for local care-experienced young people	1773	£	14,427.60	
	FNN08/ 2023-24	Libertus	To provide activity groups for over 50s	814	£	13,613.60	
	FNN09/ 2023-24	U-Evolve	withdrawn	0	£	13,613.60	
	FNN10/ 2023-24	African Connections	withdrawn	0	£	13,613.60	
	FNN11/ 2023-24	Lauriston Farm	To develop a community orchard group	1700	£	11,913.60	
	New app	lications consider	red Dec 2023				
	FNN13/ 2023-24	Granton CIC (The Pitt)	To refurbish a container for community use.  NIL award as agreed too early and local benefit not yet able to be evidenced. Also encouraged more local relationship building.	0	£	11,913.60	
	FNN14/ 2023-24	Pilton Community Health Project	To support the North Edinburgh Community Ceilidh. Application withdrawn	0	£	11,913.60	
	Finishing balance is £11,913.60 as at 6 December 2023 and this to be promoted to local projects for applicaiotns by 14 Febraury.						
6. <u>AOCB</u>	There was no other business						
7. Date of next meeting	Future meetings: 17/4/24, 14/8/24, 4/12/24						
	Wed 17 April 2024 - Microsoft Teams meeting  Click here to join the meeting Meeting ID: 315 753 331 184 Passcode: ya5Chi						