

ALMOND NN MEETING 08 MAY 24-NOTES

1. *Welcome/ Intro* . Keith Giblett the Chair

2. *Minute of Last Meeting approved*

3. *Ukrainian Resettlement Work*. Gavin said 3000 Ukrainians in Edin with 1200 houses of mixed tenure. Some being resettled in Q/Ferry, Kirkliston, Ratho Station etc. City has housing crisis in any case, need for balance. Ukrainians likely to remain until Autumn 2026 or longer. Robust Risk Management in place. Private Sector Partners involved, 75% of Guests in employment! John from EVOC said new capital for social housing released and new 3rd Sector Projects for Guests support. Involvement of local community leaders welcomed.

4. *Proposed HRA Developments in Almond*. 2 CEC Reps from NW Housing outlined 2 Proposals for HRA Funding in Q/Ferry. Kirkliston also to be targeted for funding. Anne Marie noted mis-use of parking in parts of Q/Ferry. George noted problems with Right to Buy and Mixed Tenure buildings, now many need repairs. The 2 Proposals approved, George Norvall invited back for detailed discussion at a future Meeting.

5. *Transport Update from C&B CC*. Ian Williamson updated on subsidised bus routes mooted previously particularly a CEC commitment in 2023 to a bus link between Cammo and A8 Glasgow Road/Gyle. £600K S75 Monies allocated- now new service confirmed for Summer 2024. Complaints that route not optimal. Ian urged monitoring of usage/performance. Stuart Lowrie (CEC Tpt Manager) not invited to this Meeting but will be invited to future Meeting.

6. *Community Grants Fund (David Buchanan)*. Fund fully allocated 2023-24. Next Mtg in person. Miriam said more people should be added incl. Panel Member via Volunteer Edinburgh. Anne Boyd (DMSA) expressed interest in joining Panel. Info Session 13th May for those interested. City-wide Panel Guidance to be issued. Thereafter, Online Panel. (Feb Panel New Awards in Full Meeting Minutes.)

7. *NN Priority: Health Wellbeing and Social Isolation Sub-Group*. Anne reported on activity to improve NW Volunteering. Event held at Gyle in March 2024 with 40/50 attending and 12/15 Orgs represented. FB Page 'Volunteering in Queensferry' created plus posters distributed in Q/Ferry. Liz updated on PVG changes involving fees. Consultation link closes 28 May 2024. She also commented on lack of buses and drivers. Tommy McLean trying to get a Mtg with Frank Henderson. Voluntary Sector Forum increasing befriending in Western in partnership with Vintage Vibes and encouraging local volunteers.

8. *Update from LCPP*. See LCPP Meeting of 23rd Feb 2024. Chair asked for more info on NNs and CGF Evaluation by CEC. Miriam suggested contact with Andrew Field on this. (Item can be added to next ANN Agenda.)

9. *AOCB.* David Buchanan raised issue of location of proposed new Kirkliston High School. Chair commenterd that David should contact Paul Lawrence (new CEC Chief Exec). A second issue related to road safety around Kirkliston Primary School. His CC are concerned and are seeking Meeting with Dave Sinclair of the Roads Dept.

10. *Next Meeting.* Wed 21 Aug 2024, in person, venue to be confirmed.