

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

17 April 2024 at 18:00 via Microsoft Teams

## Present

- Fred Marinello (Chair) - Granton and District Community Council
- George Gordon - Granton and District Community Council
- Anita Aggrawal – Fresh Start / R2
- Tom Kirby – Granton Community Gardeners
- Tamsin - GrantonHub

## In attendance:

- Helen Bourquin – CEC Lifelong Learning Service Manager
- Elaine Lennon – CEC Lifelong Learning Development Officer
- George Norval - CEC Housing Operations Manager
- David Delargy, CEC Quantity Surveyor, Transport
- Kelly Bonner, CEC Acting Housing Operations Manager

## Apologies:

- Cllr Dobbin

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>INPUT/DISCUSSION</u>	<u>DECISIONS / ACTIONS</u>
1. <b>Minute of 6 December 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>	<p>Elaine shared an updates presentation from George Norval / David Delargy. George shared slides for each project below onscreen (This document is a very large size, so please contact <a href="mailto:elaine.lennon@edinburgh.gov.uk">elaine.lennon@edinburgh.gov.uk</a> if you'd like a copy emailed).</p> <p><b><u>Great Michael Rise, Newhaven</u></b> - To replace/ modernise the public pedestrian access route from the top of the Rise, to the bottom. Awaiting concept design and cost estimates before presenting back at NN. <b>Action – to bring these to next meeting on 14/8/24.</b></p> <p><b><u>Granton Community Orchard</u></b> – Proposal is 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. <b>Comments</b> – Some neighbour concerns noted about opening access. DD said these were only proposals at this stage as consultations not yet started. All comments would be taken into account.</p> <p><b><u>Crewe Road Gardens</u></b> - 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. Estimate to improve surface to tarmac £28280.</p>	All

**Comments** – Is tarmac only option? DD said that this would only be on the existing path and seating area as shown and not across wider area. No existing grassy area would be removed.

**Granton Crescent / View** - 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. Costings for seating £12322 and vegetation £15352.

**Comments** –

- Local neighbours have concerns about visiting wildlife. DD agreed to have a habitat survey done at the limited area being discussed.
- Would new litter bins be put in? GN said not in existing proposal but will look into this.
- It was agreed to bring the results of the above to meeting in August. **Action**

**Boswall Crescent / Drive** - Investment proposal to land popular with local residents and dog walkers. Public consultation has taken place (report to be circulated).

George asked that the report on the consultation on Boswall Park is circulated. **Action**

**Comments** –

- DD reported that the community library that was lost will be replaced shortly. **Action**
- GN offered a teams chat with any members who would like to have an update / have their say. **Action**

**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. Concept design and cost estimates to come to next meeting on 14/8/24. **Action**

#### **Estate Improvement Casework 2022/23**

- Laverockbank Environmental Improvement - COMPLETE
- West Pilton Place COMPLETE
- Inchcolm Court COMPLETE
- Access from Ferry Road Drive – West Pilton Grove COMPLETE
- 35-39 Ferry Road Drive – Garden Improvements COMPLETE
- Laverockbank Vennel – Lighting Improvements COMPLETE
- 10, 12, 24 & 26 Granton Medway COMPLETE

	<p><b>Actions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• George to organise an EIP meeting before next full NN meeting</li> <li>• George to organise walkabouts if needed. Please contact <a href="mailto:george.norval@edinburgh.gov.uk">george.norval@edinburgh.gov.uk</a></li> <li>• George to talk to Anita about R2 meeting</li> <li>• David to bring costings and designed noted above</li> </ul>	<p>George N George N George N David</p>
<p><b>3. Forth NN priority update (Poverty)</b></p>	<p>Anita gave an update of recent developments, which had three main themes:</p> <p><b>North Edinburgh Active Travel working group</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• North Edinburgh Arts and Edinburgh and Lothian Regional Equalities Council (ELREC) have delivered 5 Dr Bikes to more than 50 local people – offering free bike checks.</li> <li>• Two local people have been trained in bike maintenance so will be able to offer more of this in the future</li> <li>• ELREC have led 2 bike rides (one to go).</li> <li>• The group is collaboratively developing a much more holistic plan for walking and cycling for 24/25 with at least 7 delivery partners</li> <li>• It will include <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Led rides</li> <li>○ Walks – including walks with benefits advisors and other local professionals</li> <li>○ Walks with politicians and planners to explore what we want in the area</li> <li>○ More bike maintenance and courses for local people</li> <li>○ Library of bikes</li> <li>○ Library of walks and maps</li> <li>○ An active travel event</li> </ul> </li> <li>• This gives us the opportunity to start wider conversations with the Council about the design of the new cycle path and the community benefits and longer term maintenance of these spaces.</li> <li>• We are aware of other consultations about green spaces that are being proposed and have included some activities that will give us some information about what local people want from their green spaces for wider use.</li> <li>• This work is an experiment in local organisations working more closely together to manage a pot of funds, and developing better relationships with statutory sector organisations. Police Scotland will be able to provide invaluable advice in the design of local green spaces and we are all pleased that they are an active part of this group.</li> </ul>	

	<p><b>Community Spaces working group</b> Willie gave an update from this group. This group is starting to do a few things</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bring together organisations that are interested in collectively leasing office/activity space in the area following the floods at 525 Ferry Road and 1 Waterfront. In the short term we can offer some support to connect organisations and potential lease holders. R2 is not constituted and cannot therefore hold the lease.</li> <li>• Collect, collate and share information about what spaces are available for activities locally, as well as what the needs for spaces are.</li> <li>• Longer term we can use this information to make a case for more space if this is needed (anecdotal evidence would indicate that this is the case).</li> </ul> <p><b>R2 food group</b> The food group is exploring how we work collaboratively and use our collective buying power to procure food. At the first meeting in January there was broad agreement that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In the long term we want good quality food to be available and affordable in the area, that this is sustainably produced and transported</li> <li>• In the medium term we want to explore collective procurement solutions</li> <li>• In the short term we can explore the existing logistics and how we can be supporting each other better and work more effectively with our suppliers.</li> </ul> <p>We explored these themes and develop an R2 response to the <a href="#">Good Food Nation Plan</a> consultation from the Scottish Government</p> <p>For more information on any of the work of R2, contact details for Anita are <a href="mailto:hello@r2northed.org.uk">hello@r2northed.org.uk</a></p>	
<p><b>4. Local Community Planning Partnership (LCPP)</b></p>	<p>George G, Chair of the NW LCPP, reported that a meeting had taken place with the four LCPP Chairs across the city and CEET (Community Empowerment and Engagement) Team.</p> <p>Helen reported that, in order to keep momentum of LIPs (Locality Improvement Plans), a report with proposed draft actions is to be produced. Existing networks such as Joint Social Isolation Group in Western / Almond and the R2 group would be key partners.</p> <p>It was agreed that the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sector organisations had been very good at engaging but that perhaps work was needed to engage other statutory organisations.</p>	

George explained that the link to most recent LCPP meetings can be found here:  
<https://www.edinburghpartnership.scot/downloads/download/5/north-west-local-community-planning-partnership-papers?downloadID=5>

**5. Community Grants Fund (CGF)**

Elaine gave a summary of CGF allocations for 2023-24.

The Forth Funding Panel met regularly throughout the year to discuss applications and agree recommendations of funding. The following recommendations were approved 2023-24, leaving a NIL balance.

<b>CGF Awards 2023-24</b>					
<b>REF</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Requested</b>	<b>Awarded</b>	<b>Balance £25,236</b>
FNN01/2 023-24	North Edinburgh Childcare	To support outings and transport for children	2709	<b>1300</b>	£ 23,936
FNN02/2 023-24	WPNC on behalf of North Edinburgh Festival	To support North Edinburgh Festival	2474	<b>2474</b>	£ 21,462
FNN03/2 023-24	Stepping Stones	To organise a summer outing to East Links Park	1592	<b>1592</b>	£ 19,870
FNN04/2 023-24	Wardie Bay Residents	To carry out planting at entrance to Wardie Bay	1754	<b>1004</b>	£ 18,866
FNN05/2 023-24	Leith and Edinburgh (North Dodgeball)	To purchase equipment	3584	<b>1165</b>	£ 17,701
FNN06/2 023-24	Salvation Army	To develop a community Graden to give benefits of outdoor activity	2517	<b>1500</b>	£ 16,201
FNN07/2 023-24	Who Cares Scotland	To run an activity group for local care-experienced young people	1773	<b>1773</b>	£ 14,428
FNN08/2 023-24	Libertus	To provide activity groups for over 50s	1624	<b>814</b>	£ 13,614
FNN09/2 023-24	U-Evolve	withdrawn	4923	<b>0</b>	£ 13,614

FNN10/2 023-24	African Connections	withdrawn	0	0	£ 13,614
FNN11/2 023-24	Lauriston Farm	To develop a community orchard group	2725	1700	£ 11,914
FNN13/2 023-24	Granton CIC (The Pitt)	To refurbish a container for community use	3400	0	£ 11,914
FNN14/2 023-24	Pilton Community Health Project	To support the North Edinburgh Community Ceilidh - withdrawn	5000	0	£ 11,914
<b>New awards agreed March 2024</b>					
FNN15/2 023-24	Granton Parent Council (Granton PS Family)	To support playground development for school and wider community.  Full award felt it had wide impact on local children, families & the community	2941	2941	£8,973
FNN16/2 023-24	Newhaven Coastal Rowers	To contribute to purchase key equipment - a road trailer and 4 new oars  Partial award due to constraints on funding available	3175	3000	£5,973
FNN17/2 023-24	WPNC for North Edinburgh Festival	To support youth involvement from Forth area at North Edinburgh Festival.  Full award due to wide impact.	£2,000	£2,000	£3,973
FNN18/2 023-24	North Edinburgh Arts	To set up a free boxing class  Deferred for more information and further consideration	4570	0	£3,973
FNN19/2 023-24	Fresh Start	To support provision of food for a Holiday Hunger programme  Partial award due to due to constraints on funding available	5000	3343	£630

	FNN20/2 023-24	Spartans Community Foundation	To support the 'Ultras North' youth group with arts resources for making Tifos  Partial award due to constraints on funding available	1261	<b>630</b>	-£0	
				<b>£53,022.00</b>	<b>£25,236.00</b>	<b>Balance NIL</b>	
	<p>She explained 2024-25 is going to see some changes in the way CGF is taken forward within the new CEET team (Community Empowerment and Engagement) and this will mean two rounds of funding – one deadline on 20<sup>th</sup> May and one in October. It is hoped that this will help applicants plan for the funding year and also improve the administration of awards.</p> <p><b>Action - A summary of CGF impacts to be circulated next meeting.</b></p> <p>Any questions, please email <a href="mailto:elaine.lennon@edinburgh.gov.uk">elaine.lennon@edinburgh.gov.uk</a> or <a href="mailto:communitygrantsfund@edinburgh.gov.uk">communitygrantsfund@edinburgh.gov.uk</a></p> <p>New application form and Guidance document can now be found here: <a href="https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/community-planning/community-grants-fund/5">https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/community-planning/community-grants-fund/5</a></p>						Elaine
<b>6. <u>AOCB</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tamsin asked if anyone knew plans for the Empty Kitchens vacant plot? George G said he had sent objections to the proposal for 5 story building on behalf of GDCC (Granton &amp; District Community Council). George agreed to send plans to Tamsin, and keep NN up to date. <b>Action = George / Tamsin</b></li> </ul>						GG
<b>7. Date of next meeting</b>	<p>Future meetings: 14/8/24, 4/12/24</p> <p>It was agreed a preference to remain meeting via teams to make it easier for participants. The link to the next meeting is:</p> <p><b>Wednesday 14 August 2024</b> <a href="#">Click here to join the meeting</a></p>						