

WESTERN NEIGHBOURHOOD NETWORK

Wednesday 24 January 2024 – 18:00 via Teams

Present

- Steve Kerr, Corstorphine Community Council / LCPP (Chair)
- Tommy Mclean, Western & Almond Voluntary Sector Forum
- Angela Benzies, Corstorphine Business Community
- John Yellowlees, Murrayfield Community Council
- Cllr Beal
- Cllr Hyslop

In Attendance

- Elaine Lennon, CEC, CEC Community Empowerment and Engagement Officer
- Helen Bourquin, CEC, CEC Community Empowerment and Engagement Officer

Apologies

- Clare Marshall, Tummies not Trash
- Cllr Thornley
- Sian McSorley, Corstorphine Community Centre

AGENDA ITEM		ACTION S
1. Welcome	Steve opened the meeting and welcomed everyone	
2. Note of Previous Meeting	The notes of 4 October 2023 were agreed and there were no matters arising not already on the agenda:	
3. Estates Improvement Programme (EIP)	Steve presented an update on an area that had been highlighted at a walkabout with Cllr Thornley that had been organised by George Norval: Rannoch Road/ Ransome Gardens	

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Our improvements surveyor has now directly instructed the removal of self-seeded trees, overgrown bushes and shrubs at this location and a general clean up. The costs are expected to be within the threshold for direct spend, and where there's no engagement required by affected residents at the moment. Once the area is cleared, we'll arrange to speak to residents overlooking this site and bring back any design proposals to the Western NN for further consideration.



	<p>Comments / Queries:</p> <p>Steve highlighted the path at Corstorphine Old Parish Church that is in bad repair with broken pavement. Possibly a trip hazard and it was thought that NEP funding had been ringfenced for this. Elaine to check with CEC Roads</p>	<p>Action EL</p>
<p>4. NW Locality Community Planning Partnership (LCPP)</p>	<p>Steve said that a meeting had taken place. Link to papers: https://www.edinburghpartnership.scot/downloads/download/5/north-west-local-community-planning-partnership-papers?downloadID=5</p>	
<p>5. Locality Improvement Plan (LIP) update</p>	<p>Helen reported that this was an ongoing process and that several engagement events and themed discussions had taken place, leading to some draft actions for the new LIP.</p> <p>She reminded the group that the LIPs were targeted to address poverty and inequality, with recognition that pockets of inequalities exist across the city.</p> <p>The new LIP will link more closely with established networks such as Joint Almond and Western Tackling Social Isolation Group, R2 and others to deliver and report on relevant partnership actions.</p> <p>The draft actions will be circulated more widely for further comment and discussion. Helen shared the draft actions for Priority 2 and Priority 3 (attached)</p> <p>Priority 2 - Social isolation, to improve community connectedness across the locality so that vulnerable members of our communities feel less isolated and more engaged with community life, and have improved mental and physical wellbeing</p> <p>Helen said that she would work with the Joint Almond and Western Social Isolation group to focus LIP actions.</p> <p>Priority 3 – Support to those most heavily impacted by cost-of-living crisis including those experiencing food poverty and insecurity</p>	

	<p>Helen explained that one way the LIP might be able to tackle this is to work with the team who have secured Cash First resources to look at how this is promoted locally</p> <p>Comments / queries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access for voluntary groups to community transport has been identified in Joint Tackling Social Isolation group and the group are getting frustrated at lack of communication from CEC Officers. • Concerns about lack of provision for young people locally. • Some issues don't need more resources but better coordination • Need the issues being raised e.g. tackling social isolation, food poverty etc to be discussed wider. John asked if Tommy could attend Murrayfield CC to start wider discussion there. <p>Decisions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To circulate draft actions 	<p>JY / TMc</p> <p>EL</p>
<p>6. Social Isolation priority sub group</p>	<p>Tommy gave the following update. He said that the Joint Social Isolation group are still trying to be action focused and are currently working on the following items:</p> <p>Community Transport - remains a huge barrier for voluntary groups to provide services for older people in particular. Currently waiting for communication from a CEC Manager</p> <p>Befriending service locally – working with Vintage Vibes to recruit local volunteers to be able to provide a service in this locality.</p> <p>Volunteer event – linked to above, a volunteer recruitment and community info event 'Spring into Volunteering' has been organised to help recruit volunteers for local projects. This is 7th March from 4-p.m. at Space to Be in Gyle Shopping Centre. Publicity coming out soon and as not on High Street, need help to promote this. Please share with your networks, clubs, friends and families. Tommy to share with Steve for workplace sharing. He added that as well as flyers being circulated, social media, email lists etc will be used. The event will also feature on new website. He said that as present they had no funding for this event but are encouraging a small donation for tables.</p>	<p>All Tommy</p>

	<p>Community Website – working with local volunteer who has created this website as a one stop shop to help promote events and activities locally: https://westedinburghinformation.wordpress.com/ All are encouraged to look at the site, put information on it if relevant and share to networks. Tommy added that the paper directory and leaflet also appear here.</p> <p>Corstorphine Community Support Project – Tommy updated the group in that this project, funded by CGF, has been able to help tackle food poverty and going forward aim to help move people out of food poverty. 120 families were supported over Christmas period through schools but feel that this is only just scaping the surface of local need.</p>																									
<p>7. Western Community Grant Fund (CGF)</p>	<p>Elaine explained that the Western NN funding panel had met this week but as not quorate, it was agreed to present the two new application to this meeting as below and circulated.</p> <p>CGF Awards to date – 2023-24, balance as at this meeting £12031 as below:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="450 807 1917 1398"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2">OPENING BALANCE (inc £724 repayment)</th> <th>£38,289</th> <th></th> </tr> <tr> <th>Project</th> <th>Description</th> <th>Award</th> <th>Decision</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <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> <tr> <td>WNN03/2023-24 - You’re Never Too Old</td> <td>To organise a trip to theatre at Xmas for 27 users and 9 volunteers with food.</td> <td>£1501</td> <td>Full award recommended</td> </tr> <tr> <td>WNN04/2023-24 - Corstorphine Scottish Women's Institute</td> <td>To purchase a PA system.</td> <td>£1315</td> <td>Full award recommended</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	OPENING BALANCE (inc £724 repayment)		£38,289		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	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	
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	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	
	WNN09/2023-24 SMILE CIC	Requested £1700 to purchase a range of activity resources to use with older people in Corstorphine.	£0	A NIL award recommended at this stage but the group would be offered support to reapply with more evidence of need.	
	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. Due to concerns about evidence of demand and equipment costs, the recommendation was for a partial award (50% of tutor / venue costs)	£910	Partial award agreed	

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		£12,031.00	
NEW APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION			
WNN14/2023-23 CAPITAL ALL STARS	<p>Capital All Stars are looking for support for entry costs to a popular annual competition to reduce burden on families, many on low income as per attached application form</p> <p>Total costs are £7923, and they are on track to raise £4000 through club fundraising, so are looking for support of £3923.</p> <p>The grant would benefit 115 young people and their families.</p>	£3923	Full award recommended
WNN15/2023-23 CORSTORPHINE COMMUNITY CENTRE	<p>Corstorphine Community Centre are looking for support for a Mind Over Matter course as per attached application form, to improve health and wellbeing.</p> <p>Total costs are £6800, and the organisation aims to support this with staffing, recruitment and publicity costs (£2500).</p> <p>The venue cost is ineligible as it would be to pay themselves for space in their own building. This results in a request for £2800 for sessional</p>	£2800	Full award recommended

		worker costs. This is for staffing specifically for this project and not core salaried staff.				
	TOTAL AWARDED 24 January 2024		£6723.00			
	BALANCE REMAINING		£5308.00			
	<p>Comments / Queries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do we encourage new groups to apply? All to spread the word • Need to remind projects that we cannot support ongoing not be first port of call. • It was noted that the Art group looking at developing art in Balgreen Tunnel had been turned down by SW Neighbourhood Network. John keen to explore this further. <p>Decisions / Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To process the above awards. • To promote the fund to contacts / through bulletin • John to make contact with Trams / Network Rail etc to discuss funding this project that would improve Balgreen Tunnel, and to call a meeting of key partners 					Elaine All John
8. AOCB	There was no other business					
9. Date of Next Meeting	Rescheduled 26/6/24, 6pm via teams: <hr/> <p>Microsoft Teams Need help? Join the meeting now Meeting ID: 314 362 261 755 Passcode: ghmULt</p>					