

Present

- Steve Kerr, Corstorphine Community Council / LCPP (Chair)
- Angela Benzie, Corstorphine Business Community
- Clare Marshall, Tummies not Trash
- Tommy Mclean, Western & Almond Voluntary Sector Forum
- John Yellowlees, Murrayfield Community Council
- Cllr Alan Beal
- Cllr Ed Thornley

In Attendance

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

Apologies

- Sian McSorley, Corstorphine Community Centre
- Esther Elliot, Space to Be
- Cllr Euan Davidson

AGENDA ITEM		ACTIONS
1. Welcome	Steve opened the meeting and welcomed everyone	
2. Note of Previous Meeting	The notes of 24 January 2024 were agreed and there were no matters arising not already on the agenda	
3. Local Traffic Improvement (formerly	Steve informed the group that Alan Dunlop, CEC Senior Transport Team Leader, now responsible for the former roads NEP, had been unable to attend this meeting but had offered to meet with interested parties to discuss this and how NN members can get involved going forwards.	

WESTERN NEIGHBOURHOOD NETWORK

Wednesday 26 June 2024 – 18:00 via Teams

<p>Roads NEP) tbc</p>	<p>Action – EL to arrange with AD / SK</p> <p>Comments / queries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Beal - Is Traquair Alley on a list for improvements anywhere? • Cllr Thornley – Park k Grove Drive / Ellerslie and Kinellan Road <p>Action Elaine to check with Alan D</p>	<p>Elaine L</p> <p>Elaine L</p>
<p>4. NW Locality Community Planning Partnership (LCPP)</p>	<p>Helen reported that a number of things were coming together:</p> <p>Evaluation of Neighbourhood Networks (NNs) - Cllr Thornley’s requested evaluation of NNs and Community Grants Funding (CGF). Reports by CEE team are now complete and will be presented to Culture and Communities Committee on 8 August. (Link to this committee here).</p> <p>Transformation and Improvement Plan - Meanwhile, the Edinburgh Partnership are carrying out a Community Planning improvement exercise, which will be presented to the October meeting of the Police and Sustainability Committee.</p> <p>The goal of this is to “strengthen community planning, based on a shared understanding of all our statutory duties and what it means in practice” The presentation can be downloaded here. Two structure charts are included.</p> <p>This will include extensive engagement to gather views and aims to simplify the Community Planning structures across the city.</p> <p>Comments / queries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As it is the LCPP who oversee the Locality Improvement Plan (LIP) Development, where will this sit if proposed changes take place? • How do we respond as a NN? Could we have a workshop to discuss in more depth? • What are the timings for all these proposed changes? 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summer engagement not good for voluntary sector. (Helen has since checked with Michele and engagement will happen in August /early Sep). Link to LCPP papers: https://www.edinburghpartnership.scot/downloads/download/5/north-west-local-community-planning-partnership-papers?downloadID=5 	
5. Social Isolation priority sub group	<p>Tommy gave the following update. He said that the work of the Joint Social Isolation group very much ties with community involvement. Current issues being discussed / tackled are:</p> <p>Community Transport - remains a huge barrier for voluntary groups to provide services for older people in particular. Still waiting for communication from a CEC Manager. Has been no communication for some time and group feeling not listened to.</p> <p>Joint VSF Leaflet – been in production since March 2022, funded by NN. Has had positive feedback and attracts people to activities and events. Issues are that a) VSF is not eligible applicant for Community Grants Fund, and b) need a local group to hold any cash. Cist is around £110 per month. Welcome thoughts on whether it is worth continuing or not?</p> <p>Befriending service locally – working with Vintage Vibes to recruit local volunteers to be able to provide a service in this locality. Recruitment working to some extent, but welcome ideas on recruiting volunteers.</p> <p>Poverty / Cost of Living - Tommy updated the group in that the Western Edinburgh Community Support Group, 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>Is there anything this group could do to help move people out of poverty? Workshops? Any ideas? Please feed back on any of these issues to Tommy.</p>	All Tommy
6. Western Community	<p>Elaine explained that the Western NN funding panel had met recently, and the following awards were approved:.</p> <p>Allocation for Western NN Community Grants Fund is £37,565.</p>	

Grant Fund (CGF)	Applicant	Desc of project	Approved	
	WNN0224 Gyle Recreational Grounds	To contribute to purchase of new astroturf Estimated benefit to 200+ This is their first application.	Full Award	£5000
	WNN0324 Coltbridge Bowling Club	To purchase mobility bowling aids They estimate the project would benefit 5 members This is their first application.	Full award	£494
	WNN0424 You're Never Too Old (YNT0)	To purchase activity resources for their work with older local people They estimate around 40 beneficiaries This group have received: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £1501 – for a trip in 23/24 • £2067 - for benches 21/22 	Full Award	£1032
	WNN0624 Edinburgh Community Performing Arts	To purchase a defibrillator to install in the Dance Studio They estimate that this project would benefit 60 older people they work with as well as many more using the dance studio. This group received: £4465 in 2022/23 to run a free dance class for older people	NIL Award Dance Studio is location for defib and is private business. It could be contributing to or providing this equipment themselves, especially as intention is to locate it inside the building.	£0

			There may be other more suitable sources of funding such as sponsorship.		
	Total awarded			£6526.00	
	Balance			£31.039	
	Comments / Queries: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Panel wish to raise that it is difficult for groups to raise funds with current leasing situation. As this project has a potential long life (15 years) it would be reassuring that conversations with CEC regarding leases going forward were positive. Action – Elaine John Y – new application to come from Wanderers Club 				
7. AOCB	Comment / queries: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How do we encourage community engagement in Western Edinburgh and how can the NN play an active part in this? How do we involve the uninvolved? Val at Munro Centre keen to get engaged. Action – Helen is meeting with Val soon and will discuss this. How do we get some youth work happening in Western? Action – Helen B to raise with Wider Achievement team 				
8. Date of Next Meeting	Date of next meeting: Wednesday 30 October 2024, 6pm via teams (link below) <hr/> Microsoft Teams meeting Join on your computer, mobile app or room device Join the meeting now Meeting ID: 376 727 217 319 Passcode: XjR4Rb g				