

Present

Pete Gregson
Cllr Robert Aldridge
Cllr Mark Brown
Gayle Green
Tommy McLean
Steve Kerr
Cllr Claire Bridgman

Organisation

Friends of Roseburn Park
City of Edinburgh Council
City of Edinburgh Council
Corstorphine Primary School Parent Council
Voluntary Sector Forum / Corstorphine Community Centre
Corstorphine Community Council
City of Edinburgh Council

In attendance:

Helen Bourquin	CEC NW Lifelong Learning Service Manager
Scott Donkin	CEC NW Lifelong Learning Service Manager
Elaine Lennon	CEC NW Lifelong Learning Development Officer

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>INPUT/DISCUSSION</u>	<u>DECISIONS / ACTIONS</u>
1. Welcome and Introductions	Scott welcomed the group, and those present introduced themselves.	
2. Neighbourhood Network Representative Update	<p>- Steve Kerr, Western NN Rep on the NW Locality Community Planning Partnership. (LCPP)</p> <p>Steve explained that the LCPP had now met twice, and this had focused on format of the group and its structure. Cllr George Gordon and Steve Kerr had agreed to co-Chair the LCPP. The most recent meeting focused on reviewing and updating the NW Locality Improvement Plan (LIP) and note of this meeting had been circulated.</p> <p>A discussion took place on transparency of the LCPP meetings, and it was explained that notes of these meetings would be able to be read and downloaded on the Edinburgh Partnership website and this work was underway. It was agreed that the LIP in its current or revised form needs to be better communicated to ensure that it's relevant, understandable and that objectives are SMART and leading to real partnership working.</p> <p>A number of points were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who decides the agenda for LCPP? • Information is key • The LIP needs to be more than core work <p>Scott explained that Forth NN had met and had decided to move towards thematic 'events' to fit with key issues being raised in the community, and that 'food poverty / food growing' had been agreed as first theme, and that this would be coordinated and led by a local organisation.</p> <p>Discussion to be continued under item 5 below.</p>	
3. Western Neighbourhood Community Grants Fund	<p>There were seven community grant applications which had been received and those present were asked if they wanted to consider these.</p> <p>It was explained that this was an interim measure until a structure was agreed by the NN to approve grant applications, as per agenda item 5 below.</p>	

	Elaine presented the seven applications as listed below:			To ask Corstorphine Dynamos for more information on their funding plans for the building.
	Organisation	Requested	Agreed	
	Corstorphine Dynamo FC	4536	To postpone decision whilst further clarification on timescales for work are received	
	Corstorphine Community Centre (Open Mic Project)	960	960	
	Corstorphine Community Centre (Sporting Memories)	642	642	
	Corstorphine Community Centre (Social Outings)	2400	2400	
	Corstorphine Primary School Parent Council	4330	4330	
	Drumbrae Community Council	4686	4686	
	Corstorphine Community Centre (Youth Work)	2609	2609	
	The above awards were agreed, leaving a balance of £15,755, with decision on Corstorphine Dynamos (£4,536) on hold for more information.			
Tommy proposed that any unspent CGF this financial year could be ringfenced for youth activity and managed via the local Youth Engagement Partnership. This was agreed in principle subject to no further applications coming forward for approval.			To make awards listed as agreed	
			Agreed in principle to commit any balance to youth provision.	
4. Neighbourhood Environmental Projects	Item discussed under agenda item 5.			

<p>5. Developing the network - Group Discussion</p>	<p>It was suggested that when seeking to tackle issues associated with poverty and inequality, this might not be as prevalent in Western as with other communities in the locality. Therefore, any approaches to define how the Network might develop will need to consider how it attracts people who may experience some of the related issues or supports individuals with lived experience.</p> <p>The discussion concentrated on how building the network differently to that of simply holding meetings was key to how it might grow and succeed, especially with the focus shifting more to poverty and inequality. This also introduced the potential for using available funds slightly differently where they might align more to thematic approaches.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A general feeling was that a thematic approach would work well in Western and that ‘isolation’ and ‘carers’ would be one key issue that would work as first theme. Ideas of what this might look like included: Forum / Conference / Meeting / networking. It was agreed to pull together a meeting of a few interested individuals early in the new year to plan some activity around the theme of ‘Isolation’. It was further suggested that this approach could be evaluated to determine its effectiveness before progressing to other themes. • Other potential themes were identified: Community safety & resilience / Young people / Hidden poverty • Need some quick wins after the activity has taken place to demonstrate that NNs can make a difference • Working with Community Councils and wider groups is critical to the network development, especially if thematic approaches are to be developed • Learn of local success stories from CGF recipients and report these wider to encourage participation • Need to promote CGF and NEP wider and make more attractive to wider range of community groups • Bring together a small group to discuss NEP and CGF to put forward ideas for future decision making with potential to link to the thematic approaches. <p>Whilst acknowledging there was still some way to go in terms of building the approach, it was felt that some positive movement had been identified and further meetings should continue to help focus on the wider development of the network, alongside themed activity.</p> <p>It was agreed that Steve, as Rep on LCPP for this Network, would Chair the network meetings.</p>	<p>To organise meeting to plan a thematic event on subjects of isolation and carers (RA, CB, TM, MB, SK, PG)</p> <p>To bring together small group to look at future decision making for NEP and CGF – with Invitation to wider NN membership</p>
<p>6. Date of next meeting</p>	<p>To be circulated</p>	