

FORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD NETWORK - NOTE OF TEAMS MEETING: - Wed 10th Feb 2021

Present

Fred Marinello (Chair)
Mark Kennedy
Kirsty Haigh
Heather Yang
Kate Barrett
Biddy Kelly
Julie Smith
Isla Browning
Gillean Paterson
Linda Garcia
Karen Docwra
Lucy Welsh
Lesanne Drummond
Kate Wimpres
Dawn Anderson
Dougie Samuel
Abigail Blair
Tim Parker
Bill Atkinson
Andrew Anderson
Angelika Majdanik
Willie Black
Cllr Bird
Cllr Campbell
Cllr Day
Cllr G Gordon

Organisation

Granton and District Community Council
Circle Scotland
Edinburgh Food Social
EVOC
EVOC
Fresh Start
First Port
Granton Castle Walled Garden
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Granton:Hub
Granton Parish Church
Granton Primary School Parent Teachers Association
Manor Estates
North Edinburgh Arts
Pilton Community Health Project (PCHP)
Spartans Community Football Club
Spartans Community Football Club
Trinity Community Council
Trinity Community Council
Trinity Community Council
Wardie Bay Residents Association
West Pilton West Granton Community Council (WPWGCC)
City of Edinburgh Council
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In attendance:

Peter Strong

CEC North West Locality Manager

Helen Bourquin

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. <u>Introductions:</u>	Fred welcomed attendees and introductions were made.	
2. <u>Forth Neighbourhood Network Community Grants Fund (CGF):</u>	<p>Peter explained that Forth NN's allocation of CGF is £25,112 for 2020-21, and that funding panel members had asked that a wider discussion on its distribution was on the agenda for this meeting.</p> <p>It was felt that Forth NN should take a more strategic approach to grant distribution and that the overarching issue at this time was food poverty in the area.</p> <p>Biddy gave a brief outline on the work of the North Edinburgh Covid 19 Respond and Recovery group which has been working since March 2020 to deliver emergency food to local families in need. She explained that it was a collaboration between many local projects, headed by Fresh Start, North Edinburgh Arts Centre, Pilton Community Health Project, Spartans Academy and many others.</p> <p>Three local Community Pantries have now been established (Fresh Start, PCHP and North Edinburgh Arts) to move this work to a more dignified system, where for a small contribution Members can have around £20-£25 of food plus other free items. A robust database ensures that families can only be members of one pantry to avoid duplication and to ensure a wider spread of provision. In addition, Edinburgh Food Social delivered ready meals.</p> <p>Although much match funding had been secured by projects, this work is now at the stage of needing funds to replace and complement free donations of food and other products to be able to continue this offer throughout lockdown.</p> <p>Four connected applications for funding have been submitted (as circulated) to support the three Community Pantries with food supplies and equipment so that ambient food pack can continue to be offered to pantry members, and also to support the production of ready to heat meals that will complement the basic food packs.</p>	

	<p>Points made during discussion included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Availability of match funding and relationship with other Neighbourhood Networks• Working relationship with EVOC• Added value provided by pantries• The CGF funding would not be used for production of leaflets• It was agreed that older people in particular should be made aware of the service, and Heather highlighted the additional work that EVOC volunteers were doing with many older people in the community. <p>Peter explained that there were also two other CGF applications that had been received and that the budget was such that all could be funded if agreed.</p> <p>Elaine outlined these and all are summarised below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. SHE Scotland - £2000 to support a mobile learning hub to support the wellbeing of girls across Forth, as well as an after-school club2. Royston Wardieburn Community Centre - £894 to support their 'Spring Chickens' group to produce a publication documenting their experience and their writing during lockdown3. North Edinburgh Arts Centre - £5000 to purchase equipment, training and food for NEAC Pantry4. Fresh Start - £5000 to purchase ambient food for Fresh Start Pantry5. Edinburgh Food Social - £5000 to purchase food, packaging, transport for ready to heat meals to be distributed to members across the three local Pantries6. Pilton Community Health Project - £5000 to purchase ambient food for the PCHP Pantry <p>It was recommended that the remaining balance of £2218 was also used to tackle food poverty.</p> <p>It was also agreed that discussion around strategic themes for CGF allocation in future would take place. Cllr Campbell suggested that issues with education during COVID and beyond is considered.</p>	<p>All applications recommended for approval.</p> <p>SHE Scotland to be asked to liaise with other local youth providers.</p> <p>Report on spend of all projects to be presented when projects are ended.</p> <p>Peter to meet with Biddy and Dougie to identify application.</p> <p>Post meeting note – Spartans Community Football Academy were awarded £2218 to support a community pantry with local Primary Schools, leaving a NIL balance 2020-21.</p> <p>Themes to be discussed at next meeting.</p>
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3. <u>Way forward for Forth Neighbourhood Network</u>	<p>Due to Fred (Representative of this group on LCPP) having technical difficulties, Cllr Gordon (as co-Chair of LCPP) updated that the LCPP had been re-established and had met regularly.</p> <p>The most recent meeting focused on agreeing priorities for the Locality Improvement Plan and three subgroups had been set up to discuss these themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Isolation • Employment & Skills • North Edinburgh <p>It was suggested that a presentation on progress of the LCPP and its subgroups and the links with this group should be offered at next meeting of this group.</p>	<p>LCPP to present at next meeting of FNN</p>
4. Date of next meeting	<p>To be agreed</p>	