

Inverleith Neighbourhood Network

NOTE OF MEETING: -

Tuesday 21st January 2020, Stockbridge Library

Present

Joan Beattie
Cllr Iain Whyte
Cllr Max Mitchell
Amy Henderson
Norman Hill
Kate
Christina Taylor

Organisation

Friends of Inverleith Park
City of Edinburgh Council
City of Edinburgh Council
Fet Lor Youth Centre
Friends of Inverleith Park
EVOG (Edinburgh Voluntary Organisations Council) Voluntary Sector Forum
Dean Valley Regeneration

In attendance:

Peter Strong	CEC NW 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. Welcome and Introductions	Peter welcomed the group, and those present introduced themselves.	
2. Neighbourhood Network Representative Update	<p>Joan Beattie, Inverleith NN Rep on the NW Locality Community Planning Partnership. (LCPP)</p> <p>Joan 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.</p>	

	<p>She explained that 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 complexity of the new structures and the new structure diagram and presentation that had went to the LCPP.</p> <p>(Concerns were raised about how to raise governance issues in terms of third sector, and also how we break down geographical silos that might impede partnership working.)</p> <p>An area profile would also be useful if was agreed. https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/strategy-performance-research/locality-ward-data-profiles/1</p>	<p>To circulate structure diagram and presentation</p> <p>To circulate most recent Area Profile</p>
3. Neighbourhood Network Funding	<p>Peter explained that there were two funding streams that NNs will be able to make decisions on:</p> <p>Community Grants Funding (CGF), is for small one-off projects with local benefit that help progress any of the themes in the Locality Improvement Plan (LIP). Grants of up to £5k are available to constituted, not for profit organisations with their own bank account. He explained that the majority of the £24,990 allocation that was available in 2019-20 had been allocated but that a balance of £5900 exists. Elaine to circulate application form and guidance.</p> <p>Neighbourhood Environmental Projects (NEP), has two elements: Roads and Footpaths, 2019-20 budget £219,951, including carry over of £169,951 from 2018-19. A query on the Snaky project was raised and Peter agreed to investigate why it had fallen down the list.</p> <p>Housing Revenue Account (HRA), which must be spent on Council Housing land, the majority of which in Inverleith is in Drylaw Telford area.</p> <p>The allocation of these funds had already been decided, and it was agreed to circulate list of projects.</p> <p>See item 4 for further discussion.</p>	<p>To circulate CGF application form and guidelines</p> <p>To investigate timing for completion of The Snaky project</p> <p>To circulate 2019-20 Roads and HRA projects and updates</p>
4. Developing the network - Group Discussion	<p>Next steps:</p> <p>The general feeling was that a thematic approach would work well in Inverleith.</p> <p>It was agreed that 'Greenspace and its use' would be first theme. It was agreed to pull together a meeting of a few interested individuals by end Feb to plan some activity around the themes below. The aim of such an event to be</p>	

	<p>discussed, but could include presentations, information sharing, idea generation etc. It was agreed that local Councillors and other key groups (allotments, friends groups etc) would be invited to join this group.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do we encourage better use of existing greenspace? • How do we promote existing areas of greenspace, and raise awareness of local developments? • How do we find out what people want from their greenspace and how do we make that happen? • How do we develop and strengthen partnerships around the outdoors, inc food growing, health and fitness, tackling anti-social behaviour, intergenerational activity, schools involvement including private schools <p>It was felt that other potential themes would be identified as more community groups get involved.</p> <p>Funding:</p> <p>Peter described that a virtual panel had been set up until now to ensure spend. It was felt that a panel meeting in person would work better to allow discussion on both CGF and NEP, so it was agreed to invite existing panel reps plus all local Councillors and Community Councillors to set up Funding Panel from new financial year, and to continue virtual panel for remaining balance 2019-20. The new Funding Panel would consider applications and consider best way of allocating funds, eg on a thematic basis, voting systems etc</p> <p>It was agreed to promote the remaining balance to NN members.</p>	<p>To pull together meeting of interested groups, Cllrs.</p> <p>To set up funding panel for new financial year</p> <p>To promote balance to NN members</p>
5. Date of next meeting	To be circulated	