

Present

Steve Kerr
Cllr Robert Aldridge
Cllr Mark Brown
Cllr Frank Ross
Tommy McLean
Aaron
Cllr Claire Bridgman
Duncan Whitty (Partial)
Esther Elliot
John Yellowlees
Linda Inglis
Chris Wark
Cllr Gillian Gloyer

Organisation

Corstorphine Community Council / Western Neighbourhood Network Locality Community Planning Partnership Representative
City of Edinburgh Council
City of Edinburgh Council
City of Edinburgh Council
Voluntary Sector Forum
Corstorphine Dynamos
City of Edinburgh Council
Corstorphine Community Church
Workplace Chaplain – Church of Scotland
Murrayfield Community Council
Glenalmond Scouts
Edinburgh Park Leisure - Energize
City of Edinburgh Council

In attendance:

Scott Donkin
Pauline Fordyce

CEC NW Lifelong Learning Service Manager
CEC NW Lifelong Learning Development Officer

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>INPUT/DISCUSSION</u>	<u>DECISIONS / ACTIONS</u>
1. Welcome and Apologies	<p>Steve welcomed the group, and received apologies from:</p> <p>Sian McSorley - Manager – Corstorphine Community Centre Neil Archibald - Corstorphine Community Centre Management Committee</p>	N/A
2. Western Neighbourhood Community Grants Fund	<p>Scott informed the meeting that the original starting balance of to date, four applications had been approved for funding totalling £37,565 was reduced to £33,235 as a result of an award from 2019/20 budget carried forward.</p> <p>Four applications have been approved to date totalling £16,789.48 leaving a balance of £16,445.52</p> <p>Three Community Grant applications were presented to the Network for consideration:</p> <p><u>Friends of Roseburn Park – Seeking £4,092</u></p> <p>Application to install slabs to support designated BBQ areas, and 3 new benches and to refix 2 existing benches. The BBQ slabs will be etched to encourage more responsible use of the park and BBQ-ing activity. The benches will be sited near to the most popular spots in the park e.g. play park, ping pong area.</p> <p>Cost summary: Overall project cost - £4,092 Supply and install 3 benches and refix 2 benches – all to hard surface - £3,540 Supply and install BBQ slabs - £552</p> <p>Income: £Nil</p> <p>Officer Comments</p> <p>Project proposal seeks to build on previous investment and provide increased benefits to the wider community.</p> <p>Network Members</p>	<p>To award Friends of Roseburn Park £4,092.</p>

	<p>There were comments around the usefulness and placement locations of the BBQ slabs and after further information was provided, the members were satisfied that the project should be supported in full.</p> <p><u>Friends of The Gyle Park – Seeking £5k</u></p> <p>Application to install lighting at Gyle Park – Gylemuir Road to Sports Pavillion and car park. The park is a well-used facility by local people of all ages for a variety of purposes as well as an access route between different housing areas bordering the park. Lighting would improve the pathway between South Gyle Road and the Sports Pavilion car park which is felt to be a safety risk.</p> <p>Support is in place by private sector construction company to provide labour to install the lighting on the path. Friends Group to supply lamp standards.</p> <p>Cost summary: Overall project cost - £20,014 Lighting Equipment - £11,794 Delivery - £920 Misc - £300</p> <p>Total Costs: £13,014 Including Labour: £20,000</p> <p>Income: £7,000 pro bono (Private Construction Company to support installation as a gesture to the community) £5,000 – Community Grant £8,000 – Other potential funders - TBC</p> <p>As a result of the application being linked to a range of technical aspects, Scott Donkin spoke with CEC Parks Officer to understand if there are any other challenges and to provide more information to the Neighbourhood Network.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It has been suggested that should the project proceed; the lighting may need to extend into the car park as there are potential legal issues with stopping up at the end of the path. This is being checked at present. • Suggested that costings are estimates as project design hasn't yet been completed by the CEC lighting section – need to be involved for adoption purposes; 	<p>To award Friends of Roseburn Park £5,000 with appropriate conditions reflecting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scottish Water Works and associated timescales. • Funding shortfall • Works satisfying CEC adoption standards
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- Scottish Water due on site to undertake trenching along the same path route (west to east – south of the path) for installation of new drainage – March 2021 for 7 – 8 months of work. Live cabling apparent west to east and running across the path at 2 points.

Officer Comments

Lighting is a core function of the Council. The introduction of Scottish Water has complicated things both in terms of their preparatory trenching and installation of new drainage pipes running alongside the path area to the south. No indication of when £8k funding likely to materialise.

The live electrical cables may need to be diverted.

Network Members

There was some surprise amongst members that were more familiar with the project and the original proposals that suggested more low level, solar powered units and the project now appears to have moved to full scale street lighting. This would also impact on light pollution and may create other issues.

It was also acknowledged that the introduction of the Scottish Water planned works will undoubtedly have significant bearing on the planned project.

Tommy provided an update and highlighted that discussions with CEC lighting had identified that Solar lit units still require connection to mains supply and are much more expensive to purchase and would not conform to current CEC standards. The Scottish Water activity has just become apparent and couldn't be planned for however, the group are confident that those works will not impact on the planned activity where any ducting would be sited away from the Scottish Water activity but clearly not at the same time. The shortfall in funding is being pursued now and might involve crowd funding. It was suggested that as a result of Scottish Water activity, perhaps if agreed to support the project, the funding could be ringfenced.

Scott agreed that this was an option however, there's no certainty that CGF will be available and the funds from this year cannot be rolled over. Scott added that with this in mind, he had discussed this with Peter Strong and it was suggested that the project might fit better with NEP funding should that become available.

	<p>After further discussion, the network members agreed that the project was worthwhile and wherever possible shouldn't be lost. It was agreed that the best option was to award the funding with conditions linked to timescales and CEC satisfaction that the works conform to future adoption standards.</p> <p><u>Corstorphine Business Community – Seeking £3,758</u></p> <p>Corstorphine Business Community is a newly formed group of business owners or operators that are based within the Corstorphine council boundaries. The group aims to make a positive contribution to general community life, help the local community and engage in strategic planning for business and community development. Has formed a close link with the Corstorphine Community Council, which initiated the group's set-up:</p> <p>THE PROPOSED PROJECT</p> <p>The group are looking for funds to support its start-up including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Start Up Costs • The creation of a logo • Design and build of a website • #CometoCorstorphine campaign window vinyls <p>The website would be the central hub of its communication activities. The hub would provide information, offers and ideas for the local residents to help them get more from the community as well as a wider audience to come to Corstorphine and enjoy the many things to do and see.</p> <p>Cost summary:</p> <p>Overall project cost - £3,758 Web design and development - £3,000 Window Vinyl Stickers - £158 General Start up costs - £100 Design and creation of logo - £500</p> <p>Income:</p> <p>£Nil</p> <p>Network Members</p> <p>There were no comments regarding the application, and it was agreed to award in full.</p>	<p>To award Corstorphine Business Community £3,758</p>
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<p>3. Locality Community Planning Partnership</p>	<p>Steve informed the network that the Locality Community Planning Partnership (LCPP) had met 3 times, mainly with a focus to review and agree the revised Locality Improvement Plan (LIP). Another agreement reached was to restart the Neighbourhood Networks in an attempt to ensure any momentum around the work of the LCPP and how the Networks feed into the process isn't lost. Steve invited Scott to provide more detail around the activity to date.</p> <p>Scott added that the Edinburgh Partnership had requested that the LIP's were to be revised as it was felt they were too large and included a number of outcomes and actions that were recognised as 'business as usual' for organisations such as the Council and Police Scotland.</p> <p>In revising the LIP, every attempt has been made to ensure it reflects the outcomes from the Poverty Commission report and also ties with the incredible effort experienced across many communities as a result of the Pandemic. The LCPP has also acknowledged this and there is a feeling amongst many involved that we simply cannot return to where we were pre-Covid-19. We must use the experience as a catalyst for change and to ensure tackling poverty and inequality is at the heart of our approaches.</p> <p>With this as the backdrop, the Partnership has turned much of its focus to the establishment of appropriate delivery groups that align with the revised Locality Improvement Plan.</p> <p>LOCALITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN</p> <p>The revised LIP seeks to address three specific priorities that link specifically to addressing aspects directly attributed to poverty and inequality, those of tackling isolation and contributory factors:</p> <p>The Priority is being led by Mike Massaro – Mallinson – Health & Social Care Locality Manager and work is underway to identify who the relevant individuals and organisations should be involved to help take forward activity that will create greatest impact. Scoping work is also underway to gain an improved understanding of isolation levels, impact on resources and gaps in provision. This priority will be developed across the whole locality however, Scott suggested that as there was a clear willingness for Western NN to develop activity associated with the theme before the Pandemic evolved, there was perhaps scope to identify Western as a key area in which to develop initiatives with the support of the network. Scott was aware that positive discussions have been taking place between Tommy and Health & Social Care colleagues.</p>	
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	<p>The next priority is employment and skills. This is being led by Nick Croft from Edinburgh College. Nick worked at CEC and supported Community Planning and is well versed in the poverty and inequality agenda. Nick has also been developing a number of scoping aspects of the work with a view to identifying a more up to date understanding of how Covid-19 has impacted communities to date, the resources available across the locality to help support individuals and communities to access positive destinations, including the potential for re-training, further education or work. A key ambition is to prevent where possible, longer-term unemployment or lack of access to opportunity.</p> <p>A final priority is aimed specifically at the north, including the communities of Granton, West Pilton, Muirhouse – where there are higher levels of poverty and inequality related issues. The third sector will lead this priority with plans to ensure resources across all sectors can be better shared and as a result, people living in the area can be supported at the point of contact to access the most relevant service. This will also link with the other priorities.</p> <p>Scott concluded that in his own view, he felt that there was positive progress being made and that the LCPP and the LIP appears to be on the right track. There are good people leading the priorities and the LCPP itself feels progressive and all involved appear committed.</p> <p>Steve added that he also felt things were moving in a positive direction and all partners are demonstrating a willingness to lead or get involved with the priorities.</p> <p>Cllr Bridgeman also added that she welcomes the enthusiasm of not only the priority leads but all partners involved with a real sense of doing rather than talking about doing. Irrespective of skills or boundaries, there is real encouragement for members of the LCPP to actively get involved with the priorities and as an example, Cllr Bridgeman indicated that she would be involved with helping drive the North priority.</p>	
4. Locality Improvement Plan	Discussed at item 3	
5. Any other Matters	Steve informed the network that a city wide Neighbourhood Network ‘leads’ meeting will be taking place on 23 rd February. The session will discuss any lessons from experiences during the pandemic and identify how Neighbourhood Networks might evolve as a result. Steve agreed to feed back any outcomes from the session at the next meeting.	Steve to feedback at next meeting
6. Date of next meeting	6 Weeks – Date to be circulated.	To organise meeting to plan a thematic event on subjects of isolation and carers

	<p>Tommy suggested that at the meeting prior to lockdown agreement had been reached to create a working group to discuss how best to take forward the 'tackling isolation' item and perhaps to move things along, this same group could meet before the next Network meeting. Tommy agreed to lead this group.</p> <p>This was agreed.</p>	(RA, CB, TM, MB, SK, PG)
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