Inverleith Neighbourhood Network

NOTE OF MEETING: THURS 13TH MAY 2021, Online via Teams

<u>Present</u> <u>Organisation</u>

John CampbellArbor Green NurseryTina WoolnoughBlackhall Community TrustJenny WilliamsDrylaw Parish ChurchMalcolm DurieEdinburgh Model Boat Club

Richie Adams FetLor Youth Club

Pam Barns Friends of Inverleith Park / Stockbridge Inverleith Community Council

Joan Beattie (Rep from this group on NW Friends of Inverleith Park

Locality Community Planning Partnership (LCPP)

Stuart McKenzie Inverleith Allotments / Friends of Allotments Edinburgh

Isobel Leckie Living Streets Edinburgh

Suzie Huggins Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh

Niall Campbell Warriston Crescent Residents Association

Susie Ross

Cllr Iain Whyte City of Edinburgh Council
Cllr Max Mitchell City of Edinburgh Council
Cllr Hal Osler City of Edinburgh Council
Cllr Gavin Barrie (Chair) City of Edinburgh Council

In attendance:

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

Ritchie Fraser CEC Parks & Greenspace Officer

Steven Cuthill CEC SE Locality Transport and Environment Manager)

Apologies:

Dave Pickering Drylaw Telford Community Council

<u>ITEM</u>	INPUT/DISCUSSION	DECISIONS / ACTIONS
Welcome and Introductions	Cllr Gavin Barrie welcomed the group, and those present introduced themselves.	
2. Matters arising from previous minute	 Q – Any progress on sharing of emails? Whilst Officers look into the legalities of this, it was agreed that if anyone present would like to share their email with Joan for now, that they send this to joanbeattie@hotmail.com, or to elaine.lennon@edinburgh.gov.uk and she would pass it on. Q – There is a map of free greenspace in Edinburgh. Could we have access to that to identify areas for growing? 	Members to send email to Joan if required Circulate map of free greenspace
	For info – Suzie reported back that the RBGE had discussed what they can do to help forward this group's priority of Parks and Greenspace, and that they are able to: Offer two free spaces for members of this network onto their Horticulture Course, normally costing £250/p Promote their range of free activities for children and families Support growing activity and/or run workshops to aid community groups	Any interested members, please contact Suzie Huggins shuggins@rbge.org.uk
3. Let's talk about you	Gavin introduced Tina from Blackhall Community Trust who had agreed to tell this Network more about her organisation. He also explained that a grant application for consideration had been received from them and it was agreed to discuss this after Tina's presentation. Blackhall Community Trust aims to deliver: • A small community hub, or focal point for community events • More free early years places at Blackhall Nursery • Improved year-round sports and physical activities for all ages in our open and play spaces, particularly in Ravelston Park and Woods Tina explained that the Trust are due to complete the Community Asset Transfer of Ravelston Park Pavilion from CEC very soon, and in order to bid for the large amounts of funds required to rebuild or convert the existing building, they needed to carry out a cost assessment plus architectural drawings.	
4. Community Grants Funding	Helen explained that the Community Grants Fund budget for 2021/22 was £24,990 and there had been no applications received or approved so far. This is partly because the application form and guidance documents are	

	being revised city-wide, so the fund has not yet been promoted. These should be ready by end month and it was	CGF to be promoted
	agreed to promote the fund then, but that applications could be accepted now.	asap
	She added that there was some room for local flexibility in allocation such as:	
	Maximum awards encouraged	
	Repeat applications How designers should be made and applications should	
	How decisions should be made and applications shared	
	Urgent application: Blackhall Community Trust:	
	There was concern noted that members had not seen the completed application and it was agreed to explore how best to do this going forward.	
	Blackhall Community Trust, considering tight timescale to apply for a large capital funds application as described in item above, have requested that their application be considered urgently. Helen outlined the application, which is requesting £1,440 to purchase professional services - cost assessment plus architectural drawings. She confirmed that the application was eligible to be funded if this group decided. It was agreed to award application in full, leaving a balance of £23,550.	To award £1440 to Blackhall Community Trust
	It was agreed to form a funding panel who would consider applications, including at least one elected member. Members to be sought and agreed at next meeting.	To put out request for members
	It was also agreed that applications would be encouraged for small projects to take forward ideas and priorities discussed by this Network and that a community group would need to lead on any.	
5. Inverleith NN Priority	Agreed priority for this group is Parks and Greenspace and Gavin introduced Ritchie Fraser (CEC NW Parks Officer) and Steven Cuthill (SE Locality Transport and Environment Manager)	
	Ritchie had circulated a map of Parks and Greenspace in NW and agreed to take questions:	
	 Q – how do we identify spaces and possibly link these to schools willing to work on the area with students? City Allotment Strategy identifies spaces, and also the city plan. Members could also bring any identified spaces to this group to discuss. 	To circulate map of free greenspace
	 Q – How are parks graded and could we see more info? How do we help raise eg St Marks Park and Drylaw Park? IS Anti-Social Behaviour an element? Assessed on more than 90 criteria for the Edinburgh Standard, 	

		assessing such things as signage, litter as well as anti-social behaviour. To raise scores requires a lot of community involvement and work from Parks Officers.	Parks criteria and detailed scores to be circulated.
		 Q – Could better use be made of Warriston Playing Fields? For example, could gates be left open to allow access for informal play? Park is managed by Edinburgh Leisure and owned by Education Dept. Hal agreed to get an update from Edinburgh Leisure on plans for the Playing Fields Q – How can we increase growing activities for young children? Community Grants Funding may be available for small constituted groups to carry out projects. 	Hal to get update for this group
		It was agreed to that any members willing to be part of a small subgroup to identify ways to drive this priority forward put names forward.	Willing members to contact Elaine or
		Subgroup to bring an outline plan to next meeting. Joan / John / Stuart agreed so far.	Helen
		Gavin asked if there were any other priorities that this group should be considering?	Outline plan to be brought
		 Q - Antisocial behaviour in Drylaw was a growing concern. Could we make some practical improvements to grassy area behind Drylaw Parish Church to encourage diversionary / positive activity such as temporary football posts and fenced to stop dog walkers allowing their dogs to mess? Ideas included: Helen agreed to talk to Scott re youth work in the area, particularly over summer and to find out if pop up pitch is still available in the area, and to liaise with Hal over these concerns Steven agreed to get the grassy area cleared of dog mess Explore use of hedges rather than fencing? 	Helen to explore options with Scott Donkin Steven to arrange for grass to be cleared
6.	Locality Community Planning	LCPP has met and heard an update on Community Empowerment and the LOIP (Local Outcome Improvement Plan) the citywide plan.	
	Partnership (LCPP) Update	Helen explained that the NW Locality Improvement Plan (LIP) had been revised and would run until 2022. Three subgroups have been set up to progress the three key priorities:	
		 Social Isolation / Health & Wellbeing (Locality wide), led by Edinburgh Health & Social Care Partnership (Mike Massaro Mallinson) Employment (Locality wide), led by Edinburgh College (Nick Croft) 	

		 3. North Edinburgh, (Focused priority), led by the COVID Recovery group which is comprised of a number of local projects such as Fresh Start, Spartans and North Edinburgh Arts Members of NNs can get involved in these and Helen agreed to find out more about how this has been communicated. All NNs have now agreed a theme, mostly linked to the LIP, to focus on: Almond NN – Isolation and health / wellbeing Forth NN – Food poverty Inverleith NN – Parks and Greenspace Western NN - Isolation and health / wellbeing 	Helen to circulate information
7.	AOCB	Q – Can you tell us why the repair of The Snakey has been postponed yet again? Q – How are NEPs being progressed now, particularly if Roads are no longer managed within Locality? Steven explained that David Wilson is now managing Roads NEP at citywide level and the process for going forward is still being discussed. It was agreed to circulate decision making process with minute and to invite key Officers to speak to this.	To invite Officers to next meeting to give updates on live HRA projects plus Roads projects
7.	Date of next meeting	To be circulated	