

Inverleith Neighbourhood Network

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

Present

John Campbell
Tina Woolnough
Jenny Williams
Malcolm Durie
Richie Adams
Pam Barns
Joan Beattie (Rep from this group on NW
Locality Community Planning Partnership (LCP)
Stuart McKenzie
Isobel Leckie
Suzie Huggins
Niall Campbell
Susie Ross
Cllr Iain Whyte
Cllr Max Mitchell
Cllr Hal Osler
Cllr Gavin Barrie (Chair)

In attendance:

Helen Bourquin
Elaine Lennon
Ritchie Fraser
Steven Cuthill

Apologies:

Dave Pickering

Organisation

Arbor Green Nursery
Blackhall Community Trust
Drylaw Parish Church
Edinburgh Model Boat Club
FetLor Youth Club
Friends of Inverleith Park / Stockbridge Inverleith Community Council
Friends of Inverleith Park

Inverleith Allotments / Friends of Allotments Edinburgh
Living Streets Edinburgh
Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh
Warriston Crescent Residents Association
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City of Edinburgh Council
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CEC NW Lifelong Learning Service Manager
CEC NW Lifelong Learning Development Officer
CEC Parks & Greenspace Officer
CEC SE Locality Transport and Environment Manager)

Drylaw Telford Community Council

ITEM	INPUT/DISCUSSION	DECISIONS / ACTIONS
1. Welcome and Introductions	Cllr Gavin Barrie welcomed the group, and those present introduced themselves.	
2. Matters arising from previous minute	<p>Minute of meeting of 310321.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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? <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	<p>Members to send email to Joan if required</p> <p>Circulate map of free greenspace</p> <p>Any interested members, please contact Suzie Huggins shuggins@rbge.org.uk</p>
3. Let’s talk about you	<p>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.</p> <p>Blackhall Community Trust aims to deliver:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <p>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.</p>	
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	

	<p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <p>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.</p> <p>Subgroup to bring an outline plan to next meeting. Joan / John / Stuart agreed so far.</p> <p>Gavin asked if there were any other priorities that this group should be considering?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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? 	<p>Parks criteria and detailed scores to be circulated.</p> <p>Hal to get update for this group</p> <p>Willing members to contact Elaine or Helen</p> <p>Outline plan to be brought</p> <p>Helen to explore options with Scott Donkin</p> <p>Steven to arrange for grass to be cleared</p>
<p>6. Locality Community Planning Partnership (LCPP) Update</p>	<p>LCPP has met and heard an update on Community Empowerment and the LOIP (Local Outcome Improvement Plan) the citywide plan.</p> <p>Helen explained that the NW Locality Improvement Plan (LIP) had been revised and would run until 2022.</p> <p>Three subgroups have been set up to progress the three key priorities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Social Isolation / Health & Wellbeing (Locality wide), led by Edinburgh Health & Social Care Partnership (Mike Massaro Mallinson) 2. Employment (Locality wide), led by Edinburgh College (Nick Croft) 	

	<p>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</p> <p>Members of NNs can get involved in these and Helen agreed to find out more about how this has been communicated.</p> <p>All NNs have now agreed a theme, mostly linked to the LIP, to focus on:</p> <p>Almond NN – Isolation and health / wellbeing Forth NN – Food poverty Inverleith NN – Parks and Greenspace Western NN - Isolation and health / wellbeing</p>	Helen to circulate information
7. AOCB	<p>Q – Can you tell us why the repair of The Snakey has been postponed yet again?</p> <p>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.</p>	To invite Officers to next meeting to give updates on live HRA projects plus Roads projects
7. Date of next meeting	To be circulated	