

## Committee Minutes

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# West Edinburgh Community Planning Partnership Sub-Committee of the Pentlands Local Development Committee

Edinburgh, 2 December 2004

**Present:-** Councillors Henderson (Convener) and Hunter, Marie Anderson (Local Voluntary Sector); Craig Beveridge (Lothian NHS Board); Ron Cairns (Sighthill/Broomhouse/Parkhead Community Council); Helen McDonough (Longstone Community Council); Chief Inspector Brian Muir (Lothian and Borders Police); and Maud Wylie (Wester Hailes Representative Council).

**Apologies:-** Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Fallon and Russell and Keith Bell (Capital City Partnership).

**Also in Attendance:-** Councillor Paisley and representatives of local community organisations.

## 1 Minutes

- (i) The minute of the West Edinburgh Community Planning Partnership (WECPP) of 9 September 2004 was approved as a correct record.
- (ii) The minute of the meeting of the Pentlands Local Development Committee of 3 November 2004 was noted.

## 2 Governance Issues

- (i) **Local Governance and Local Community Planning: Proposals for Edinburgh**

Dinah Pountain, Pentlands Local Development Committee Co-ordinator, reported on the outcome of consultation on the above proposals. The response had been generally favourable however there had been some concerns regarding boundaries, the devolution of powers to communities, the need for a mechanism to discuss the future of Local Development Committees, the involvement of local organisations and, in general,

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concerns from Community Councils regarding resourcing of Local Community Planning Partnership representatives.

It was confirmed that the matter was still under consideration and a further report would be submitted to the WECPP in due course.

**Decision**

To note the progress so far on the matter.

**3 Better Homes for Edinburgh – Proposal to Establish Housing Area Boards**

There was submitted a report, approved by the Executive of the Council on 2 November 2004, on proposals for the introduction of a network of Area Boards to work with the Housing Service across the city. The report had subsequently been amended and the amendments were tabled at this meeting.

**Decision**

To note the report and its amendments.

(References – Executive of the Council (item ....); report by the Director of Housing 26 October 2004 and subsequent amended report, both submitted.)

**4 Consultation and “Improving Care and Investing in Change” Public Consultation Document - Presentation**

David Boulton, NHS Lothian, described the period of consultation that had taken place, from which there had been thousands of responses from practitioners, local community groups, individuals and other agencies. It was anticipated that the Health Board would consider the responses in February 2005 at the earliest, with final recommendations being submitted to the Health Minister in June 2005. It was confirmed that it would be several years before implementation of the proposals.

He described the reasons for change, namely the expansion in local access to services in primary/community settings, together with evidence-based and patient-centred equity of care. In order to increase the level of care UK-wide, it was proposed that specialist registrars would eventually become consultants and would provide a team of care in hospitals at night where previously junior doctors had worked an unsustainable rota.

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It was anticipated that the operation of three care sites during the day and two at night would manage elective treatment more effectively and efficiently with more short stay elective surgery being carried out at St John's Hospital, Livingston, with a waiting time target of 6 months. There would be a shift in the balance of care from hospitals wherever possible, with the development of community hospitals in a treatment centre network that would improve local access to the rehabilitation services.

The areas of responsibility for care were as follows:-

Western General	-	Special Care and Outpatient Centre
Royal Infirmary	-	Emergency Care, Medical and Surgical Specialities including heart transplant operations
St John's, Livingston	-	Accident and Emergency, Burns and Plastic Surgery

The existing accommodation at the Royal Victoria Hospital was considered inadequate and unfit for its purpose of care for the elderly. There was a proposal to move to the Western General, which the staff supported enthusiastically. It was anticipated that the move in 2008 would cost £13m.

John Thomas, NHS Lothian, explained that in relation to the re-design of mental health care, there would be considerable investment in primary care and counselling. Joint community mental health teams and networks, crisis centres (an alternative to hospital admission) the renewal of the Royal Edinburgh Hospital, support to carers and Advocacy Services would also be addressed.

Councillor Henderson thanked Mr Boulton and Mr Thomas for their presentations and explanations of the plans for the service's future. He then invited questions from those in attendance. In response to a question on whether head and body injuries were addressed satisfactorily, it was confirmed that this depended on where the patient was taken. The Care Review would look at national specialities.

In relation to acute treatment services, West Edinburgh was thought to be appropriate for a localisation of the service and it was suggested that Brian Cavanagh, Chair of the Lothian NHS Board, be contacted on the matter.

## **5 Role of the Local Voluntary Sector**

It was agreed that this matter be continued to the next meeting of the WECPP.

## **6 Consultant's Report into Development Opportunities along the Union Canal**

Gerry Baker, CEC Liaison Officer for the Millennium Link, updated the WECPP on the consultant's study into development opportunities in the area around the Millennium Link. The study carried out had now been completed however some partners had been disappointed with the proposals.

It was anticipated that there would be a final report on the feedback received from stakeholders and communities early in 2005 and feedback was encouraged in order to stimulate discussion. In response to a comment that this initiative had been under way for three years with no visible signs of conclusion it was confirmed that there was a need to stimulate interest in the site and, to this end, the study had consulted with stakeholders and communities with a view to receiving full and frank comments on the proposals.

There was some discussion around the proposed location of the Healthy Living Centre in Wester Hailes. Craig Beveridge confirmed that a Working Group was currently involved in the detailed discussions around this.

It was further confirmed that copies of the feedback report would be made available to agency partners and other local interest groups.

### **Decision**

To note the presentation.

## **7 National and Regional Sports Facilities – Outcome of Funding Bid**

There was submitted a report by the CEC Director of Culture and Leisure and approved by the City of Edinburgh Council at its meeting on 11 November 2004, on the result of the National and Regional Spots Facilities Funding Bid to SportScotland.

### **Decision**

To note the report.

(Reference – report by the Director of Culture and Leisure 8 November 2004, submitted.)

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## **8 Draft Regeneration Outcome Agreement**

There was submitted a report on the completion of the Draft Regeneration Outcome Agreement (ROA) and the procedure to be followed before the ROA was finalised.

### **Decision**

- 1) To note the completion of the Draft Regeneration Outcome Agreement and that the WECPP would receive a copy of the final version of the ROA before its submission to the Edinburgh Partnership.
- 2) To agree to establish a Short-Life Regeneration Priority Working Groups as outlined in the report.
- 3) To carry out consultation with local community representatives and other partners on how the Community Voices Programme funding would be used, based around four options outlined in the report.

(Reference – report by the WECPP Manager (submitted).

## **9 West Edinburgh Financial Inclusion Project**

### **Decision**

To note the progress made to date.

## **10 Mapping Youth Services**

There was submitted a report by CEC Community Education including a list of all current activities provided by Community Education, the BIG Project and the Wester Hailes Youth Agency.

In response to a comment on the fact that there was no club specifically for Primary 7 Children in the Longstone area, it was confirmed that community education would contact Longstone Primary School with a view to including Primary 7 children.

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**Decision**

To note the report.

(Reference – report by Community Education, submitted.)

**11 Safer Communities Unit – Broomhouse and North Sighthill**

There was submitted a report by the CEC Director of Housing which presented a brief update on the progress and key activities of the Broomhouse and North Sighthill Safer Communities Unit.

The Unit was the first to operate wholly from within a Local Housing Office and this had presented certain challenges in addition to those imposed by the development of the role of the Unit.

It was agreed that the police newsletter was informative and interesting and would continue to be prepared for each ward in the area.

There were plans to extend the Community Concierge/Community Safety Teams from the existing four teams to six, although the additional teams were not likely to be in West Edinburgh.

In response to a question on funding available to allow the initiative to continue, it was confirmed that three years funding had been provided at the outset around six months ago.

It was confirmed that communication between communities and the local police had shown a definite improvement and with the involvement of local police this essential engagement would continue.

**Decision**

To note the report.

(Reference – report by CEC Director of Housing, submitted.)

**12 Proposals for Management of Trees on Calder Road (Phase 2)**

There was submitted a report which sought the views of the WECPP on the proposal by the Culture and Leisure Department to carry out a tree felling and replacement programme between 255 and 385 Calder Road.

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**Decision**

To note the report and the tree felling and pruning programme as detailed in the Appendix to the report, the post-felling assessment of footpaths by the City Development and the semi-mature tree planting programme.

(Reference – report by the Director of Culture and Leisure, submitted.)

**13 Neighbourhood Service Partnerships (NSPs)**

**(a) Longstone Neighbourhood Service Partnership**

The Action Note of the meeting of 6 October 2004 was noted.

**(b) Revised Proposals to Extend the Coverage of Neighbourhood Service Partnerships**

There was submitted a report by the Neighbourhood Service Partnership Co-ordinator on proposals to extend the coverage of NSPs within the West Edinburgh Community Planning Partnership and to make recommendation on the establishment of NSPs.

**Decision**

- 1) To approve the establishment of initially a themed NSP for Wester Hailes focusing on its “civic centre” with an additional NSP to be established for Wester Hailes as and when a focus had been agreed with the local community.
- 2) To approve the establishment of a short-term Sighthill North and Park NSP focusing on the issues outlined in the draft remit.
- 3) To recommend to the Pentlands LDC that the Sighthill North and Park NSP would be one appropriate mechanism for consulting relevant Community Groups in Sighthill and Broomhouse about the proposals for Sighthill Park.
- 4) To receive a further report in 2005 on the potential establishment of a broad based NSP covering the Sighthill, Broomhouse and Parkhead area.

(Reference – report by the Neighbourhood Service Partnership Co-ordinator, submitted.)

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## 14 Service Forums

### (a) Transport Working Group

The WECPP Manager reported that the next meeting would be held on 3 December, where the main issues would be services 18 and 20 and the proposed tramway and other transport improvements.

It was agreed that it was very important to keep pressing for service 18 in particular and representations would be made to highlight the need for funding in future financial years.

### (b) West Edinburgh Voluntary Sector Forum (WEVSF)

The WECPP noted the update report at 18 November 2004 by the WEVSF Development Worker and the Note of Meeting of 10 October 2004.

(Reference – report by WEVSF Development Worker and Note of Meeting, both submitted.)

### (c) Older Persons Service Forum (OPSF)

Lynn Main, the Older Persons Service Forum (OPSF) Co-ordinator reported that there were 15 members of the OPSF who agreed that one of the main concerns to be addressed was the bus service provision.

It was confirmed that there would be a limited service in the Kingsknowe area over the Christmas and New Year period.

Concerns were also expressed at the fact that the West Edinburgh Times was not being delivered where intercom systems were in place. It was confirmed that this would be addressed.

### (d) Young Persons Service Forum (YPSF)

It was noted that a questionnaire had been circulated to Wester Hailes Education Centre Students for their views on the provision of services for young people.

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## **15 Communication and Consultation Updates**

### **(a) ICT Group**

Veronica Ferguson, Stevenson College, Edinburgh, had given a presentation to the ICT Strategy meeting which had proved to be useful and informative. The WECPP Manager confirmed that there would be consultation between groups to arrive at a clear proposal and the need for clear remits was agreed.

#### **Decision**

To note that progress to date and that a further report would be submitted in due course.

### **(b) Communications Group**

The minute of the meeting of the Communications Group of 28 September 2004 was noted.

### **(c) West Edinburgh Times (WET)**

There was submitted a report by the WECPP Manager which sought funding from the partnership for the January to March 2005 editions of the West Edinburgh Times. It was also confirmed that in order to improve the delivery of the publication, a number of requirements had been set for the WET editor that included the local Guides and Scouts being approached to assist.

#### **Decision**

That WECPP approve the funding of the West Edinburgh Times for the period January to March 2005 at a cost of £4,800.

(Reference – report by the WECPP Manager, submitted.)

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## **16 Any Other Business**

### **(a) Community Education Centres – Management**

In response to a request for a written report on the involvement of volunteers in the management of Community Education Centres, the Convener confirmed that the Management Committees of the Education Centres provided an interface between the volunteers and the Community Education employees. He advised that concerns should be raised in these forums.

### **(b) Bus Shelters**

In response to a comment that there were no bus shelters at the stops on Clovenstone Road, it was confirmed that a representative from the City Development Department would be instructed to investigate the matter.

## **17 Date of Next Meetings**

Tuesday 15 February 2005 and Tuesday 26 April 2005, both venues to be confirmed.