

Committee Minutes

Craigentiny and Duddingston Neighbourhood Partnership

Edinburgh, 2 October 2007

Present: - Councillors Ewan Aitken (Convener), Peacock and Tymkewycz; Giacomo Modica, Craigentiny/Meadowbank Community Council, Ian Murray, Northfield/Willowbrae Community Council, Inspector Norman Ward, Lothian and Borders Police and Colin Murray, EVOC.

1 Appointment of Convener

Councillor Ewan Aitken was appointed as Convener of the Partnership for the first third of the remaining term of the Council.

2 Welcome and Introduction

The Convener welcomed everyone to the first meeting and explained the role of the Partnership in community engagement. The Partnership members then introduced themselves and gave a short summary of their roles.

3 Neighbourhood Partnership Development Programme 2007

An update was given of the training to date, delivered and planned for members of the Neighbourhood Partnership and on feedback received.

Discussion focussed on the usefulness of the statistics available to guide the Neighbourhood Partnership in its consideration of the issues facing the area.

Decision

- 1) To note the evaluation feedback and plans for future training; and

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- 2) That members provide any further feedback to the Neighbourhood Manager.

(Reference – report by the Director of Services for Communities 6 August 2007, submitted.)

4 Development of Work Plan and Options for the Neighbourhood Partnership

Susan Mooney, Neighbourhood Manager, Services for Communities, gave a presentation on the development of the Work Plan and Options for the Neighbourhood Partnership, including: -

- Area Profiles, research and development of the Local Community Plan.
- Developing the Vision for the Neighbourhood Partnership.
- Potential options for an interim Neighbourhood Partnership Sub-Structure.
- Taking forward the Community Regeneration Fund (CRF) and Housing Area Board.
- Community Safety Tasking and Co-ordinating Group.
- Local Issues Raised by Community Councils.

Members discussed levels of deprivation in the area and noted that an announcement was expected in November or December from the Scottish Government about funding for deprived areas. The establishment of an Officer Support Group to facilitate regeneration was discussed.

In response to suggestions made by members of the public present, the Neighbourhood Partnership discussed land use issues related to proposals by the Lothian and Borders Fire and Rescue Board for the Marionville Fire Station and a suggestion that the Neighbourhood Partnership might consider recommending a review by the Department of Children and Families of Community Education, crèche/playgroup provision and support to the voluntary sector.

Decision

- 1) To note the presentation by the Neighbourhood Manager.
- 2) To agree the recommendation for the establishment of an Officer Support Group to support and facilitate the work of the Neighbourhood Partnership including the development of a Draft Community Plan, initially by auditing and collating all relevant local information and data.
- 3) To arrange a local seminar/event early next year, to consider the draft plan and agree the next stage of its development.

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- 4) To invite the Chief Fire Officer to attend the next meeting to explain the issues around service provision and associated land use in the area.
- 5) To recommend that the Children and Families Neighbourhood Manager consider undertaking a review of the services provided by the Department of Children and Families, focussing on community education, crèche and playgroup provision and support for the voluntary sector.

5 Membership

The membership of the Neighbourhood Partnership was discussed; in terms of the constitutional arrangements there was scope to appoint a further community representative.

Decision

- 1) To note that EVOG was working to establish a transparent process to help identify an appropriate local voluntary sector representative.
- 2) To note that a third community representative could be appointed to the Board, but no recommendations would be made at this time until gaps and future need were identified.

6 Restalrig Regeneration Outcome Agreement (ROA)

(a) ROA Annual Report

The Restalrig Annual Report (ROA) 2006/2007 was presented. Restalrig was identified as a target regeneration area in 2004, as being an area of deprivation. The area was awarded Community Regeneration Funds and Community Voices Programme funding for 2005-2008.

Decision

To note the report.

(b) Restalrig Community Regeneration Fund and Community Voices Programme Allocations: In-Year Grant Approvals 2007/2008

Details were given of the funding from the Community Regeneration Fund and the Community Voices Programme for a number of organisations approved by the Director of Services for Communities.

Decision

To note the decisions of the Director of Services for Communities.

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(c) Restalrig Regeneration Outcome Agreement - New Arrangements

Details were provided of the new arrangements following the transfer of responsibility for the Restalrig Regeneration Outcome Agreement to the Craigentiny and Duddingston Neighbourhood Partnership. Suggestions were also made of the action required to help ensure that all regeneration money was dispersed before the end of the financial year.

Decision

- 1) To note the amendment in the budget calculation as outlined in Appendix 1 to the report by the Director of Services for Communities.
- 2) To agree that the Restalrig Working Group (Funding Panel) be retained to assist in the regeneration assessment and commissioning processed.
- 3) To ask the Restalrig Working Group to meet and consider how any remaining Community Regeneration Fund (CRF) and/or Community Voices Programme (CVP) budget should be targeted and make recommendations for consideration at the next NP meeting.
- 4) To agree the arrangements for addressing the cross boundary issue in respect of the Restalrig regeneration programme as detailed in paragraph 6 of the report.
- 5) To note the requirement for the Leith Neighbourhood Partnership to nominate a representative for the Restalrig Funding Panel.
- 6) To receive further reports on Community Regeneration funding and Community Voices Programme awards in Restalrig.

(d) Area Board – Craigentiny and Duddingston

Following the creation of the new partnership boundaries, parts of the Housing Area Boards for Central, Leith and East were located within the Craigentiny and Duddingston Neighbourhood Partnership area. The Area Board for Craigentiny and Duddingston had agreed in principle to integrate with the new structure operating as a sub group of the Partnership Board.

Decision

To recommend to the Services for Communities Neighbourhood Manager that the Area Board for Craigentiny and Duddingston become a sub-group of the Partnership, noting that the group could be subject to review as the structure and needs of the Partnership developed.

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(References – Restalrig ROA Annual Report 2006-2007, report on the Restalrig CRF and CVP Programme Allocations, and reports (2) by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

Councillor Ewan Aitken declared a non financial interest in the above item as he was a member of the ROA Working Group.

Mr Modica declared a non financial interest in the above item as he was a member of the ROA Regeneration Working Group.

7 Name of Neighbourhood Partnership

Decision

To make no change to the title "Craigentiny and Duddingston Neighbourhood Partnership".

8 Neighbourhood Partnership Community Grants Fund

Details were given of applications to the Neighbourhood Partnership Community Grants Fund.

Decision

To recommend to the Services for Communities Neighbourhood Manager as follows:-

- 1) To make no grant to the Alba Spanish Playgroup.
- 2) To make a grant of £4,861 for a Residential Youth Work Project, to Craigentiny Community Education Centre Association. However, if the late decision did not allow enough time for the event to take place in October 2007: -
 - (i) The planned residential (as per the original application) could be rescheduled within this financial year, or
 - (ii) If that was impossible, that the money remain in the Neighbourhood Partnership's community grants fund budget 2007/2008.
- 3) To carry forward the bid from Northfield Willowbrae Community Education Centre Association for £2,500 for new play equipment to enable the Neighbourhood Manager to report to the next meeting on the criteria used when considering this and other applications for grants.

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- 4) To note the available budget of £30,793 for 2007/2008.
- 5) To note the continued application form the Portobello Former Pupils Rugby Football Club as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report by the Director of Services for Communities.

(Reference – report by the Director of Communities 18 September 2007, submitted.)

9 Schedule of Meetings

Decision

To agree the following schedule of meetings, to commence at 7pm, at venues to be confirmed:-

Tuesday, 18 December 2007

Tuesday, 18 March 2008

Tuesday, 24 June 2008.

(Reference – schedule of meetings, submitted.)