



## Committee Minutes

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# Craightinny and Duddingston Neighbourhood Partnership

Edinburgh, 18 December 2007

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

## 1 Welcome and Introduction

The Convener welcomed everybody to the second meeting of the Craightinny and Duddingston Neighbourhood Partnership.

## 2 Minutes

The minute of the Craightinny and Duddingston Neighbourhood Partnership of 2 October 2007 was approved as a correct record.

## 3 Marionville Fire Station

The Neighbourhood Partnership had invited the Chief Fire Officer to attend to help explain the issues around service provision and associated land use in relation to Marionville Fire Station.

A presentation was given by Alex Clark, Head of Operations, and Tom Kerr, Project Manager, of Lothian and Borders Fire and Rescue Service. This focussed on the possible new location of the site at Salamander Yards, the Service Improvement Plan, and maintaining service provision.

Discussion followed in relation to the siting of the Fire Station, house building, and the effectiveness of fire-fighting appliances. Comment was also made

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about the need to maintain cover and community involvement in the planning process.

**Decision**

- 1 To note the presentation.
- 2 To request a written update on Marionville Fire Station from Lothian and Borders Fire and Rescue Services that could be forwarded to the local newspaper 'The Speaker' to help update the local community.
- 3 That Marionville Fire Station be a standing item on future agendas.

(Reference – Craigentinny and Duddingston Neighbourhood Partnership 2 October 2007 (item 4)).

#### **4 A City for All Ages – Edinburgh's Joint Plan for Older People – Progress Report**

Edinburgh's Joint Plan for Older People and Action Plan for 2007-2010 had been referred to the Neighbourhood Partnerships for consideration and implementation of identified actions.

A presentation was given by Glenda Watt, Strategy Manager, Services for Communities which focussed on the Joint Capacity Plan and Commissioning Strategy between the City of Edinburgh Council and NHS Lothian. The Plan outlined the kind of care and support which older people would require in the next 10 years. Comments were then invited from members of the public.

Discussion focussed on the need to include reference to the voluntary sector as a major provider and the need to ensure that all old people were included in care provision.

**Decision**

- 1 To note the presentation.
- 2 To take on board the recommendations identified in the Plan's Vision Statements, as follows:-
  - a) Vision Statement 1 – Contribution of Older People in Edinburgh.
  - b) Vision Statement 9 – Age Friendly Neighbourhoods. As part of the development of the Community Plan.

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3. To ensure that the Plan's Vision Statements received high priority during the Community Plan's consultation stage, in terms of content and how the consultation was carried out, to ensure ongoing contributions by local older people.
4. To note the importance of the voluntary sector as a major service provider.

(Reference – report by the Director of Corporate Services, 24 September 2007, submitted.)

## **5 Children and Families**

At its previous meeting, the Neighbourhood Partnership recommended a review of some of the services provided by the Department of Children and Families.

Alan Jackson, Neighbourhood Manager for Children and Families, indicated that he was unable to recommend such a review at present, as there was already an overall departmental review of service provision taking place. He would report back to the Neighbourhood Partnership once the review was completed.

### **Decision**

To note that the Children and Families Neighbourhood Manager would report further once the review of the service provided by the Department of Children and Families had been completed.

(Reference – Craigentiny and Duddingston Neighbourhood Partnership 2 October 2007 (item 4)).

## **6 Development of Neighbourhood Partnership Workplan - Update**

At its previous meeting, the Neighbourhood Partnership recommended the establishment of an Officer Support Group to support the work of the Neighbourhood Partnership, including the development of a Draft Community Plan.

Susan Mooney, Neighbourhood Manager, Services for Communities advised on the progress of the development of the Work Plan and sought Partnership support to arrange a community event to discuss a Draft Community Plan in Spring 2008.

Discussion took place about the event to take place in March. This included the nature and location of the event, and the need to obtain feedback from the community.

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### **Decision**

- 1 To note the ongoing work of the Officer Group.
- 2 To support the organisation of a Community Event/Events to be held in early March to discuss the content of the Draft Local Community Plan.
- 3 To note the work of the Area Board, Restalrig Working Group and Community Safety Tasking and Coordination Group (TAC), and that a presentation on the TAC would be carried forward to the next agenda.
- 4 To invite feedback from the community on the type of events to be held in March to discuss the Draft Local Community Plan.

(Reference – Craigentiny and Duddingston Neighbourhood Partnership 2 October 2007 (item 4); report by the Director of Services for Communities 4 December 2007, submitted.)

### **Declaration of Interest**

Councillor Ewan Aitken declared a non-financial interest in the above item as he was Chair of the Youth Bus.

## **7 Restalrig Regeneration Outcome Agreement - Working Group Recommendations**

At its last meeting, the Neighbourhood Partnership had discussed the Restalrig Regeneration Outcome Agreement (ROA).

Details were given of the recommendations made by the Restalrig Working Group. This related to the allocation of the remaining Community Regeneration Fund, the Community Voices Programme, and the identified underspend detailed in the Restalrig Community Regeneration Fund and Community Voices Programme Allocations.

### **Decision**

- 1 To recommend to the Services for Communities Neighbourhood Manager as follows:
  - (a) The allocation of £4,000 from the Community Regeneration Funds for the Lochend Community Centre and of £1,855 from the Community Voices Programme to enhance community engagement specifically linked to the Community Plan.

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- (b) The reallocation of the £1,730 underspend, for the Buz Project transport fund to meet the cost of transporting the mobile football pitch.
  - (c) A limited reallocation of £1300 underspend, as part of the Restalrig Community Capacity Building Worker Post, for provision of a Community Conference in March 2008.
  - (d) The recall of the remaining £1500 budget underspend into the Community Regeneration Fund for future re-allocation via the Working Group.
  - (e) That the report and these decisions be referred to the Director of Services for Communities for approval to enable the release of funds.
  - (f) That the report be referred to the Leith Neighbourhood Partnership for information.
- 2 To agree the £1,771 underspend should be allocated for the production of as many information booklets as possible.
- 3 As the Neighbourhood Partnership would not meet until 18 March 2008, that any further recommendations by the Restalrig Working Group be referred directly to the Director of Services for Communities for consideration and, if appropriate, payment and that the position be reported to the Neighbourhood Partnership meeting on 18 March 2008.

(References – Craigentenny and Duddingston Neighbourhood Partnership 2 October 2007 (item 6); report by the Director of Services for Communities 4 December 2007, submitted.)

**Declaration of Interest**

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

**8 Committee Decisions Relating to Neighbourhood Partnerships**

Details were provided of Council decisions which were of interest to the Neighbourhood Partnership, as follows:-

### **8(a) Allocation of Statutory Addresses**

The Planning Committee had approved changes to the procedure for the allocation of statutory addresses. The Head of Planning and Strategy would now consult with Neighbourhood Partnerships and notify them of any proposed changes to street names.

Bob McCafferty, City Development's representative at the Neighbourhood Partnership, indicated that this process was changing as a result of the introduction of multi-member wards, changes to delegated powers, and the desire for greater local consultation.

It was acknowledged that special arrangements would have to be put in place given the gap between Neighbourhood Partnership meetings.

#### **Decision**

That the Officer Group consider and report on a process of consulting members of the Neighbourhood Partnership.

(Reference – Planning Committee 9 August 2007 (Item 7); report by the Director of City Development 1 August 2007, submitted.)

### **8 (b) Protocol for Neighbourhood Partnerships**

The Planning Committee had approved a protocol which provided details of the role of Neighbourhood Partnerships in the planning process. This would be subject to review. A copy of the protocol had been submitted to the Partnership for information.

Bob McCafferty, City Development's representative at the Neighbourhood Partnership, reported on the way in which the protocol would facilitate local involvement in the planning process.

Discussion took place on the need for training, the role of the Neighbourhood Partnerships and the need for mechanisms to ensure that local consultation took place. It was also thought that there could be a sub-group structure which could meet between meetings of the Neighbourhood Partnership to deal with these issues.

#### **Decision**

That the Officer Group consider and report on a process of consulting members of the Neighbourhood Partnership.

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(Reference – Planning Committee 4 October 2007 (Item 12); report by the Director of City Development, submitted.)

### **8 (c) The Community Engagement Fund for Community Councils**

The Policy and Strategy Committee had approved the criteria and operational arrangements for the new Community Engagement Fund which had been set up to support the Community Councils in their key role on Neighbourhood Partnerships.

Mary Dunbar, Partnership & Information Manager, Services for Communities provided details on the availability of funding through the Engagement Fund. Community Councils could liaise with her about the application process.

#### **Decision**

To note that the Northfield/Willowbrae Council had applied for an Information Pack and that Craigentenny/Meadowbank Community Council would contact the Information Manager shortly.

(Reference – The Policy and Strategy Committee 2 October 2007 (Item 9); report by the Director of Services for Communities 20 September 2007, submitted.)

## **9 Community Grants Criteria**

Details were provided of the criteria applied in the assessment of Community Grants Applications and an outline given of the proposed timetable for the review of these conditions.

#### **Decision**

To note the report.

(Reference – report by the Director of Services for Communities 3 December 2007, submitted.)

## **10 Neighbourhood Partnership Community Grants Fund**

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

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### **Decision**

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

- 1 To award a grant of £2,500 to the Northfield Willowbrae Community Centre Association.
- 2 To re-examine the proposals by Lochend YWCA to ascertain if the Community Grants Fund could assist.
- 3 To engage with St Margaret's Parish Church to investigate possibility of grant support for community engagement work.
- 4 To investigate the possibility of awarding a grant for Portobello Former Pupils Rugby Football Club, based on a revised or new application
- 5 To note the comments about publicity and the review of the Community Grants Fund Criteria.
- 6 (a) To note the budget was not yet fully committed and to encourage groups to submit other applications.  
  
(b) To report back to the Restalrig Regeneration Outcome Agreement Working Group Meeting which would be scheduled for January 2008, to consider other applications and make recommendations to the Director of Services for Communities.

(Reference – report by the Director of Services for Communities 4 December 2007, submitted.)

## **11 Schedule of Meeting Dates and Venues**

To agree the following schedule of meetings, to commence at 7.00 pm.

Tuesday 18 March 2008 at Northfield Community Centre.  
Tuesday 24 June 2008 (Venue to be confirmed).