

Committee Minutes

South West Neighbourhood Partnership

Edinburgh, 11 May 2010

Present:- Councillors Wilson (Convener), Coleman (Vice-Convener), Buchan, and Burns, Dr Mairianna Clyde (Merchiston Community Council), Tom Crombie (Craiglockhart Community Council), Anne Denholm (Wester Hailes Community Council), Andy Devenport (Tollcross Community Council), Louisa Jeffrey (Stenhouse Community Council), Helen McDonough (Longstone Community Council) and Fiona McLean (Gorgie/Dalry Community Council).

1 Welcome and Introduction

Councillor Wilson explained the format of the meeting which would be to discuss the Annual Review of the South West Neighbourhood Partnership. He indicated that the structure of the Neighbourhood Partnership had been changed with more issues being considered at the business meeting and with the creation of Sub Groups and Working Groups.

Decision

- 1) To note that the theme of the meeting was the Annual Review of the Partnership.
- 2) To note that there had been positive outcomes from the Skills and Employment themes of the previous meeting and that there had been good engagement between agencies and residents in the South West Neighbourhood Partnership area.

2 Minute

The minute of the South West Neighbourhood Partnership of 23 February 2010 was approved as a correct record.

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3 Neighbourhood Partnership Community Grants Fund

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

Decision

- 1) To approve the following recommendations:
 - a) Award Hutchinson Youth Community Centre £1,500 (partial award) to erect notice boards and purchase electric cooking equipment.
 - b) Award Edinburgh and Lothian Greenspace Trust £1,670 to support the Hailes Quarry Park Fun Day on Saturday 12 June 2010, by providing entertainment and activities.
 - c) Award Dunedin Canmore Housing Association £3,500 to meet youth participation activities in the South West Local Community Plan.
 - d) Award Volunteer Central Edinburgh West £565 to hold an event on the Risk Factory promoting the organisation.
- 2) To note the following granted under Standing Order 63:
 - a) £470 to Murrayburn Primary School Parent Council for the purchase of football strips and training equipment.
 - b) £550 to Community One Stop Shop for the purchase of IT equipment and one hour of IT support.
 - c) £2,562 to the BIG Project to run music workshops over an eight week period as well as ten once a month jam sessions for children and young people.
 - d) £4,400 to Health All Round and associated partners to design, produce and distribute a "What's on Guide" in the Gorgie/Dalry, Hutchinson/Chesser, Stenhouse/Whitson and Shandon areas.

(Reference – report by the South West Neighbourhood Manager, submitted.)

4 South West Neighbourhood Partnership Annual Review

Mike Avery, Don Naismith, and Heather Kirkland (Services for Communities),
Sheila Duncan (Children and Families), Tom Crombie (Craiglockhart

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Community Council) and Caroline Muir (Time Bank Project), Louisa Jeffrey (Stenhouse Community Council) and Councillors Buchan and Burns all contributed to the presentation on the South West Neighbourhood Partnership Annual Review.

Details were given of the Partnership, End of Year Review Meeting. This included the context and background and the response to the Partnership Away Day 2009 and action which had been agreed.

The public were invited to vote electronically on pre-set questions, giving their views on the operation of the Partnership, which included:

- Question 1- Partnership Arrangements
- Question 2 - Partnership Development
- Question 3 - Governance, Monitoring and Evaluation
- Question 4 - Community Engagement
- Question 5 - Communication

Following the voting, there were presentations on the operation of the Partnership and how well it was functioning, these included:-

- Partnership Arrangements, Partnership Development and the next steps in Partnership development which included the community engagement strategy.
- The South West Funding Panel awarding community grants which included the examples of Murrayburn Primary School Parent Council and Gorgie/Dalry Toy Library.
- The West End Time Bank, which included helping people to help themselves.
- South West Community Safety working in partnership.
- Community Safety and Community Participation.
- Community Safety Sub-Group Under Development.
- Transport Environment Sub-Group and the Sub-Group at work.
- Devolved Budgets, Roads and Footpaths and examples of the devolved process.

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- Communication, including funding and engagement and development of Community Council Newsletters.
- Partnership Review which included a recap of the presentations.

Members of the public were then invited to re-cast their votes electronically on questions 1-5 and the results were compared with the earlier vote, before the presentations were made.

On reflecting on the voting patterns, it was explained that the Neighbourhood Partnership was trying to get people's opinions and to ascertain what was required to improve the operation of the Partnership. Details were then given of the way forward and members' ideas for future development.

Councillor Wilson emphasised that the Partnership was maintaining its high profile. There had been a motion to the full Council protesting against the closure of community centres, and the Partnership would continue to make its voice heard.

Some discussion took place in respect of the location of the new community centre in Sighthill. It was explained the location was chosen so that it could be close to local facilities. There was further discussion on pedestrian crossings.

Decision

To thank the various speakers for their presentations.

5 Neighbourhood Partnership Open Session

Decision

To invite members of the public to speak to representatives, agencies officers and service providers on issues relating to the Partnership.

6 Date of Next Meeting

To be confirmed in line with the Council Committee meeting schedule.