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SECTOR SUBGROUP

Briefing Note to Portobello/Craigmillar Neighbourhood Partnership

Wed20Jan10

The Portobello/Craigmillar Voluntary Sector Subgroup met on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January in Cre8te. The meeting was chaired by Terri Semple, Voluntary Sector Representative to the Neighbourhood Partnership, and there were eight people present from a range of local voluntary organisations.

The group spent time looking at the role of the Voluntary Sector Sub Group, its development over the previous year, and upcoming issues and opportunities.

The group felt that the local voluntary sector continued to have a vital role both in delivering services to people in need and in feeding in to strategic thinking and policy decisions. Agreeing that broad community planning structures and processes were a useable framework, the group felt that its own ability to influence the Neighbourhood Partnership and the Partnership's influence on other decision-making structures within Edinburgh were still developing.

The group agreed to ask the Neighbourhood Partnership to lead a discussion around Transport Issues, looking for guidance on the most effective ways for local citizens and for the local voluntary sector to raise and resolve issues to do with transport.

The Portobello/Craigmillar Voluntary Sector Subgroup is due to meet next on Monday 08<sup>th</sup> March at a venue to be agreed. Representatives of local voluntary organisations and community groups are welcome.