



Committee Minutes

Western Edinburgh Neighbourhood Partnership

Edinburgh, 23 February 2009

In East Craigs Church Centre, 2 Bughtlin Market, Edinburgh

Present: - Councillors Keir (Convener), Aldridge, Balfour, Edie and Wheeler, Inspector Murray Dykes (Lothian and Borders Police), David Salton (Corstorphine Community Council), Ingrid Seilman (Voluntary Sector) and Walter Spence (Murrayfield Community Council).

1 Minute

Decision

To approve the minute of the Western Edinburgh Neighbourhood Partnership of 26 November 2008 as a correct record subject to the minute reflecting that the meeting was held in Craigmount High School.

2 Public Questions

Decision

To note the e-mail from Gordon Christie, Customer Services Manager, **tie**.

(Reference – email dated 10 December 2008, submitted)

Declaration of Interest

Councillor Wheeler declared a non-financial interest in the above item as a Director of **tie**.

3 East Craigs Wider Action Group

Heather MacNaughton, Chair of the East Craigs Wider Action Group gave a presentation on the work of the group. The group met approximately every eight weeks and wanted to improve the neighbourhood by looking at issues such as anti-social behaviour, youth provision in the area and ensuring that empty shop units were occupied.

Decision

- 1) To note the presentation and that information about the East Craigs Wider Action Group would be published on the Neighbourhood Partnership Website.
- 2) To note that, in response to a question from East Craigs Wider Action Group regarding play facilities at Fauldburn Park, a meeting had been arranged involving the Group, representatives from the West Neighbourhood Team, Service Providers and the Convener (Councillor Keir) on 16 March 2009 to consider the proposals and identify a way forward.

4 Public Questions

The following issues were raised:

- (a) Provision of Day Care for Residents at Murraypark
- (b) Graffiti on buildings in the North Bughtlin area.
- (c) Lack of litter bins in the East Craigs area for use by dog walkers.
- (d) Lighting issues in North Bughtlin area.
- (e) Programme to keep burns clear of waste.

Decision

- 1) To note that a written response would be provided to question (a).
- 2) To note the answer given at the meeting to question (b).
- 3) To note that a 'walkabout' with a local representative would be arranged by the West Neighbourhood Team to identify potential sites for new litter bins.

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- 4) To note that the programme for upgrading lighting in the North Bughtlin area which had been identified during a previous walkabout would commence shortly with a suggested follow up walkabout with community groups once work had started.
- 5) To note that the Neighbourhood Manager would liaise with the questioner regarding the specific details.

5 Neighbourhood Partnership – Community Grants Fund

Details were provided of applications for grants from the Neighbourhood Partnership's Community Grants Fund.

Decision

- 1) To award a grant of £4,512 to Carrick Knowe Bowling Club to assist the project in providing additional coaching bowls, bowling shoes, associated gear and advertising promotional material.
- 2) To award a grant of £5,000 to the 150 Haymarket Scout Group to replace broken windows, install grills, replace external doors and improve lighting and fencing.
- 3) To award a grant of £4,622 to Powerful Partnerships to fund the promotion and organisation of a series of workshops that aimed to establish new community advocacy partnerships between adults with learning disabilities and other members of the community.
- 4) To award a grant of £4,000 to Craigmount High School Pipe Band for assistance with band promotion and travel costs.
- 5) To award a grant of £3,623 to Murrayfield DAFS Cricket Club for support for a youth coaching initiative and associated equipment.
- 6) To award a grant of £3,200 Clermiston and Drumbrae Childrens Gala for the promotion and purchase/hire of equipment for the Gala.
- 7) To award a grant of £3,500 to the North Bughtlin Tenants Association for the purchase and installation of a community notice board.
- 8) To award a grant of £800 to the North Bughtlin Tenants Association for the purchase of I.T. equipment.

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- 9) Not to award a grant to Senior Action Group Edinburgh (SAGE) for the reasons detailed in the report by the West Neighbourhood Manager.

(Reference – report by the West Neighbourhood Manager, Services for Communities, submitted)

Declaration of Interest

Ingrid Seilman (voluntary sector) declared a financial interest in the above item as an employee of Powerful Partnerships and took no part in the debate on the matter.

6 Community Plan and Neighbourhood Partnership Website

A draft Community Plan had been placed on the Neighbourhood Partnership website and copies were available at the meeting. Advice was sought on what required to be done to finalise the Community Plan.

Decision

To approve the Community Plan subject to any valid comments by Community Councils and other partners received by Monday 9 March 2009 being incorporated in the Plan.

(Reference – Western Edinburgh Neighbourhood Partnership 26 November 2008 (item 3), Draft Community Plan, submitted)

7 Sub-groups

Eleanor Gaw, Partnership and Information Manager provided an update on the sub structure of the Neighbourhood Partnership. The Partnership had established the following sub groups:

- Healthy Living and Health Promotion.
- Environment, Green Space and Sustainability.
- Almond and Western Housing and Environment Forum.
- Children and Young People; and
- Tasking and Co-ordinating Group.

It was also proposed that the Neighbourhood Partnership would establish a Funding Panel to make decisions regarding funding from the Fairer Scotland Fund (see item 8 below).

Decision

To note the update.

8 Fairer Scotland Fund – Establishment of Funding Panel

Councillor Keir, Convener of the Western Edinburgh Neighbourhood Partnership proposed that a Funding Panel for the Neighbourhood Partnership be established to make decisions regarding funding from the Fairer Scotland Fund.

Decision

- 1) To establish a Funding Panel for the Neighbourhood Partnership to make decisions regarding funding from the Fairer Scotland Fund. The Panel would comprise of all Elected Members and Community Council representatives of the Neighbourhood Partnership and would be supported by partner officers.
- 2) To review the operation of the Funding Panel after one year.

9 Tasking and Co-ordinating Group

Inspector Murray Dykes, Lothian and Borders Police provided an update on the Tasking and Co-ordinating Group. A monthly meeting was held which was chaired by either Natalie Hoy the Neighbourhood Manager for the west area or the Chief Inspector for the area. Amongst other things the group looked at crimes and local intelligence within the area.

Decision

To note the update.

10 Drumbrae Library – Progress Report

The Culture and Leisure Committee had considered a report by the Director of Service for Communities detailing progress on plans to build a new library in the Drumbrae area. The report had been referred to the Neighbourhood Partnership for its information.

Decision

To note the report

(Reference – report by the Council Secretary, submitted)

11 Date of Next Meeting

Decision

To note that the next meeting of the Western Edinburgh Neighbourhood Partnership would be held on Wednesday, 13 May 2009 at 7pm, Main Hall, Murrayfield Parish Church.