



Committee Minutes

Western Edinburgh Neighbourhood Partnership

Edinburgh, 13 May 2009

In Murrayfield Parish Church, 2b Ormidale Terrace, Edinburgh

Present: - Councillors Keir (Convener), Dawe, Edie and Wheeler, Inspector Murray Dykes (Lothian and Borders Police), Angela Lindsay (NHS Lothian), 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 23 February 2009 as a correct record.

2 Public Questions

Decision

To note the letter from Angela Lindsay, AHP Manager and NHS Lothian Representative on the Western Edinburgh Neighbourhood Partnership regarding the provision of day care to residents at Murraypark Care Unit.

(Reference – letter dated 6 March 2009, submitted)

3 Services for Communities Neighbourhood Survey

David Porteous, Research Consultant, Services for Communities, gave a presentation on the Services for Communities Neighbourhood Survey. 5,015 Edinburgh residents had been surveyed in order to obtain residents views on their neighbourhood and services.

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The top five priorities resulting from the survey were:

- To improve pavements, roads and drains
- To improve shops and provide more local shops
- To improve street cleaning and cleaning of public spaces
- That action was taken against antisocial behaviour; and
- That there was more visible policing.

Decision

To note the presentation by David Porteous, Research Consultant, Services for Communities.

4 Services to Children and Young People – Youth Forums

Alan Stewart and Graham Smith from the Community Learning and Development section of the Children and Families Department gave a presentation on youth forums. Youth forums were made up entirely of young people and the issues that were discussed were led by young people.

Decision

To note the presentation by Alan Stewart and Graham Smith Children and Families Department.

5 Public Questions

The following issues was raised:

Anti-Social Behaviour around Tesco and McDonalds area in Corstorphine and movement of this behaviour into other areas.

Decision

To note the answer given at the meeting.

6 Drumbrae Library

A site at Rannoch Terrace had been identified for Drumbrae Library. A survey had been held in March 2009 to seek the views and preferences of local people on the facilities that should be included in the library. 710 people in the Drumbrae, East Craigs and Corstorphine area had been surveyed.

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Some of the facilities that people had asked to be included in the Library were meeting rooms, children and young people zones, book clubs, computer classes and information about what was happening in the local area. The next steps involved the appointment of a Design Team and architect. Further updates would be given to the Neighbourhood Partnership as the project developed.

Decision

- 1) To note the update by Ewan McCormick, Library Development Officer, Services for Communities.
- 2) To note that the possibility of having a copy of the register of electors for the west area in addition to the south west area available at Balgreen Library would be investigated.

7 Community Plan

At the last meeting of the Neighbourhood Partnership the Community Plan had been approved subject to any valid comments by Community Council and other partners which were received by Monday 9 March being incorporated in the Plan. No further comments were received and the Community Plan was formally adopted on 9 March 2009.

A briefer version of the Community Plan entitled the Community Plan Executive Summary had also been produced.

Decision

To note the formal adoption of the Community Plan as of 9 March 2009 and to note the Community Plan Executive Summary.

(Reference – Western Edinburgh Neighbourhood Partnership 23 February 2009 (item 6))

8 Fairer Scotland Fund Progress Report

A report considered by the Edinburgh Partnership which provided an update on progress made in implementing the Edinburgh Partnership's investment strategy for the Fairer Scotland Fund (FSF) had been circulated for information. The Edinburgh Partnership had agreed the recommendations in the report.

The Western Edinburgh Neighbourhood Partnership Funding Panel had met prior to the Neighbourhood Partnership meeting and at present they were not in a position to make a decision on funding from the FSF.

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Decision

To note the report to the Edinburgh Partnership.

(Reference – report to the Edinburgh Partnership, submitted)

9 Sub Groups Update

(a) Housing and Environment Forum

Natalie Hoy, Neighbourhood Manager, Services for Communities provided an update from the Housing and Environment Forum. The forum had met on Thursday 30 April 2009 with the aim of progressing the Neighbourhood Investment Fund. Eleven projects had been completed in the 2008/09 financial year and at present proposed projects were being developed with the local community for the 2009/10 financial year. Once projects had been prioritised a report would be provided to the Neighbourhood Partnership.

Decision

To note the update by Natalie Hoy, Neighbourhood Manager, Services for Communities.

(b) Environment, Green Space and Sustainability Forum

Murray Black, Environment Manager, Services for Communities gave an update from the Environment, Green Space and Sustainability Forum. The forum had met on Wednesday 22 April 2009 and was chaired by Councillor Aldridge. Councillors Dawe and Keir were also present at the meeting as well as representatives from Services for Communities, the Children and Families Department and Lothian and Borders Police Force.

The group had agreed the remit of the forum and to change the name of the Forum to the Western Edinburgh Neighbourhood Partnership Environmental Sub-Group. The next meeting would take place on Wednesday 10 June 2009 at Corstorphine Youth Centre.

Decision

- 1) To note the update by Murray Black, Environment Manager, Services for Communities.
- 2) To note that the Forum would now be called the Western Edinburgh Neighbourhood Partnership Environmental Sub-Group.

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(c) Health Living and Health Promotion Forum

Councillor Edie provided an update from the Healthy Living and Health Promotion Forum. The forum had met on Tuesday 31 March 2009 and was due to meet again on Friday 15 May 2009. At the initial meeting the forum had discussed the remit of the group, the key issues for local services, what input was required and who was to be involved.

Decision

To note the update by Councillor Edie.

(d) Children and Young People's Working Group

Maria Gray, Community Learning and Development Manager, Children and Families Department provided an update on the Children and Young People's Working Group. The group would hold its first meeting on Tuesday 2 June 2009 at 6.30pm in the Rannoch Centre. She encouraged anyone who had an interest in the work of the group to attend the meeting which would discuss the roles and remit of the group.

Decision

To note the update by Maria Gray, Community Learning and Development Manager, Children and Families Department.

(e) Tasking and Co-ordinating Group

Inspector Murray Dykes, Lothian and Borders Police gave an update from the Tasking and Co-ordinating Group. The group met monthly and involved representatives from Lothian and Borders Police Force, Lothian and Borders Fire and Rescue Service and Services for Communities, City of Edinburgh Council. The aim of the group was to look at enforcement as well as measures aimed at preventing crime.

Decision

To note the update by Inspector Murray Dykes, Lothian and Borders Police.

10 Neighbourhood Partnership – Community Grants Fund

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

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Decision

- 1) To award a grant of £3,235 to Turnhouse Division Girlguiding for a centenary event to encourage more girls and adults to join the organisation.
- 2) To award a grant of £4,276 to the Friends of Corstorphine Hill for an event to celebrate the award of the Green Flag and Pennant and to assist in the purchase of storage space and improvement works to the environs of Corstorphine Hill.

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

Declarations of Interest

Councillors Edie and Wheeler declared a non-financial interest in the above item as members of the Friends of Corstorphine Hill.

Councillor Keir declared a non-financial interest in the above item as a member of RHC Rugby Club.

11 Edinburgh Open Space Strategy – Start of Project

The Planning Committee had considered a report by the Director of City Development detailing an open space strategy for Edinburgh which set out the vision and aims for open space in the City. The report had been referred to the Neighbourhood Partnership to consult on whether the Neighbourhood Partnership wished to participate in the preparation of a separate Action Plan for the area.

Decision

To refer the report to the Western Edinburgh Neighbourhood Partnership Environmental Sub-Group.

(References – Planning Committee 26 February 2009 (item 10); report by the Council Secretary, submitted)

12 Pedestrian Crossing Prioritisation Process

The Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee had considered a report by the Director of City Development detailing the current prioritisation process for pedestrian crossings. The report had been referred to the Neighbourhood Partnership with an updated current prioritisation list for information.

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Decision

To note the decision of the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee and the report by the Council Secretary.

(References – Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee 10 February 2009 (item 32); report by the Council Secretary, submitted)

11 Date of Next Meeting

Decision

To agree that the next meeting would take place on Wednesday 5 August 2009.