

Committee Minutes

South West Neighbourhood Partnership

Edinburgh, 7 September 2010

Present:- Councillors Wilson (Convener), Buchan, Burns and Lowrie; Tom Crombie (Craiglockhart Community Council) Anne Denholm (Wester Hailes Community Council), Andy Devenport (Tollcross Community Council), Louisa Jeffrey (Stenhouse Community Council), Hellen McDonough (Longstone Community Council) and Fiona McLean (Gorgie/Dalry Community Council).

1 Appointment of Convener

Decision

To appoint Councillor Wilson as Partnership Convener for 2010-11 and to not appoint a Vice-Convener.

2 Welcome and Introduction by the Convener

Councillor Wilson thanked Gorgie Parish Church for once again allowing the South West Neighbourhood Partnership to be held in the venue and explained the format of the meeting which included a themed session on parks and greenspace.

Details were given of the Union 10 celebrations to be held on 24-26 September 2010 to mark the reopening of the Union Canal.

In addition, those present were encouraged to sign the petition to keep Dalry Swim Centre open.

Councillor Wilson welcomed the clerking service provided by the Committee Services Section of the Department of Corporate Services at the meeting and informed those present that he had submitted a Council question on the proposed withdrawal of clerking support. It was noted that discussion continued on the matter and that a decision would be reached in the near future.

South West Neighbourhood Partnership
7 September 2010

3 Minute

The minute of the South West Neighbourhood Partnership of 11 May 2010 was approved as a correct record.

4 Neighbourhood Partnership Community Grants Fund

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

Decision

- 1) To not award Sighthill Community Education Centre a grant of £1,980.
- 2) To award Gorgie City Farm a partial grant of £2,760 specifically to pay for a hand-washing trough outside the Farm Education Centre.
- 3) To award Wester Hailes Health Agency a grant of £3,000 for a pilot scheme related to walking maps. The Funding Panel had agreed that this project had potential to have a significant impact on local health in the South West Neighbourhood Partnership area. It was confirmed that the Funding Panel would monitor the initial pilot in the Wester Hailes community.
- 4) To award The Green Team a grant of £497 for the purchase of garden equipment.
- 5) To note that a grant of £1,000 had been made under Standing Order 63 to Re-Union Canal Boats for a launch event for the 10th anniversary of the Union Canal reopening and the hire of musicians to attract people to the celebration flotilla.

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

Declaration of Interest

Councillor Wilson declared a non-financial in the above item as Board member of Gorgie City Farm and Andy Devenport declared a non-financial interest in the above item as a member of the Edinburgh Canal Society and

South West Neighbourhood Partnership
7 September 2010

5 Public Questions

Decision

That the South West Neighbourhood Manager respond in writing to the public question submitted in relation to paving in East Harrison Park, the Canal Barge consultation process and the issue of disabled access to East Harrison Park from the West Bryson Road entrance.

6 Parks and Greenspace – Presentation

Craig Dunlop, South West Parks and Greenspace Officer, Gary Law, Park Ranger Co-ordinator and Gerry Baker, CEC Economic Development presented the work carried out and proposals for parks and greenspace in the South West Neighbourhood Partnership area.

The presentation included a full overview of responsibilities, facilities, management, recent and future developments, consultation, allotments, parks quality, comparisons with other areas in Edinburgh, opportunities and future proposals.

Decision

Following a short question and answer session involving Partnership members, Councillor Wilson thanked Craig, Gary and Gerry for their interesting and informative presentation.

7 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday, 23 November 2010 at 7.00 pm in Gorgie Parish Church, 90-92 Gorgie Road, Edinburgh, the theme to be community engagement.