



Committee Minutes

Craightinny and Duddingston Neighbourhood Partnership

Edinburgh, 16 June 2009

Present:- Councillors Peacock (Convener), Ewan Aitken and Tymkewycz; Giacomo Modica, Craightinny/Meadowbank Community Council; Inspector Norman Ward, Lothian and Borders Police, Brenda Devlin, Voluntary Sector Representative and David White, NHS Lothian Representative.

1 Minute

The minute of the meeting of the Craightinny and Duddingston Neighbourhood Partnership of 17 March 2009 was approved as a correct record subject to the amendments as detailed in Appendix 1 to this minute.

2 Neighbourhood Survey Results

Davina Fereday, Senior Research Consultant, Services for Communities, gave an update on the Annual Neighbourhood Survey for 2008. This included:

- Edinburgh residents' views on their local neighbourhood
- How the survey was carried out
- The type of questions asked
- The Key Findings, Citywide
- Sense of Community
- Anti-social behaviour/crime
- The Environment
- Community Facilities
- Improvement Priorities
- "Best Things"

Discussion took place on further research and benchmarking.

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Decision

- 1) To thank Davina Fereday for her presentation.
- 2) Davina Fereday to liaise with the Neighbourhood Manager, Services for Communities regarding the following:
 - a) Future research into services for young and older people.
 - b) Identifying appropriate benchmarks to determine the way in which residents viewed the provision of all services.
 - c) Identifying areas when the mechanisms were not having the desired outcomes on improving services and taking the necessary measures to address this.

3 Edinburgh Open Space Strategy - Update on Consultation

Kenneth Bowes, Planning Officer, Department of City Development provided an update on the Edinburgh Open Space Strategy. This included action plans for each area, the open space audit, the consultation process, the need for more open space and the need to analyse data. The main issues outlined included:

- The positive reception of the public to the strategy.
- Signage.
- The ownership of open space.
- Issues related to specific parks

Discussion took place on matters that included the next steps, the consultation process, community involvement and public access to golf courses.

Decision

- 1) To thank Kenneth Bowes for his presentation.
- 2) To invite members of the public to complete the questionnaires on the Edinburgh Open Space Strategy, these to be fed into the consultation process.

4 Marionville Fire Station and Other Safety Measures

The Neighbourhood Partnership had previously noted the change from a five year to a ten year plan on the Risk Assessment Strategy by the Lothian and Borders Fire and Rescue Service. The Partnership had also requested that the

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Fire and Rescue Service met with the Partnership and local community when reviewing the Strategy.

Gary Laing, Lothian and Borders Fire and Rescue Service provided an update on the timescale for the proposed closure on Marionville Fire Station, reduction of funding, the need to optimise resources and service delivery.

Discussion took place on the Risk Assessment model and consultation.

Decision

- 1) To thank Gary Laing for his presentation.
- 2) To request that Lothian and Borders Fire and Rescue Service liaise with Council officers regarding Marionville Fire Station and other safety measures before meetings of the Neighbourhood Partnership.
- 3) To request that an officer from the Lothian and Borders Fire and Rescue Service provide an update to the Neighbourhood Partnership once a year and to provide regular updates when required, on developments relating to Marionville Fire Station and other safety measures.

(Reference – Craigentinny and Duddingston Neighbourhood Partnership 17 March 2009 (item 2).)

5 Neighbourhood Partnership Briefing/Action Notes

The Neighbourhood Partnership had previously noted the progress that had been made with the Sub-Groups.

a) Environmental Forum – Update

Jim Hunter, Neighbourhood Manager, gave an update on the Environmental Forum and referred to a programme of planned works.

Decision

- 1) To note the update.
- 2) To undertake extra work on paths where necessary.

b) Area Board Sub-Group – Update

Jim Hunter gave an update on the Area Board Sub-Group. He indicated that a meeting of the Board was held on 24 March 2009 and actions were

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confirmed on completing projects 2008/2009, Budget 2009/10 and new projects 2009/10.

Decision

To note the update.

c) Community Safety Sub-Group – Update

Jim Hunter gave an update of the meeting of the Community Safety Sub-Group on 29 April 2009 and the actions that were confirmed.

Decision

To note the update.

d) Health and Wellbeing Sub-Group – Update

Jim Hunter gave an update on services available for older people in the area and the best way to publicise available services.

Decision

To note the update.

e) Support for Families, Children and Young People Sub-Group – Update

Colin Gough, Senior Community Learning and Development Worker, Department of Children and Families, provided an update on Support for Families, Children and Young People, indicating that the first meeting of the Sub-Group would be held on Thursday 2 July 2009. Details were given of the action to date, from the Young People's Forum and further action points to be undertaken.

Decision

To note the update.

(References – Craigentiny and Duddingston Neighbourhood Partnership 17 March 2009 (item 4); briefing notes from Neighbourhood Manager, Services for Communities, submitted.)

6 Craightinny and Duddingston Neighbourhood Partnership – Fairer Scotland Funding Panel Meetings

At its meeting on 17 March 2009, the Neighbourhood Partnership agreed to various recommendations. This included agreeing funding for a number of organisations, noting the additional clarification and information relating to projects funded by the Fairer Scotland Fund and agreeing that the members liaise with the Department of Services for Communities to achieve a satisfactory outcome to address the concerns of the local community in relation to the projects.

Jim Hunter outlined the recommendations of the Funding Panel at their meetings of 21 April, 20 May and 2 June 2009. The Panel had considered updates for projects still pending at the time of the last meeting, how to allocate remaining Fairer Scotland Fund budget 2009/10 and the previously identified/new budget underspend.

Based on the recommendations of the Funding Panel outlined by the Neighbourhood Manager, budget allocations were as follows:

Project	Award 2009/2010
Community Learning and Development Worker	£33,981
2.5% cost of living – staffing costs	£ 4,000
Speaker (balance)	£11,700
Lochend Community Resource Centre (final)	£ 1,500
FSF Projects/YWCA (set aside)	£25,000

Councillor Ewan Aitken described the role of the Funding Panel and paid tribute to all those involved in its work. He particularly thanked John Palmer (NHS Lothian) for his work in progressing the continued use of the Lochend YWCA as a community facility and base for FSF projects.

Decision

- 1) To agree the recommendations of the Funding Panel as outlined above.
- 2) To note the expression of thanks to the landlord of the Lochend Community Resource Centre for his support, understanding and patience while the Centre's application was considered.
- 3) To note that the Funding Panel members would act as a Steering Group during the ongoing development of proposals relating to the YWCA building.

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- 4) To note the £18,500 unallocated balance of Fairer Scotland Fund as outlined in the report by the Neighbourhood Manager, and that appropriate consideration of how best to allocate these remaining funds would be considered at the next meeting of the Funding Panel.
- 5) To thank all those involved in the Fairer Scotland Fund.

(References – Craigentinny and Duddingston Neighbourhood Partnership 17 March 2009 (item 5); report by the Neighbourhood Manager, Services for Communities 17 March 2009, submitted.)

7 Neighbourhood Partnership Community Grants Fund

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

Decision

- 1)
 - a) To award a grant of £4,985 to Catch the Buz to allow the employment of seasonal workers and the hire of transport.
 - b) To not award a grant of £1,170 to the Hotscots Football Club as the application did not meet the Community Grants Fund Criteria.
 - c) Award a grant of £4,800 to the Duddingston Village Conservation Society on condition that they provided more information on how the appraisal would benefit the community as a whole and that they provided the Neighbourhood Manager with a full copy of the report from the consultant.
 - d) To note the proposed award of £5,000 to the Willowbrae Play Park Action Group under Standing Order 84 to help the Group with developing its fundraising research and strategy subject to a satisfactory quote for the work from a reliable consultant.
- 2) To note the 2009/10 grant application of £30,793 and the current application total of £15,955.

(Reference – report by the Neighbourhood Manager, Services for Communities 16 June 2009, submitted; Briefing Note to Neighbourhood Partnership 16 June 2009, Duddingston Village Conservation Society, tabled.)

Declaration of Interests

Councillor Ewan Aitken declared a non-financial interest in the above item as he was Director of the Ripple Project and the Youth Bus Project.

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Brenda Devlin declared a non-financial interest in the above item as she was a member of the Youth Bus Project.

8 Edinburgh Promenade – Design and Delivery Code

The Planning Committee had referred details to the Neighbourhood Partnership of the Edinburgh Promenade Design and Delivery Code for its interest.

Decision

To note the report.

(Reference – report dated 16 June 2009, by the Council Secretary submitted.)

9 Neighbourhood Partnership: Development of the Communication Plan

The Convener ruled that this item, notice of which had been given at the start of the meeting, be ruled urgent, in order that it be dealt with timeously.

Details were given of the development of the Craigentiny and Duddingston Neighbourhood Partnership Communication Plan. This included a proposed “strap line” that could be inserted in publicity material, relevant letters and articles to heighten public awareness of the Partnership and its work. The suggested strap line was:

“Make a Difference
You Can
You Have
Together We Can Do More”

It was also suggested that there should be regular road shows, presented by Services for Communities Staff, to keep local residents informed.

Decision

- 1) To approve the proposed strap line in the report by the Neighbourhood Manager.
- 2) To ask partners to actively participate in planning and promoting the proposed road shows and the development of the ongoing Neighbourhood Partnership Communication Plan.

(Reference – report by the Neighbourhood Manager, Services for Communities 16 March 2009, tabled.)

10 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 8 September 2009 (to be confirmed.)

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Appendix 1

The amendment of paragraph 2 in item 2 to read:

“Gary Laing, Lothian and Borders Fire and Rescue Services, provided an update on the Service Improvement Plan and indicated that there would be a change from a Five Year to a Ten Year Plan and that this would include a review of the Risk Assessment Strategy by the service”.

The amendment of line 1 in paragraph 3 of item 2 to read:

“Discussion took place about the timescales for the closure of Marionville Fire Station”