

Committee Minutes

Craightinny and Duddingston Neighbourhood Partnership

Edinburgh, 8 September 2009

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

1 Change of Representative from Police

Councillor Peacock announced that Inspector Norman Ward of Lothian and Borders Police was leaving the Neighbourhood Partnership. He expressed his appreciation and thanks for the Inspector's work and commitment to the Partnership and wished him well. He then welcomed Inspector Nadine Aliane to the Partnership as the new representative of Lothian and Borders Police.

2 Minute

The minute of the meeting of the Craightinny and Duddingston Neighbourhood Partnership of 16 June 2009 was approved as a correct record.

3 St Margaret's House Redevelopment – Second Public Consultation Session

The Planning Committee had approved the Draft Development Brief for St Margaret's House for consultation purposes.

Jeremy Scott, Managing Director of Michael Laird Architects, gave a presentation on the proposed redevelopment on St Margaret's House and the second consultation process. Details were given of the Masterplan for the sites of both St Margaret's House and Meadowbank House and also the remaining

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commercial properties in the street block, at Jock's Lodge Corner. This included:-

- The Public Consultation
- The layout of the site
- Approval for Outline in Principle
- Mass and height
- Car parking
- Tenemental scale
- Materials for a modern design
- Overall strategy

Discussion took place about the Masterplan for St Margaret's House, the mass and height of the property and the implications for Meadowbank House. There was further comment about the consultation process, design issues, right of access, possible gridlock of traffic at Smokey Brae and the management of the property.

Decision

- 1) To thank Jeremy Scott for his presentation.
- 2) Committee Services to compile a summary of the issues raised in relation to St Margaret's House Redevelopment and this to be fed into the consultation/planning process.

(References – Planning Committee 26 February 2009 (item 2); briefing note on St Margaret's House Masterplan, submitted.)

4 Neighbourhood Partnership Review

(a) Craigentenny and Duddingston Neighbourhood Partnership: Annual Report 2008/09

Jim Hunter, East Neighbourhood Manager, Services for Communities, provided a progress report on the work of the Neighbourhood Partnership, outlining suggestions relating to the ongoing development of the Partnership's operation. He gave evidence of the progress achieved so far by the Neighbourhood Partnership and its Sub-Groups in tackling the local priorities included in the Local Community Plan and improvements in the delivery of "partnership approach". It described how the Neighbourhood Partnership intended to continue to develop the effectiveness of the partnership approach, improve communications, local participation, engagement and influence.

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In response to a question, it was explained that the Partnership was looking at areas that would adopt surgeries on a regular basis.

Decision

- 1) To note the progress made on the work of the Neighbourhood Partnership.
- 2) To thank members of the Partnership Board, the community and partners for their ongoing commitment and support.

(Reference – report by the East Neighbourhood Manager, Services for Communities, 8 September 2009, submitted.)

(b) Neighbourhood Partnership Review

The Policy and Strategy Committee had referred to the Neighbourhood Partnership details of progress on the review of Neighbourhood Partnerships.

The meeting broke into two discussion groups, led by facilitators, to discuss the Partnership Review.

Decision

- 1) To note the report.
- 2) The East Neighbourhood Manager, Services for Communities, to compile a summary of the issues raised by the Discussion Groups, in relation to the Neighbourhood Partnership Review and these to be reported to the next meeting of the Neighbourhood Partnership.

(Reference – report by the Council Secretary 9 June 2009, submitted.)

5 Neighbourhood Partnership Workplan

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

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

Alan Jackson, Neighbourhood Manager, Children and Families, indicated that the Support for Families, Children and Young People Sub-Group had met for the first time on Thursday 2 July 2009. Details were given of the

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Final Action Plan for support to families, children and young people, the Summer Programme and the establishment of the Action on Young People's Forum.

Discussion took place about the positive contribution by those in attendance to the decline in crime, the participation of young people and the success of the Summer Programme.

Decision

To thank Alan Jackson, Neighbourhood Manager, Children and Families for providing an update.

(Reference – briefing note from Colin Gough, Senior Communities Learning and Development Worker, Children and Families, submitted.)

(b) Neighbourhood Environment Programme

Jim Hunter provided an update on the environmental improvement projects selected by the Environment Forum and Area Board's Sub-Groups for the 2009/10 Neighbourhood Environment Programme (NEP). The NEP enabled local communities to identify and fund local projects that enhanced the local environment. Details were given on projects selected by the Environmental Forum and Area Board Sub-Groups. Both Sub-Groups oversaw funding streams which made up the NEP.

Discussion took place and it was agreed that fencing in Lochend Area, Passing Places at Meadowfield Drive and the extent of the consultation should be considered at the Environmental Forum on Thursday 10 September 2009.

Decision

To approve the projects selected for the 2009/10 Neighbourhood Improvement Programme, as detailed in the report by the East Neighbourhood Manager, Services for Communities.

(References – Craigentinny and Duddingston Neighbourhood Partnership 16 June 2009 (item 5); report by the East Neighbourhood Manager, Services for Communities, 8 September 2009, submitted.)

6 Fairer Scotland Fund (FSF) – Craigentinny and Duddingston Neighbourhood Partnership Funding Panel Meeting

At the meeting on 16 June 2009, the Neighbourhood Partnership agreed to various recommendations about FSF allocations. This included the ongoing

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funding for a number of organisations, noting the expression of thanks to the landlord of Lochend Community Resource Centre and noting that the Funding Panel members would act as a Steering Group during the ongoing development of proposals relating to the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) building.

Jim Hunter outlined the recommendations of the Funding Panel meeting of 4 August 2009. The Panel had confirmed that £25,000 would be paid to projects who would use the former YWCA building as a work base. However, following further discussions, it was recommended that allocation would now be paid directly to the landlord of the Port of Leith Housing Association. Additionally, the Panel recommended an allocation of £4,500 to enable the provision of additional services for older people living in Northfield and Willowbrae area.

Project	Award 2009/10
Allocated for older people transport	£4,500

Decision

To approve the recommendations of the Funding Panel as set out in paragraphs 2 and 3 of the report by the East Neighbourhood Manager, Services for Communities.

(References – Craigentiny and Duddingston Neighbourhood Partnership 16 June 2009 (item 6); report by the East Neighbourhood Manager, Services for Communities, 8 September 2009, submitted.)

7 Neighbourhood Partnership Community Grants Fund

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

Decision

- 1) To recommend that the East Neighbourhood Manager, Services for Communities:
 - a) Award a grant of £4,628 to Willowbrae Play Park Action Group.
 - b) Award a grant of £4,588 to the Ripple Project Winter Wonderland.
 - c) Award a grant of £4,628 to Craigentiny Action Group.

- 2) To note that the balance for allocation for the Neighbourhood Partnership stood at £13,845 (current applications totalled £14,960).

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- 3) To agree to review the way in which the grants fund was allocated, in order to allow for a better scheduling of awards.

(Reference – report by the East Neighbourhood Manager, Services for Communities, 8 September 2009, submitted.)

Declaration of Interests

Councillor Ewan Aitken declared a non financial interest in the above item as a Director of the Ripple Project, a member of Willowbrae Play Park Action Group and a founder of the Craigentiny Action Group.

8 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 1 December 2009 (venue to be confirmed).