

Committee Minutes

South West Neighbourhood Partnership

Edinburgh, 24 January 2012

Present:- Councillors Wilson (Convener), Lowrie; Burns, Irene Ralston (LBP), David White (NHS), Lesley Johnston (NHS), Maria Kelly (Gorgie and Dalry Community Council), Marianna Clyde (Merchiston Community Council), Stewart Farquhar (CEC), Christine Doherty (CEC), John Richmond (CEC), Gordon Fisher (LBFRS), Gavin Graham (CEC), Andy Edwards (CEC) and Graham Budd (CEC).

1 Welcome and Introduction by the Convener

Councillor Wilson thanked Tynecastle High School for providing the South West Neighbourhood Partnership with a venue for the meeting.
Partnership members introduced themselves to the public in attendance.

Councillor Wilson explained that there would be two presentations as detailed on the agenda.

2 Order of Business

The Convener confirmed that no motions or urgent items of business had been received prior to the meeting, so the order of business would progress as detailed on the agenda.

Apologies were noted from Cllr Gordon Buchan, Fiona McLean (GDCC), Maria Gray (CEC), Carol Cawood (EVOC).

3 Declaration of Interests

No declarations of interest were received.

4 Minute

The minute of the South West Neighbourhood Partnership meeting of 13 Sept 2011 was approved as a correct record.

5 Public Questions

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Dr Colin Cooper asked how and when the underpass between the Wester Hailes Plaza and the new Healthy Living Centre will be made disabled accessible.

Maria Kelly (Gorgie and Dalry Community Council) asked about the proposed solution for Dalry place which involves changing the classification back from pedestrian walkway to a carriageway. Residents are worried that this would allow Dalry Place to be opened up as a road in the future, perhaps as a through road to the Morrison St. development. Whilst we all acknowledge this is very unlikely, the Dalry Colonies Residents Association would like to know if this method of addressing the parking problems is the only solution available.

Will Searle asked why resurfacing work in Craiglockhart Road North and Craiglockhart Gardens has been prioritised over other streets in the Craiglockhart area, especially Colinton Road.

Mairianna Clyde (Merchiston Community Council) asked about Harrison Park. Now that we have new pathways at East Harrison Park, (which will allow small Council cleansing vehicles to access the path next to the canal tow path) what action has been taken to install waste bins on the tow path?

Mairianna Clyde (Merchiston Community Council) asked that Environmental Wardens please investigate allegations of dog fouling in Harrison Park at West Bryson Road, at the playing fields near by Merchiston Boys Club.

Mairianna Clyde (Merchiston Community Council) asked if something can be done to take action regarding a smelly bin in Dundee Street outside a Chinese restaurant? Between the pharmacy and the library. This large bin takes up a lot of pavement space.

Responses

In response to Dr Colin Cooper's question Andrew Burns suggested that a motion from the Neighbourhood Partnership be put to the full Council meeting on February the 2nd.

In response to Maria Kelly's question John Richmond replied that yes at this time this is the only method available for addressing the parking problems.

Note: the responses to the other questions raised were given directly to the residents via email after the meeting.

6 Presentations

NHS Healthcare Provision in the South West Neighbourhood – David White, NHS

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David White gave a presentation on the healthcare service provision in the area with the closure of Springwell House and the opening of the Wester Hailes Healthy Living Centre.

Questions

Andrew Burns asked if there was a rough timescale by which the Healthy Living Centre would be operational.

David White answered that the plan is to have the building occupied by 2013.

Maria Kelly asked that if Health All Round fails to secure a local venue will it be kept local.

David White stated that they would wish to keep this service locally.

Dr Colin Cooper asked that rather than splitting up cancer care teams into different location would it not be best to put the resources for cancer in the same location.

David White stated that he would take this suggestion back.

Shandon Parking – Progress Update

Staff from the SW Neighbourhood gave an update on the feedback from local residents since the public meeting in October about the parking in the Shandon area. Since this first public meeting in October Roads staff have been working with the Police, Fire Services and local residents to find options to the parking issues.

These options were drafted and presented to the public for the local residents present to choose how they wished to proceed. Those present chose to proceed with a combination of the options drafted by the professional officers which would enforced current parking behaviours in the Shandon Colonies and an option for Shandon Crescent which is designed to reduce the impact of commuter traffic in that area.

Decision: that these preferred options would be put out for informal feedback prior to commencing any formal process.

The Convenor thanked the presenters and the local residents who attended for their contributions.

8 Date of Next Meeting

The date of this next meeting is still to be agreed.