



Committee Minutes

Liberton Gilmerton Neighbourhood Partnership

Wednesday 27th September 2012

At The HUB, Ravenscroft Street, Edinburgh, EH17

Present

Councillor Bill Cook	:	City of Edinburgh Council (Convenor)
Cllr Nick Cook	:	City of Edinburgh Council
Ann Young	:	Voluntary Sector Representative
Cammy Mackenzie	:	South Edinburgh Churches Acting Together
David White	:	NHS Lothian
Ronnie Gibb	:	Gilmerton Neighbourhood Forum
Inspector Alan Bowie	:	Lothian and Borders Police
Jeanette Mulgrew	:	Inch Community Association
Stuart Fleming	:	Liberton Association

Supporting Officers

Sarah Burns	:	Neighbourhood Manager
Evelyn Kilmurry	:	Partnership and Information Manager
Scott Donkin	:	Partnership Development Officer
Douglas Jeffrey	:	CEC Community Learning & Development

Apologies

Councillor Tom Buchanan	:	City of Edinburgh Council
Councillor Norma Austin Hart	:	City of Edinburgh Council

1. APPOINTMENT OF CONVENOR

Decision

To appoint Councillor Bill Cook as Convenor for a period of one year. It was confirmed that convenership of the Neighbourhood Partnership would rotate between Councillors on an annual basis.

2. WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 Councillor Bill Cook welcomed those in attendance, particularly Councillor Nick Cook as this was his first Partnership meeting. Councillor Bill Cook then highlighted that whilst there has been a hiatus in terms of the Partnership itself meeting, the work of the Partnership has continued to take place through the sub structure groups effectively maintaining positive progress.
- 2.2 Councillor Cook informed the Partnership that Councillor Buchanan is very ill and asked that the thoughts of the Partnership are with him at this time.

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest from any members.

4. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minute of the meeting held on 29th February 2012 was accepted as an accurate record.

5. 2011 – 2014 Community Plan – Action Plan

- 5.1 In addition to the report previously circulated, Scott Donkin highlighted some background and key areas of progress against specific actions.
- 5.2 There are currently 23 actions contained in the Action Plan. All actions are linked to the four priorities as detailed in the 2011 – 2014 Community Plan. At present, there has been progress to varying levels against 21 of the 23 actions.
- 5.3 ***Health Inequalities: Develop appropriate information hub***
 - 5.3.1 The action was identified as a means of ensuring residents can access a wide range of information using formats and technology that are accessible by all. It is also proposed that there is a human contact aspect to the initiative where more vulnerable or less confident residents can be supported to access local services.
 - 5.3.2 It is the thoughts of those involved that where a service of this type exists, it may prevent specific issues escalating or reduce the time it takes for an individual to access an appropriate service by being signposted to the appropriate service first time.
 - 5.3.3 David White suggested that Libraries can be the first port of call for information and that any service should be developed with this in mind.
 - 5.3.4 Scott added that Libraries are fully involved in the working group.

5.4 ***Positively Engage Young People: Youth Event & Service Review***

5.4.1 The actions linked with the Youth Engagement Event and the services and facilities review have been combined. The event will take place just before Easter 2013 and will be the culmination of the review which will be fully led by young people.

5.4.2 Funds have been provided by Cashback for Communities to assist with the review and to support the young people involved.

5.5 ***Better & Safer Communities***

5.5.1 A comprehensive green space audit is underway which will assist all locally to better understand areas of land and where there are possibilities for community based projects/initiatives to take place.

5.5.2 The desk research element has been completed and the next stage will involve community engagement.

5.6 ***Improve employment opportunities for the community: Employability Hub***

5.6.1 WEACTION (Part of Stevenson College) are in the process of moving into 13 Newtoft Street to create a local employability hub. A range of services will be offered with a view to supporting a one stop shop approach for local residents seeking advice and support.

5.7 **DECISION: The Partnership noted the report**

6. COMMUNITY GRANTS

6.1 Evelyn Kilmurry informed the Partnership that the Panel will now meet after the Partnership meeting therefore there was no report at this time.

7. GRACEMOUNT COMMUNITY SAFETY MONTH OF ACTION

7.1 Evelyn Kilmurry spoke on behalf of the SFC Community Safety Team.

7.2 The Month of Action had been developed in June as a direct response to the Police Safer Neighbourhood Team Priority as adopted by the Partnership's Better and Safer Communities Group.

7.3 The Month of Action involved a wide range of Partner agencies working together and included:

- Joint visits to 108 properties involving Police SNT, Community Safety and Dunedin Canmore. During this, 36 local residents discussed specific concerns they had.
- 850 leaflets distributed to households in the area providing local contact details;
- There were also a range of activities available for young people supported by SWITCH, a voluntary organisation.

7.4 Ronnie Gibb suggested that some of the issues are likely to be associated with the removal of playing fields and the Mansion now appears to be underused.

7.5 Douglas Jeffrey informed the Partnership that the Mansion has been transformed in recent months where SWITCH now use the facility as a base alongside the Healthy Living Initiative and the facility is managed by CLD.

7.6 Inspector Bowie added that whilst the Police and Partners feel that the activities undertaken have been positive, it is important to learn from the residents themselves if there has been a positive impact and the Police want to hear from local people who know what its like to live in the area.

8. PARTNERSHIP OPEN SESSION

8.1 Councillor Cook reminded the Partnership that the next part of the meeting was an open session involving partners, the community and the voluntary sector and therefore brought the formal meeting to a close.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

9.1 To be arranged