



Minutes

Western Edinburgh Neighbourhood Partnership

11 September 2012 - Murrayfield Parish Church, EH12 6EB

Present:- Councillor Jeremy Balfour (Convener); Councillor Robert Aldridge, Councillor Ron Cairns; Councillor Paul Edie; Councillor Karen Keil; Councillor Frank Ross; David Salton (Corstorphine Community Council), Kenny Wright (Drum Brae Community Council); Inspector Andy Gilhooley (Lothian and Borders Police) George McLeod (Murrayfield Community Council); Natalie Hoy (West Neighbourhood and Local Community Planning Manager, Services for Communities), Eleanor Gaw (West Partnership and Information Manager), Jim Conner (West Partnership Development Officer), Martin Hutchison (Children and Families), Anne Crawford (Property Manager, CEC Services for Communities)

Apologies: Peter Gabbitas (Lothian Community Health Care Partnership), Maria Gray (Community Learning and Development Manager, Children and Families) Tom Conway (Drum Brae Community Council);

In attendance: Tricia Campbell (Health and Social Care) Karen Reeves, (Acting Environment Manager for Parks and Task Force)

1 Welcome and Election of Convener

Natalie Hoy opened the meeting and drew attention to the need to elect a new Partnership Convener. Jim Conner asked partners for nominations. Cllr. Robert Aldridge nominated Cllr. Jeremy Balfour and this nomination was seconded by Cllr. Paul Edie. There were no other nominations.

Decision: Cllr. Balfour is formally elected Convener of the Western Edinburgh Neighbourhood Partnership for the coming year.

2 Introductions

2.1 Cllr. Balfour welcomed all those in attendance and thanked the NP Board for his election as Convener. He made reference to Cllr. Edie's period as Convener and thanked him on behalf of the Partnership.

He introduced the new councillors for the Western area to their first Western Edinburgh NP meeting, Councillor Ron Cairns; Councillor Karen Keil and Councillor Frank Ross.

He also welcomed George McLeod the new delegate from Murrayfield Community Council to the Partnership Board. In addition, he formally acknowledged the contribution made to the Partnership, community and Edinburgh by former Councillors Phil Wheeler, Jenny Dawe and Colin Keir and thanked them on behalf of the Partnership.

The Convenor noted apologies from Tom Conway Drumbrae Community Council, and informed the meeting that Sylvia Latona from Health and Social Care had moved on to a new role and that a new representative from Health and Social Care would be identified by the Department.

The Convener went on to welcome Tricia Campbell from Health and Social Care, Calum Gubby, young people's representative from Corstorphine Community Council and Karen Reeves, the Acting Environment Manager for Parks and Task Force in the West Team, who would be contributing to the meeting.

2.2 Late Item of Business

The Convener drew the meetings attention to one late matter of business that had been submitted for consideration. A request had been received from Steve Kerr, Chair of the West Edinburgh Community Safety Panel. Steve had asked that the Partnership consider whether the Panel could be represented on the Partnership Board. It was agreed to note the request at present, and consider it at a future business meeting. This would allow time to request any relevant information from the Panel, and fully consider the value of a co-opted membership, rather than involvement at sub group level. It could also link in with discussions around the review of Neighbourhood Partnerships, which may inform thinking on this matter.

Decision: To note the request from the West Edinburgh Community Safety Panel and agreement that the West Neighbourhood Team would report to a future business meeting of the NP, so the matter could be given fuller consideration.

3 Declarations of Interest

Partners were requested to declare an interest in any item of business and in particular the Community Grants Fund Report.

Cllr. Karen Keil declared an interest in the Community Grants Fund application from St. Andrews, Church of Scotland, Clemiston. David Salton and Cllr Edie declared an interest in the Community Grants Fund application from the Corstorphine Trust. Cllr Balfour and Cllr Edie declared an interest in the Community Grants Fund application from the Friends of Roseburn Park.

Decision: To note the declarations of interest

4 Minute of Previous Meeting

Decision

To approve the minute of the Western Edinburgh Neighbourhood Partnership of 28 March 12 as a correct record.

4.1 Matters Arising

- Item 5 of previous minutes, Karen Reeves will update partners regarding the consultation on the Park at the site of the former Primary School
- Item 6 – information has been circulated to partners by email on the Integration of Health and Social Care.
- Item 9 Performance Reporting – Eleanor updated partners that colleagues in Environmental Health had offered to present to partners air quality data at a future business meeting, and partners agreed that this would be acceptable.
Partners had also requested more information on traffic data through the neighbourhood, and Eleanor confirmed that additional data could be made available from Transport. It was noted however that this was not considered as part of the Council's performance framework, but could be provided for information. The Partners agreed that additional data on traffic flow across the neighbourhood should be streamed through the Environment Sub Group.

Items for Information

5 Community Connecting

The Convener introduced Tricia Campbell, CEC Senior Manager, Older People. Tricia briefed and updated partners on the Change Fund and Community Connecting, and introduced a DVD about the Community Connecting project, including testimonies from participants and volunteers. This was a flagship project, putting volunteers and older people in touch with one another, which the Western Edinburgh Partnership initially funded. The project has been very successful and was now being rolled-out across Edinburgh.

The presentation was followed by a question and answer session, where the positive impacts of the project and the lead taken by the Western Edinburgh NP were noted. Tricia urged all those present to encourage involvement as a step towards combating social isolation.

Decision: To note the presentation.

The Convenor thanked Tricia for her briefing.

6 Play Development Strategy

The Convener introduced Karen Reeves, Acting West Environment Manager (Parks and Task Force) who briefed the meeting on this item. Copies of the approved Play Action Plan [2011-16] had been included in the agenda papers pack and Karen referred to appendix 2, that identified proposed spend in the Western Edinburgh NP area. She indicated that the proposed spend on Roseburn Park was conditional on there being no flood defence works during the identified period [2013] Following Karen's briefing there was a question and answer session where the following issues were raised:

- The decision making process associated with the name for the new park in Drum Brae next to the Care home, which is currently under construction. Natalie provided background to the public consultation process that had taken place to date at the Drumbrae Gala and in the Library and assured the meeting that no decision had yet been taken in deciding a name for the park. She suggested that the Board of the NP in conjunction with the Community Council should propose the final name for the new park and that a meeting would be set up to consider this further.
- Concern was raised as to the current condition of Clermiston Park and the need for investment on new play equipment. It was suggested that the current equipment did not meet Health and Safety standards. Karen responded that there was a need to prioritise available finance and that the works identified in the Plan and their locations were deemed the most urgent at present. Parks play equipment is inspected annually with regard health and safety issues and she indicated she would make specific enquiries to verify if there were any outstanding issues with the equipment in Clermiston Park.
- A number of enquiries were made relating to the proposed works in St. Margaret's Park, Corstorphine. Elected members had not been informed of the programme of works and from observation it would appear works would be beginning in the Park in the near future. Natalie assured the meeting she would investigate this matter with David Jamison: Parks and Greenspaces Manager, and that a full briefing would be issued to Board members.

Decisions:

- 1) That the name for the new park would be decided by the interested stakeholders including the community, Community Council and NP Board.

2) That confirmation would be provided as to whether the play equipment in Clermiston Parks is Health and Safety compliant.
Action: Karen Reeves

3) That Board members would be provided with an up to date briefing regarding the programme of works to St. Margaret's Park.
Action: Karen Reeves

8 Summer Programme – Youth Activities 2012

Martin Hutchison briefed partners on this year's Summer Programme for Young People. He referred to a number of slides throughout his talk highlighting the activities and events that had taken place and the extremely positive responses from participants. The very wet weather had impacted on young peoples' attendance and led to the cancellation of a number of events, including all of the evening activities scheduled for local parks.

It was planned to compensate for these cancellations by organising additional events during the October school break. A programme of these events would be made available.

The summer programme continued to provide a wide variety of quality activities and he thanked the NP for its continued support and hoped it would be ongoing.

Following Martin's briefing the Convener invited Calum Gubby - young people's representative from Corstorphine Community Council - to provide a personal comment on the activities available for young people. Calum spoke positively of what had available during the summer programme and the importance of the activities at Corstorphine Library and the Corstorphine Youth and Community Centre, and through the local churches. He referred to a range of organisations that provided youth activities and stressed the need to continue to offer young people positive options that promote confidence and personal development.

Decisions:

- 1) To note the Martin's update on the summer programme and proposed October events.
- 2) To note Calum's comments.
- 3) To agree that the community grants resource remaining with the Rannoch Centre Management Committee, following the curtailment of elements of the summer programme due to severe weather, could be reinvested in the October school holiday programme for young people.

8 Public Question Time

Jim reported that no written questions have been received and

the Convener opened the meeting to questions from members of the public. The following issue was raised and dealt with at the meeting:

- Car parking problems linked to Clermiston Park – Kenny Wright from Drum Brae CC, referred to previous meetings with the West Team, and communications relating to this issue. However he stated, there had been no formal response from the West Neighbourhood Team. Natalie informed the meeting that no formal response could be provided until a clearer definition of the Community Council's view was available, and that members of the West Neighbourhood Team were available to discuss this issue with Community Council representatives to take this forward. KW accepted that a meeting had taken place to discuss the concerns from the CC's perspective and that he would be willing to follow this up with another meeting of officers and CC representatives.
- Community Empowerment –Tommy McLean asked partners about the current consultation by the Scottish Government on community empowerment legislation and enquired if the Neighbourhood Partnership had submitted a response. Natalie answered, that this consultation had been brought to the attention of NP Boards, CCs, ETF, etc and that NP Boards had circulated details for community organisations to respond directly, and that a draft response from City of Edinburgh Council was in preparation. Mr McLean enquired if a report back could be provided when the Council's final response was submitted. This was agreed.

Decisions:

- 1] To note the questions raised and the responses given at the meeting.
- 2] To agree that the NP Board would be furnished with a copy of the CERB response when available.

Reports for Information

9 Performance Reporting

Eleanor introduced this report, which had been included in the pack of agenda papers. She highlighted that this was the first indicators Report to be presented to the NP and that it would be updated at future meetings when data became available. The existing schedule could be supplemented with additional indicators that members felt relevant. Eleanor referred to discussion at the last NP meeting at which there was a request to investigate whether more regular survey data relating to service satisfaction in the Western Edinburgh NP area could be made available. She outlined the two options identified in her report and requested a decision from members on this. Following discussion it was agreed that neither of the options should be pursued at this time.

Further requests arising out of the previous meeting included an indicator relating to how safe people feel in the community. This had therefore been included in the Key Theme: 'Community Safety' section.

Following Eleanor's report there were a number of questions and clarifications relating to some indicators and it was agreed that further clarification would be provided with regard to health data in relation to these.

Decisions:

- 1) To note the Report
- 2) To note that no further action is requested in relation to more regular survey data.
- 3) To note that further clarification will be provided as requested.

10 Drumbrae Library and Community Hub

Natalie introduced this report from the Culture and Leisure Committee for partners' information. She highlighted that Library Opening hours were changing slightly from October 2012. All Libraries in West and almost all across the city will now be open 10 am until 5 pm on a Saturday - at the moment most libraries close at 1 pm on a Saturday. This should make services easier to access. Libraries will be closing instead on a Thursday evening, which is their quietest time. She also informed the meeting that Drumbrae and Corstorphine Libraries now offer wi-fi access to our customers. Leaflets were available with the full revised opening hours for libraries across the city from 1st October, and more details are available in all libraries and the Council website.

Decision: To note the report

11 Community Grants Fund

Jim introduced this report, outlining the current financial position of the Community Grants Fund [capital] and Donation Fund [revenue], and the implications of the approval of the recommended awards. Advice from the Partnership was sought regarding the recommendations to:

- a] Award a grant to Edinburgh City Youth Football Club
in the sum of £800.00
- b] Award a grant to the Corstorphine Trust in the sum of £5,000
- c] Award a grant to the Corstorphine table Tennis Club in the sum of £1,100
- d] Award a grant to Haymarket Scout Group in the sum of £2,330
- e] Award a grant to St. Andrew's Church of Scotland, Clermiston, in the sum of £3,000.

f] Award a grant to the Carrick Knowe Parish Church, in the sum of £3,120.

g] Award a grant to Drum Brae Community Council in the sum of £1,072

h] Award a grant to the friends of Roseburn Park in the sum of £1,390

i] To note the grant made under Standing Order 63 to the Rannoch Centre Management Committee.

Financial position - Community Grants Fund [capital]

Opening balance	£39,621
Allocated to date	£5,240
Remaining balance	£34,381
Approved 11 Sept 2012	£19,412
Remaining balance	£14,969

Financial position - Donation Fund [revenue],

Opening balance	£2,392
Allocated to date	£00.00
Remaining balance	£2,392

Decision: To approve the awards recommended in the Community Grants Fund Report

12 Schedule Future Meetings

Eleanor thanked partners for responding with their availability and suitable times for meetings and informed members that dates would be confirmed when the revised Council Diary is made available.

Eleanor also informed partners that the Improvement Service have asked to reschedule the meeting of 24 September. An alternative date will be circulated to Board members shortly.

13 Closing Remarks

- 13.1 The Convener suggested that the next public meeting focuses on participation by older people and the services available to them in the West. He stressed this was a key community plan priority for the NP and that it would be good to hear more from older people about their views and priorities. This would build on other very successful themed meetings the NP had delivered in the past. The Convener asked for partners' agreement to this and any matters for clarification could be deferred to business meeting for decision.

Decision: To note general agreement to hold a themed NP meeting focusing on older peoples' services and views.

- 13.2 In closing the meeting Convenor thanked all those who had attended and had contributed, and the officers who had supported the facilitation of the meeting.

Membership of Western Edinburgh Neighbourhood Partnership

Councillor Robert Aldridge [Ward 3 - Drum Brae/Gyle]
Councillor Jeremy Balfour [Ward 6 – Corstorphine/Murrayfield]
Councillor Ron Cairns [Ward 3 - Drum Brae/Gyle]
Councillor Paul Edie [Ward 6 – Corstorphine/Murrayfield]
Councillor Karen Keil [Ward 3 - Drum Brae/Gyle]
Councillor Frank Ross [Ward 6 –Corstorphine/Murrayfield]

Tom Conway, Drum Brae Community Council
Peter Gabbitas, Lothian Community Health Care Partnership
Inspector Andy Gilhooley, Lothian and Borders Police
George McLeod, Murrayfield Community Council
David Salton, Corstorphine Community Council