

Western Edinburgh Neighbourhood Partnership Meeting

4pm Tuesday 23 April, 2013

St. Ninian's Church, Corstorphine

Present

Jeremy Balfour; [Convener] Cllr. Cllr. Karen Keil; Cllr. Paul Edie; David Salton, Corstorphine CC; Tom Conway, Drum Brae Community Council; George McLeod; Murrayfield Community Council; Natalie Hoy, West Neighbourhood and Local Community Planning Manager; Ewan McCormick, West Neighbourhood Team; Jim Conner, West Neighbourhood Team; Audrey Primrose, West Neighbourhood Team

Apologies:

Cllr. Frank Ross; Cllr Ron Cairns; Cllr Robert Aldridge; Peter Gabbitas, Lothian Community Health Care Partnership; Maria Gray, CEC Children and Families; Inspector Gilhooley, Lothian and Borders Police; Kate Kasprowitz, Voluntary Sector.

1. Convener

The Convener welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies from those unable to attend were noted.

The Convenor proceeded to highlight some recent activities in Western Edinburgh Neighbourhood Partnership area.

- He commented on the 'Live Well in Later Life' event which had recently finished and congratulated all those involved in the organisation of what had been an extremely successful event. He had noted the positive comments of attendees, particularly in relation to the wide range of information and advice available. He had also spoken to a number of those at information tables and their responses had been entirely positive in terms of the numbers attending and the client group. A number of other members of the NP Board added their positive comments with regard to the event and its organisation.

- The City of Edinburgh Council's Communities and Neighbourhoods Committee agreed earlier in the year to undertake a review of Neighbourhood Partnerships across the city, in order to strengthen and develop their role in delivering better outcomes for communities. To take this forward a range of activities have been carried out including an audit of current practice, meetings with stakeholders and an online survey. The key findings and outcomes would be presented to Committee on 7th May, after which we will discuss and take forward the next steps with partners.
- Drumbrae House, the new Care Home opened its doors on 17th April 2013. The 60 bed care home will replace two of the Council's older care homes - Clermiston House and The Tower. The new care home, along with today's event, is part of Edinburgh's Live Well in Later Life strategy, which aims to provide a wide range of quality care and support, to meet older people's needs both in their own homes and in carefully designed ones.

Decision: Arising out of this item, it was agreed the West Neighbourhood Team would investigate a visit to the new home by the NP Board

- He drew attention to changes to the previously named, Lothian and Borders Police – now part of the single Police Scotland force. West Safer Neighbourhood Team is now known as the Community Policing Team.
- He reported that the new café in the Drumbrae Library Hub was now open for business selling hot and cold drinks and light snacks and is proving very popular with staff and users.

2. Declarations of Interest

Partners were requested to declare any interests they had in agenda business, in particular the Community Grants Fund Report.

Cllr. Balfour declared an interest in the CGF Report [item 5.1] application from the 'Edinburgh and Lothians' Twins and Multiples Club'

Cllr. Edie declared an interest in the Community Grants Fund Report [item 5.1] concerning Corstorphine Youth and Community Association.

Decision

To note the Declarations of Interest

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Decision:

To approve the minutes of the Western Edinburgh Neighbourhood Partnership Business meeting of 11 September 2012, as a correct record.

3.1 Matters Arising:

3.1.1 Item 8 [Public Question] – Car parking linked to Clermiston Park

Natalie Hoy reported that discussions were ongoing with members of the Drum Brae Community Council and that Cllr. Aldridge had agreed to convene a meeting with local representatives to discuss this issue. This would be supported by the West Neighbourhood Team.

3.1.2 Item 8 [Public Question] – Community Empowerment

Natalie reported that Tommy McLean [questioner] had been provided with a copy of CEC's final response with regard to the Scottish Government's community empowerment consultation.

Tommy McLean – who was present at the meeting – confirmed this.

There were no other matters arising

4. Neighbourhood Partnership Business Meeting 29 Jan - Update

4.1 Western Edinburgh NP – Environment Sub Group

Natalie provided a report on a special meeting of the Environment Sub Group that took place on 21 March and was convened at the request of the Western Edinburgh NP business meeting on 29 Jan, to further discuss 'Zero Based Resourcing' This meeting was chaired by Cllr Aldridge on behalf of the Convener, as agreed. Natalie had previously provided Board members with an e-mail briefing on the salient points of discussion and agreement from the meeting.

In summary, Peter Strong and David Lyon from the Improve it – OSM Board were in attendance at the sub group meeting and provided an overhead presentation identifying.

- CIMS, % Clean and Staff Numbers – West, FY Averages
- CIMS Scores – Ward 6 and Citywide
- % Clean - Ward 6 and City Average
- CIMS Scores – Dec 12 Results – 27 Transects Ward 6

- Acknowledged year on year high levels of performance in West over the last few years.

Natalie reported that arising out of the project staff resource figures provided, the option to deploy a 'barrow beat' would be available. She stressed there was a need for ongoing discussion, particularly as the West area population/housing expands and to continually measure performance against resources.

Decision: To note Natalie's Update

4.4 Mechanical Road Sweepers – St. John's Road/Corstorphine Road

Natalie drew attention to the enquiry made by George McLeod at the cited meeting regarding the above subject. She reported that the use of mechanical sweepers was a regular occurrence, however, she did mention the ongoing review of fleet services. George also reiterated his comments previously expressed at the Business Meeting in January regarding the operational effectiveness of mechanical sweepers.

Decision: To note Natalie and George McLeod's response to this enquiry.

4.5 Street Cleaning – Corstorphine

David Salton, updated the meeting that he had had a response to his recent enquiry regarding the street cleaning programme for Corstorphine Town Centre. The cleaning teams operated on a four day rota, which explained the shift patterns.

Decision: To note David's update

5. Neighbourhood Partnership Business

5.1 Community Grants Fund Report

Jim Conner reported that the Community Grants Fund for the Western Edinburgh Partnership amounted to £39,621 in 2012/13. There had been no awards made to date.

The meeting approved four grants totalling £11,256. Grants awarded in total amounted to £11,256 leaving a balance of £28,365 for future allocation.

Awards Approved:

- a) An award to the Gyle Recreation Grounds Committee in the sum of £5,000 – with related condition that any required permissions be evidenced
- b) An award to the Edinburgh and Lothians Twins and Multiples Club in the sum of £2,031

c) An award to the Corstorphine Youth and Community Association in the sum of £1,770

d) An award to the Criagmount Management Committee in the sum of £2,455

Cllr. Balfour thanked Natalie for the CGF Report and made reference to the background work in producing final reports. He complimented Jim on his associated involvement.

Decision:

1] To approve the Community Grants Fund Report.

2] To note Cllr. Balfour's compliments in producing the CGF Report.

5.2 Public Questions

Jim reported that there were no written questions and the Convenor asked for questions from the floor of the meeting.

5.2.1 Waste Services – Collections/Communications

Tommy Mclean reported on his recent experience in dealing with Waste Services regarding waste/recycling collections in his neighbourhood. Following non collection of his and neighbours household waste/recycling material he had reported this, and his material had been collected, however, not his neighbours. He enquired what processes were in place for communications within Waste Services for reporting purposes between collections.

In response, Natalie stated that Tommy's communication to Waste Services should have actioned an uplift from all households missed from the stated programme. She offered formal apologies for this on behalf of the Waste Services Manager and agreed to raise this matter with Waste Services.

Decision: To note Natalie's response and agreed action.

5.2.2 Advertising NP Meetings

Tommy McLean outlined his view that there was not enough general advertising of those NP meetings open to the public. He felt this could be addressed through more advertisements in local papers and information posters, etc.

In response, Ewan reported that the Partnership Information Team was at present reviewing the promotional activities associated with NP meetings. A number of actions had been agreed, one of which was the greater distribution of posters advertising the NP meetings, together with a more cohesive approach to communicating Partnership events and meetings.

Decision: To note the response provided.

5.2.3 Health and Social Care Partnership - Public Consultation

Sheila Minty referred to the creation of the Health and Social Care Partnership and the public consultation process that was previously in place within the respective organisations that now comprise of the Partnership. She had been informed that the new body's public consultation would use existing contacts and her understanding was that the NP represented one of the organisations that would 'pick up' on community views. She enquired how this would work in practice.

In response, Natalie outlined the sub structure within the NP and the existence of a Community Care sub group. The recent creation of the Health and Social Care Partnership presented the sub group with a number of new challenges and opportunities. There would be a requirement for all the organisations within the sub group to address linkages and public participation. She was of the opinion that any proposal that allowed public consultation and enhanced the articulation of community views would be given serious consideration. She invited Sheila to attend the sub group meetings and agreed to have her details added to the circulation list.

Following Natalie's response, there were several other contributions from Board members, where it was indicated that the NP would further explore the issue raised, and consult with the NP's health services representatives.

Decision: To note the response provided and to have Sheila Minty's contact details added to the Community Care sub group's circulation list.

5.2.4 NP Review

Tommy McLean referred to the previous discussion items pertaining to the NP Review and indicated a willingness to become involved in any further review process or discussion group that may be established.

Decision: To note Tommy McLean's willingness to become involved in any further review or discussion bodies associated with the NP Review process. Agreed to add his name to general circulation list and to consider further involvement.

5.2.5 Western Edinburgh NP Agenda Papers

Tom Conway enquired if agenda papers could be provided in a reading format similar to provided for the Transport Forum of which he was a member.

Decision: It was agreed to discuss this matter with Tom and investigate the i-pad reading options available.

5.2.6 Murrayfield Area - Parking Restrictions

George McLeod reported on discussions that had taken place at Murrayfield CC with regard to parking restrictions in the area and the associated boundary map. He enquired if the map currently in circulation was the correct map and if it were changed would it be re-issued for further consultation.

The Convener responded that the current map was correct, but that further discussion on this matter would be required.

Decision: To note the response provided.

5. Date of Future Meeting

The Convener drew attention to the date and time of the next meeting that would begin at the later time of **3.30 on Tuesday 18 June** in the Labour Group Rooms, City Chambers. This will be a Business Meeting.