

Western Edinburgh Neighbourhood Partnership Business Meeting

The Drumbrae Library Hub

3pm, Tuesday 3 June 2014

Present

Cllr Frank Ross; [Convener]; Cllr Paul Edie; Cllr Karen Keil; Cllr Jeremy Balfour; Kenny Wright, Drum Brae Community Council; Henry Coyle, West Neighbourhood Manager; Ewan McCormick, Acting Partnership & Information Manager, West Neighbourhood Team; Audrey Primrose, Partnership Development Officer, West Neighbourhood Team; Martin Hutchison, CLD

Apologies:

Cllr Robert Aldridge; Cllr Ronald Cairns; David Salton, Corstorphine CC; John Hanlin, Fire Scotland; Insp Andrew Gilhooley; Chief Insp Graham McInarlin

In Attendance

David Sinclair, Local Environment Manager, West Neighbourhood Team

Frances McCormack, Housing/Community Safety Manager

Bruce Nisbet - Fire Scotland

June Dickson, EVOC

1. Convener

- 1.1 The Convener welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were noted.
- 1.2 The Convener commented on a number of recent events in the Neighbourhood Partnership area. Reference was made to the Drum Brae allotments and Kenny Wright thanked Jim Conner and Frances McCormack for their assistance in this matter. However, advised that the website did not allow for groups to complete the application form, Kenny advised that Drum Brae Community Council as a group would like to apply for an allotment. Frances confirmed that she would investigate and report back to group. The Convener asked if Cllr Keil could update the Board on the Clermiston and Drum Brae Gala, Cllr Keil advised that the day was a great success and that numbers were up on last year. Henry Coyle suggested that a de-brief meeting would be useful and Cllr Keil agreed.

The Convener then advised that as Police Scotland were unable to attend the meeting due to the One Direction concert; he would provide the Board with an update on their behalf.

Drumbrae Library Hub: Police Counter

Scoping discussions have taken place between Police Scotland and West Neighbourhood Team to progress the service delivery model for the new Police counter at Drumbrae Hub. Overall responsibility for funding, procurement and installation of the counters and supporting infrastructure lies with Police Scotland, working closely with West Neighbourhood Team to ensure an outcome that is acceptable to both service providers and the local community, and which complements the existing service model at the Hub.

The Police are currently progressing a feasibility study on this project, with a view to moving to a procurement process in due course. Currently the expectation is that the new counter will be installed in the early autumn, however this is provisional at this stage.

Police Scotland have undertaken to deliver daily surgery sessions in Drumbrae. The sessions commenced on Monday 19th May, and are held daily Monday - Friday, between 1230 - 1330 hrs. It will primarily be a Police 'contact point' until the full public counter is up and running. The Police Counter at Corstorphine Station will remain open during this period.

Operation Wolf

Police Scotland Edinburgh Division has undertaken a series of enforcement days to tackle a range of crimes across the city as part of Operation Wolf.

The majority of the division's uniformed resources have been involved across the city to address offences such as antisocial behaviour, drugs, violence, domestic abuse and hate crime.

During Operation Wolf Officers from the West Neighbourhood Team paired up with an Officer from Police Scotland to work proactively in the local community to address identified issues of concern such as antisocial behaviour and neighbour disputes. In these cases this involved working closely with local residents, with officers able to offer advice on mediation, victim support or providing guidance on access to legal advice.

In addition officers worked closely with local residents on issues such as dog fouling, control of dogs and littering.

2. Declarations of Interest

Audrey Primrose asked for any declarations of interest from partners.

Cllr Karen Keil indicated an interest in the Community Grants Fund Report – application from Clermiston and Drumbrae Children's Gala

Cllr Paul Edie indicated an interest in the Community Grants Fund Report – application from North West Carers Centre

Martin Hutchison indicated an interest from CLD in the Community Grants Fund Report – application from the Rannoch Centre

Decision: To note the Declarations of Interest.

3. Deputations

None

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

4.1 **Decision:** To approve the minutes of the Western Edinburgh Neighbourhood Partnership Business meeting of 1 April 2014, as a correct record.

4.2 Matters Arising:

Meadow Place Road – Dave Sinclair provided an update advising that the barriers had gone and that the programme was geared up and ready to commence on the east side in the first week of July, once the school holidays had commenced. Dave confirmed that the work was on track to be delivered during the summer holidays.

Cllr Ross asked if the P7/S1s would be educated regarding the changes to the road/pavement, Dave confirmed that he had been liaising with the Head Teacher regarding this issue.

Cllr Edie asked for confirmation of when the railings would be removed, Dave confirmed that these would be removed about 2 weeks into the project.

Decision: To note Dave's update and actions

5. Neighbourhood Partnership Business

5.1 Operation Cipher 5 Update

Bruce updated the Board on Operation Cipher 5 advising that this event took place during the Easter break. Scottish Fire & Rescue had worked with the Task Force, Environmental Wardens and Police Scotland within the Forrester Park and the Drum Brae Drive/Durar Drive areas in identifying/targeting unwanted items left in communal back gardens and stairs which potentially could cause fires. Bruce confirmed that Partnership working was received well by the residents and that no incidents were recorded. This event ended with an Amnesty Day on 24 April which enabled residents to put any unwanted bulky items into cages, preventing these items from being stored in the stair or back garden. Bruce confirmed that more of these Amnesty days would be planned for the future. Bruce agreed to forward the formal report onto the Board as soon as this was completed.

Bruce also advised that he had been working with the Parks team in identifying and using the wells located in Clermiston Hill. They were currently plotting a map of locations and Bruce agreed to forward the map once completed onto the West team.

Cllr Ross thanked Bruce for his update.

Decision: To note Bruce's update and actions

5.2 Community Grants Fund (Report Circulated)

Audrey Primrose referenced the circulated report and brought to the attention of the Board that an award of £1,200 had been made to the Clermiston & Drum Brae Children's Gala for the purchase of two-way radios under the Delegated Authority process. Audrey then advised that the Community Grants Fund for the Western Edinburgh Neighbourhood Partnership amounted to £39,621 in 2014/15 and that there had been five awards made prior to the meeting which totalled £8,980, leaving a balance of £30,641.

The meeting approved four grants totalling £15,100. Grants awarded in total amounted to £24,080 leaving a balance of £15,541 for future allocation.

The following awards were recommended and approved.

Carrick Knowe Primary School - £5,000.00
North West Carers Centre - £1,100.00
The Rannoch Community Centre - £5,000.00

You[th] Decides – agreed to set aside £4,000 for this initiative.

Decision: To agree awards for Carrick Knowe Primary School, North West Carers Centre, The Rannoch Community Centre and You[th] Decides

5.3 NEPS Roads and NEPS Housing update (Report Circulated)

Frances updated the Board as per the circulated report and drew particular attention to the Allotments project, advising that the water supply would be connected shortly.

Frances also highlighted the Housing projects that were at the consultation stage, specifically the fencing at Dunsmuir Court and the bin storage area at South Gyle Gardens, and asked if the Board was happy to approve these projects. The Board approved these projects.

Kenny Wright commented that the Partnership should be promoting the success of these projects once completed, Cllr Ross endorsed this comment.

Cllr Ross thanked Frances for her update.

Decision: To note Frances's update and agreed actions

5.4 Local Community Plan 2014-17 (Report Circulated) and Presentation

Ewan and Audrey provided a presentation on the Local Community Plan. The presentation highlighted the consultation process, analysed the responses received, and proposed outline actions by the Partnership to respond to these. 445 people had responded to the survey, with a clear community consensus to continue with current priorities. Additional comments received would create the basis for particular focus in 2014-17 to be progressed by the Sub Groups as part of their Action Plans.

Cllr Edie praised the team on their consultation process and commended them on the completed survey numbers achieved.

Cllr Ross suggested that installing dog waste dispensers in parks may help alleviate the dog fouling issue; Dave confirmed he would investigate and report back to the Board.

Cllr Keil asked if it would be possible to have a note of who was on the Sub Groups; Audrey confirmed that she would make this available to the Board.

Ewan asked the Board to approve the Local Community Plan report and priorities for 2014-17. Board members confirmed that they were happy to approve these.

Cllr Ross thanked Ewan and Audrey for their presentation.

Decision: To update the Partnership on agreed actions.

5.5 Public Questions

Henry Coyle reported that there were three written questions raised by Henry Whaley –

- Does the Partnership recognise the difficulties caused by the absence of suitable dropped kerbs around East Craigs?

Dave Sinclair advised that the dropped kerb programme is ongoing; Tommy McLean? suggested contacting known groups e.g. young mums to possibly arrange a walkabout to ascertain their views.

- Does the Partnership support the redetermining of suitable paths within the East Craigs Path Network to be of “shared use”?

The local neighbourhood team and the Councils specialist Cycle team is currently considering the network and consulting with local groups, with regard to “shared use” paths.

- Does the Partnership think it is acceptable that the southern access to Craigmount High School from North Gyle Loan is via 6 steps rendering it unsuitable for those with disabilities, those with limited mobility, those pushing prams or those riding bikes or scooters?

The Board was advised by the Edinburgh Schools Partnership that Craigmount High School is Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) compliant and that there is currently no budget for enhancing the area. Cllr Edie suggested that this could possibly be considered under the NEPs projects.

Decision: To note responses and agreed actions

6. Dates of Future Meetings

Councillor Ross advised that the next meeting would be a NP Public Meeting on 26 August 2014, venue to be confirmed.