

Committee Minutes

Craigentinny and Duddingston Neighbourhood Partnership

Edinburgh, 1 December 2009

Present:- Councillors Peacock (Convener) and Tymkewycz; Giacomo Modica, Craigentinny/Meadowbank Community Council; Ian Murray, Northfield/Willowbrae Community Council; Inspector Kevin MacLean, Lothian and Borders Police; Brenda Devlin, Voluntary Sector Representative; and David White, NHS Lothian Representative.

1 Welcome

Councillor Peacock welcomed Inspector Kevin MacLean to the Partnership as the new representative of Lothian and Borders Police.

2 Minute

The minute of the Craigentinny and Duddingston Neighbourhood Partnership of 8 September 2009 was approved as a correct record subject to:-

- 1) The amendment of item 6 to read as follows:-

Project	Award 2009/10
Allocated for the provision of activities for older people in Northfield/Willowbrae which may include allocation for transport.	£4,500

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- 2) The amendment of item 7 to read:-

Dissent

Giacomo Modica requested that his dissent be recorded in relation to the above item particularly the declaration of non-financial interest by Councillor Ewan Aitken as a founder of the Craigentiny Action Group.

3 Neighbourhood Partnership Review - Update

The Neighbourhood Partnership had previously requested Jim Hunter, the East Neighbourhood Manager, Services for Communities, to compile a summary of the issues raised by the Discussion Groups in relation to the Neighbourhood Partnership Review.

Jim Hunter indicated that there should be a number of actions to help strengthen the Partnership and enable it to operate more effectively, to achieve outcomes that would help raise the quality of life in the area. These included:

- Introducing a simple Neighbourhood Partnership Agenda.
- Reducing the formality of Partnership meetings.
- Utilising business meetings to take forward community planning activities.
- Developing and implementing opportunities to encourage wider involvement in the Partnership.
- Developing a communications action plan to raise the profile of the Partnership.
- Reducing the formal Council process if possible and reaffirming the consensual approach of the Partnership.
- Changing the meeting schedule and organising themed meetings.

Discussion took place on matters that included the need for greater community involvement, the need to hold public and business meetings, proposals for changing the number of meetings and organising themed meetings. Concerns were raised about the operation of the planning process under the new proposed structure.

Decision

- 1) To agree that there would be three to four Business Meetings of the Neighbourhood Partnership and three to four Themed Meetings a year.
- 2) That members of the public be invited to suggest topics for themed meetings to the East Neighbourhood Manager at the end of the formal meeting.

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Note

At the conclusion of the formal business, discussion took place on matters that included the Number 12 bus route and the possibility of organising a themed meeting on transport and traffic.

(References – Craigentinny and Duddingston Neighbourhood Partnership 8 September 2009 (item 4); discussion paper on the Group Partnership meetings, tabled.)

4 Neighbourhood Partnership Work Plan

Details were given of the progress that had been made by the Neighbourhood Partnership Sub-Groups as follows:-.

(a) Environment Forum

The following issues had been considered by the Environment Forum:

- The 2009 Parks Quality Assessment results.
- Plans to improve Lochend Park.
- Consultation carried out by Duddingston Village Conservation Society on traffic issues.
- The installation of new variable message signs at Duddingston Village.
- Information on Waste Aware Action Grants.
- Presentations made to the Forum on environmental issues.
- The award of an MBE to Phyllis Herriot, a member of the Forum.
- Confirmation of the date of the next meeting of 21 January 2010.

Reference was made to the briefing note which gave details of Meadowfield Drive Passing Place Project. Concerns were expressed by Meadowfield residents about this matter and these included cost-effectiveness, restrictions in vehicle turning space and the need for further consultation. Comment was made about expenditure, possible alternatives to the one-way system and the need to involve the Environment Forum to help resolve the issue.

Details were given of Duddingston Village traffic issues, including the volume of traffic, speed and congestion. Further concern was expressed at children crossing Old Church Lane and the inadequacy of the traffic lights in that area.

It was agreed that there should be correspondence with Historic Scotland and consultation with the Roads Division in City Development to address this and other issues and the Convener undertook to take this action.

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Decision

- 1) To note the update.
- 2) Not to proceed with the project on the proposed passing places on Meadowfield Drive but to have further consultation with the residents of Meadowfield.
- 3) The Environment Forum to investigate other projects in the East Neighbourhood that could be progressed before 31 March 2010.
- 4) Councillor Peacock to liaise with the City Development Department and to write to Historic Scotland to urge them to enforce speed limits and the prohibition of commercial vehicles from using Holyrood Park.
- 5) The East Neighbourhood Manager to investigate the installation of a Pelican Crossing at Duddingston Village to address child safety issues.

(b) Area Board

An update was provided by the Sub-Group and it was confirmed that six projects had been completed in 2009/2010 financial year, and the 2009/2010 budget of £175,000 was on target.

The next meeting of the Board was confirmed as 21 January 2010.

Decision

To note the update.

(c) Community Safety

An update was provided on the following issues that had been considered by the Community Safety Sub-Group:-

- Continued links with young people through Pupil and Student Councils.
- Expansion of the programme of summer activities.
- Revisiting the Action Plan.
- New premises for the Community Safety Teams.
- The work of the Community Safety Team.
- Confirmation of the date of the next meeting of 2 December 2009.

Decision

To note the update.

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(d) Health and Wellbeing

An update was provided on the work of the Health and Wellbeing Sub-Group, including Restalrig/Lochend Hub, the shopping service for housebound users, older peoples' services in Northfield and the Aging Well, Park Rangers and the Edinburgh Community Food Initiative projects.

Decision

- 1) To note the update.
- 2) That the work of the Restalrig/Lochend Community Hub, particularly in relation to the Ripple Project, be discussed at the next business meeting of the Neighbourhood Partnership.

(e) Support for Families, Children and Young People

An update was provided on the following issues that had been considered by the Support for Families, Children and Young People Sub-Group:-

- The updated action plan.
- The report on the summer programme.
- The young peoples' forum.
- The training update and the transition and work to date.
- The Growing Confidence Project.

Decision

To note the update.

(References – Craigentinny and Duddingston Neighbourhood Partnership 8 September 2009 (item 5); briefing notes from East Neighbourhood Manager, Services for Communities, submitted; Environmental Forum – additional update - briefing note, tabled.)

5 Fairer Scotland Fund (FSF) – Craigentinny and Duddingston Neighbourhood Partnership Funding Panel Meetings

The Neighbourhood Partnership had previously approved the recommendations of the Funding Panel as detailed in a report by the East Neighbourhood Manager, Services for Communities.

Jim Hunter outlined the recommendations of the Funding Panel meetings of 24 September and 6 November 2009

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At its meeting of 24 September 2009, the Funding Panel had agreed to focus allocation of the remaining 2009/2010 budget on the Early Intervention criteria. A range of potential options were discussed, however to allow full consideration of the options available, the Funding Panel had requested additional information before its next meeting. The information requested included the cost of reinstating the previous budget cut to all relevant projects and any currently FSF-funded literacy projects operating across the city.

At its meeting of 6 November 2009, following consideration of the additional information requested, the Funding Panel agreed the following recommendations:-

- To allocate £10,000 for additional literacy services to be provided by Circle and Children and Families Learning and Development Worker. It was noted that the award was still subject to final agreement by the required targets and outcomes.
- To carry the £4,075 remaining budget forward into financial year 2010/2011 budget (agreed on a division).

Decision

To note the recommendations of the Funding Panel as described above by the East Neighbourhood Manager, Services for Communities.

(References – Craigentiny and Duddingston Neighbourhood Partnership 8 September 2009 (item 6); report by the East Neighbourhood Manager, Services for Communities 1 December 2009, submitted.)

6 Neighbourhood Partnership Community Grants Fund

Details were given of applications made to the Neighbourhood Partnership Community Grants Fund.

Motion

- 1) To award:
 - (a) £3,212 to the Lochend Restalrig Youth Forum to provide a range of out of school activities for 10 to 16 year olds in the Easter Break.
 - (b) £141.75 to Portobello Beavers Group to take a group of fifteen children and four accompanying volunteers to a Christmas Pantomime.

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- 2) To allocate the remaining balance of £1,275 to the Craigmillar Credit Union to support their work in publicising their service in the Craigentinny and Duddingston neighbourhood.

- moved by Councillor Peacock, seconded by Ian Murray.

Amendment

- 1) To award:

- (a) £4,858.25 to the Craigmillar Credit Union in the present financial year to support their work to publicise their service in the Craigentinny and Duddingston neighbourhood.
- (b) £141.75 to Portobello Beavers' Group to take a group of fifteen children and four accompanying volunteers to a Christmas Pantomime.

- 2) To agree in principle to award funding of £3,212 to the Lochend Restalrig Youth Forum in the next financial year to provide a range of out of school activities for 10 to 16 year olds in the Easter Break.

- moved by Brenda Devlin, seconded by David White.

Voting

The motion was approved by 4 votes to 2.

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(References – report by the East Neighbourhood Manager, Services for Communities 1 December 2009, submitted; additional briefing note to Community Grants Fund report, tabled.)

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Declarations of Interest

Brenda Devlin and Giacomo Modica, declared non-financial interests in the above item as they were members of the Lochend Restalrig Youth Forum.

7 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 16 March 2010 (venue to be confirmed.)