

Minutes

Inverleith Neighbourhood Partnership Meeting

6.30pm, Monday 31st January 2017

Edinburgh Stockbridge Church of Scotland

Present

Councillor Hinds	:	CEC (Convener)
Councillor Barrie	:	CEC
Councillor Bagshaw	:	CEC
Gregan Crawford	:	Stockbridge Inverleith Community Council
Emma Phillips	:	Craigleith Blackhall Community Council

Apologies

Councillor Whyte	:	CEC
Insp. Stevie Sutherland	:	Police Scotland
Marna Green	:	Health & Social Care
James Melvin	:	Scottish Fire & Rescue
Peter Strong	:	CEC North West Locality Manager

In attendance

Scott Donkin	:	CEC North West Partnership & Information Manager
Dave Sinclair	:	CEC North West Locality Transport & Environment Manager
Bob Brown	:	CEC Waste & Cleansing Manager
Elaine Lennon	:	CEC North Partnership Development Officer
Helen Bourquin	:	CEC Community Learning & Development

1. Order of Business

There was no change to the order of business

2. Declaration of Interest

None

3. Deputations

None

4. Minutes

Decision

To approve the minutes of the Inverleith Neighbourhood Partnership Meeting of 26 September 2016.

5. Themed Discussion Items

5.1 Waste and Cleansing Service

Cllr Hinds welcomed Bob Brown, CEC Waste & Cleansing Operations (Waste) Manager to the meeting.

Bob gave a presentation which outlined changes to this service and took questions:

Trade waste:

- Very early timing of trade waste collections in residential streets (Raeburn Place in particular). Response is that noise pollution legislation may cover this as private collections only before 6am.
- Amount of different trade waste collections (Raeburn Place in particular)

Recycling:

- Recycling bins overflowing and being emptied too infrequently (North Weber Park and Blackhall Nursery in particular)
- Recycling in parks needed
- Some crews collecting food waste are picking up bag from each food waste bin and putting these into one to empty at end of road. This is leading to some food bags being left, plus one bin being dumped some distance from home.
- Communal food bins need a handle

General waste:

- Work needed with schools to educate re recycling and littering
- Black communal bins being left outside marked areas, which impacts on parking
- Need for crews to note and report back on any bins that are damaged, missing or moved so that this can be followed up more efficiently
- Problems due to multi reference numbers being given each time call to report or check on an issue

- Difficult to get through to Waste Dept on phone or a response via email

Decision:

1. To thank Robert for his presentation
2. To investigate further the potential to trial recycling in Inverleith Park
3. To look at possible improvements to contact system reporting
4. To bring update re community food bins design
5. To bring update on work with schools re: education around littering

5.2 Inverleith Car Free Day 2017

Dave Sinclair NW Transport & Environment Manager reported that a proposed Car Free / Playing Out Day did not go ahead in Raeburn Place in 2016 due to some concerns from Emergency Services re access, and that careful planning would be needed to run one in 2017.

Suggestions for possible location for a major one-day closure and smaller residential closures were given:

- Raeburn Place – was proposed at Community Conference and has some wide support from Traders and residents. May tie in with upcoming consultation in this street, however would need careful diversion planning.
- St Stephens Street – easier to close. Traders likely to support, but wouldn't have as big an impact.
- North West Circus Place – easier to close, but no existing shops and services.

Need to communicate at earliest stage with residents, emergency services (including Mental Health services), traders and Stockbridge Market and would need to be project managed.

Enforcement of parking restrictions on day and possible alternative parking would be useful, though acknowledge that aim of the day is to encourage people to visit area on foot, by bike or using public transport and getting this message out would be paramount.

Decision:

Raeburn Place preferred option and to be explored further.

6. Neighbourhood Partnership Business

6.1 Appointment of new Convener and Vice Convener

Cllr Hinds proposed Cllr Whyte as Convener. Seconded by Cllr Barrie

Cllr Barrie proposed Cllr Bagshaw as Vice Convener. Seconded by Cllr Hinds.

This will take effect at the next Business and Public meetings.

6.2 Neighbourhood Environment Programme (NEP)

Dave Sinclair, NW Environment & Transport Manager, presented a report which summarised NEP allocation and recommended projects.

Roads NEP element - £34,000 balance available for allocation 2016/17, and the following project is recommended:

- Wester Drylaw Drive to resurface the remaining section of footpath (£65,000) with balance of funding being made through revenue funds.

The following projects remain in project bank:

- Easter Drylaw Park to create off-road parking and courtesy white lines (£8,000)
- Inverleith allotments to install matting and provide boards (£3,000)

Housing Revenue Account (HRA) NEP element - £62,326 balance available for allocation 2016/17, and the following projects are recommended, leaving a balance of £326

- Easter Drylaw Park to widen footpath and create new footpath along desire line (£4,400)
- Easter Drylaw Place / Loan soft landscaping (£6,500)
- 164 Wester Drylaw Drive fencing and landscaping (£10,400)
- Saunders Street fencing (£1,600)
- 50 Easter Drylaw Place fencing and drying green (£21,000)
- 1-7 Easter Drylaw Way fencing (£15,000)
- Maidencraig Court fencing (£3,100)

Decision:

1. To award NEP funds to the above roads and HRA projects.
2. To note projects remaining in project bank
3. To update on proposed pavement and bollards project in North West Circus Place

6.3 Inverleith Community Grants Fund

Elaine Lennon spoke to the report previously circulated and highlighted the recommendations for projects seeking funding:

- **Edzell Nursery (NP11/2016/16)** - £447 to purchase woodworking equipment
Recommended: £447
- **LifeCare (NP11/2016/17)** - £2,000 to support 'Our Stockbridge' – 100 Years of Community
Recommended: £2,000
- **Drylaw Parish Church (NP11/2016/20)** - £1418 to upgrade the entranceway flooring.
Recommended: £1,418
- **Blackhall Nursery (NP11/2016/19)** - £1,190 to upgrade children's furniture.
Recommended: £1,190

Decision

1. To award £447 to Edzell Nursery
2. To award £2,000 to LifeCare
3. To award £1,418 to Drylaw Parish Church
4. To award £1,190 to Blackhall Nursery
5. To note balance of £3,896

6.4 North West Locality Update

Scott Donkin NW Partnership & Information Manager reported that the development of locality based services continues with the final service now under review. This involves services such as Community Learning & Development, Partnership support, Libraries, access to schools amongst others combining to create a new Lifelong Learning service. It is intended that following matching and assignment, postholders will be in place for the new service being fully operational on 1st April.

Consultation on the development of a Locality Improvement Plan (LIP) is also underway and we have engaged with groups and individuals through phase 1. A total of 900 statements were gathered and themed, and these early findings were part of a prioritisation exercise.

Phase 2 will see smaller area consultation underway to understand the needs of areas in greatest need, and there is also an event taking place in North West on 22nd February which was organised by Transition Edinburgh, Nourish and the Edinburgh Sustainable Development Partnership to gather further views.

The LIP is due to be signed off by October 2017.

Emma Phillips raised concerns in respect of the proposed changes to library opening hours and the reduction in staff numbers. Emma felt that many vulnerable individuals rely on the library.

Cllr Hinds understood the concerns raised but highlighted that significant savings are required across all council services and difficult decisions have to be taken.

Scott wished to reassure Emma that when it was known a review was to be developed, staff involved have examined the vital aspects of the service with a view to ensuring as little impact as possible to library users.

6.5 Community Council election update

Councillor Hinds reported that Drylaw Telford Community Council hopes to be re-established soon and now has 9 individuals and 1 local group.

6.6 Public Questions

- Concerns that East Fettes Avenue / Inverleith Place junction improvements have made the junction more problematic for both pedestrians and drivers. Is a mini roundabout possible?
- Junction at Crewe Road South / Carrington Road needs attention

Councillor Hinds thanked everyone for their contributions and closed the meeting.

7. Date of Next Meetings

To be confirmed