

# Minutes

## South West Neighbourhood Partnership

7pm. Tuesday 15 May 2018

Gorgie Church Hall

### Present

Cllr Denis Dixon	Sighthill/Gorgie (Convener)
Cllr Cathy Fullerton	Sighthill/Gorgie
Cllr Gavin Corbett	Fountainbridge/Craiglockhart
Ian Doig	Merchiston Community Council
Angela Astor	Gorgie-Dalry Community Council
Betty Milton	Sighthill, Broomhouse and Parkhead Community Council
Peter Mavor	Criaglockhart Community Council
Andy Davenport	Tollcross Community Council
Des Loughney	Longstone Community Council
Bridie Ashrowan	South West and Pentlands Voluntary Forum

### Supporting Officers / Officials / Also in Attendance

Christine Doherty	Lifelong Learning Service Manager (LLSM)
Gordon McLean	Lifelong Learning Service Manager
Michael Edwards	Lifelong Learning Development Officer (LLDO)
Michele Mulvaney	Strategic Manager (Community Strategies)
Saty Kaur	Senior Partnership and Communication Officer
Catriona Windle	Health All Round
Sarah Bennett	Friends of Saughton Park
Ann Walton	Sighthill, Broomhouse and Parkhead Community Council

### 1. Order of Business

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The Convenor welcomed everyone in attendance.

### 2. Declaration of Interests

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No notes of interest were received.

### 3. Deputations

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None

## 4. Minutes

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The Board approved the minutes of the South West Neighbourhood Partnership meeting held on 31 January 2018.

## 5. Neighbourhood Partnership Business

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### 5.1 South West Community Grant Fund Report

The LLDO asked the Board members to note that the fund for the 2017/18 financial year had been allocated in line with the recommendations of local community groups. The LLDO introduced ID who had chaired community grant fund meetings over the last year, ID said they had been pleased to award funds to a range of community projects. CF thanked ID for ensuring that the community continued to have a central role in local grant awards. The LLDO confirmed that funding was in place for the 2018/19 financial year and, at present, the format for considering applications would remain the same.

### 5.3 Public Questions

#### **Sarah Bennett – Friends of Saughton Park**

In the Last two weeks there have been a number of reported instances of vandalism at Saughton Park including graffiti, theft of plants and the smashing of a crane's windows. When it reopens the Park will have lighting on main pathways, and improved sight lines however we feel this will be insufficient to stop this antisocial behaviour. In our opinion CCTV may act as a deterrent. Is this something that the Council will provide to protect key areas such as the glasshouses and the bandstand? What other steps do the Council and the Police propose to ensure all park users will feel safe and enjoy the Park?

The LLSM apologised for the Locality Manager not being present, so staff were unable to offer a definitive answer during the meeting, but undertook to speak to the relevant teams so an appropriate response could be offered.

**\*Update\*** – Following the meeting the City of Edinburgh Council (CEC) offered the following response:

CEC have been working with Police Scotland, Fire Scotland and other agencies in tackling the anti-social behaviour (ASB) at Saughton Park and one of the recommendations by these agencies along with that of the Council's own CCTV Team was that CCTV is a very good deterrent with regards to ASB. The CCTV Team have surveyed the park and made a series of recommendations as to camera locations as well as helping with the technical specification for the cable ducting and lighting columns on which cameras could be mounted.

The Saughton Park Restoration Project does not have a budget to install CCTV, however we have installed the ducting as well as lighting columns of the correct specification which will enable CCTV to be installed when funding becomes available. The projected cost of the cabling and cameras etc is c£100k.

We are installing CCTV in the buildings and Winter Garden as part of the current construction works as funding for this was an element of the Heritage Lottery Fund bid.

Police Scotland offered the following response:

Saughton Park and Gardens will remain a priority for police patrols on the re-opening of the various areas. Police are involved in meetings with the development officer who is keeping them updated on planned opening dates. When these are confirmed Police along with partners will carry out patrols and establish a process for accessing area's that may be closed to the general public. The details of these plans and processes will be finalised nearer the time. Police continue to work with the Council and voluntary sector in providing diversionary activities for the youths involved in previous anti-social behaviour and vandalism in the Park, which have proved very effective so far. Any instances of anti-social behaviour or vandalism detected will be dealt thoroughly with appropriate action taken against those involved.

**Angela Astor – Gorgie-Dalry Community Council**

Can an update be given on the future of St Bride's Community Centre?

The LLSM (CD) said that she had met with local councillors and the advisory committee to discuss portentaol future arrangements. The LLSM said the Chair of the advisory committee has been kept informed through the process and there was another meeting scheduled with her the following day.

**Des Loughney – Longstone Community Council**

Is the Council considering offering school meals for children through the holidays, and if so what is the Council doing to address the lack of support for these children?

The LLSM (GM) said that the Council had allocated funds for certain holiday programmes to include food for children and families where food is not available. He said they were exploring options with third sector partners across the locality.

BA said the Broomhouse Centre and a number of other third sector organisations are in discussion with the Council on how best to develop provision with a food element. The Convenor said money had been allocated, but it is currently a work in progress.

## **5.2 Edinburgh Community Planning Review**

The Convenor introduced the SPCO to give a presentation on the Edinburgh Community Planning Review. The SPCO gave an overview of the scope and timeline for the review, and set out the format for the workshop.

Those in attendance took part in the workshop and feedback was collected by the SPCO.

## **6. Date of next meeting**

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**6.1** The date of the next meeting it to be confirmed.