

# Item 4.1 - Minutes

## North West Locality Committee

6.30pm, Wednesday 14 November 2018

### Present

Councillors Aldridge (Convener), Mitchell (Vice-Convener), Barrie, Bird, Brown, Jim Campbell, Douglas, Gloyer, Gordon, Hutchison, Lang, Osler, Whyte, Work, and Young.

### 1. Deputation – Trinity Community Council

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The Committee agreed to hear a deputation from Patricia Brindle on behalf of Trinity Community Council in relation to the North West Strategic Transport Analysis outlined in the Business Bulletin update.

The deputation highlighted that the Community Council strongly supported the motion put forward by Councillor Jim Campbell at the previous North West Locality Committee meeting about the need for a traffic study for the North West Locality area. Ferry Road, Lower Granton Road, Granton and West Granton roads were at or near capacity. Major growth was anticipated in the coming years at Granton Waterfront, Granton Harbour and neighbouring Leith and the traffic generated from those expansions would put intolerable pressure on the main routes and surrounding areas.

The Community Council was supportive of development in the area but requested that work on the transport analysis commence immediately or as soon as possible.

The Convener thanked the deputation and invited them to remain for the Committee's consideration of the Business Bulletin (item 2).

### 2. Business Bulletin

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The North West Locality Committee Business Bulletin was submitted.

#### Decision

- 1) To agree that a meeting with Councillor Lang, Ward Councillors, relevant Community Councils, officers from the Local Development Plan team and transport officers be arranged to address the issues raised regarding Barnton junction.
- 2) To agree that the North West Strategic Transport Analysis remained open on the Rolling Actions Log and to request that officers continue to liaise with Community Councils and relevant stakeholders as the work progressed.
- 3) To agree that the findings in relation to the options investigated for the upgrade/refurbishment of the public toilets at Hawes Pier be circulated to members of the Committee and to note that a report would be brought to Committee in due course.

4) To otherwise note the Business Bulletin.

(Reference – Business Bulletin, submitted).

### 3. Minutes

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#### Decision

To approve the minutes of the North West Locality Committee of the 11 September 2018 as a correct record.

### 4. Work Programme

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The North West Locality Committee Work Programme was submitted.

#### Decision

To note the Work Programme.

(Reference – North West Locality Work Programme, submitted).

### 5. Rolling Actions Log

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The North West Locality Committee Rolling Actions Log was submitted.

#### Decision

- 1) To agree to close actions 3, 4 (2), 6 and 13.
- 2) To agree that officers would circulate both reports produced by Community Action North (CAN) to members of the Committee.
- 3) To agree the Transport briefing note outlined at action 9 (2) be provided to members as a matter of urgency.
- 4) To otherwise note the Rolling Actions Log.

(Reference – Rolling Actions Log, submitted).

### 6. Presentation – Waste and Cleansing Update

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The Committee received a presentation from the Waste and Cleansing Service Manager, Andy Williams, on the transition to four-day kerbside bin collection. He outlined the background to the change recently implemented by the Council, the issues faced in routing collections, and the number of complaints received across the North West Locality area along with the challenges it faced. The mitigating actions underway were highlighted and an apology was provided to residents/stakeholders for the inconvenience caused.

There was a wide-ranging discussion and a number of questions asked which the Waste and Cleansing Manager responded to.

#### Decision

- 1) To note the presentation.
- 2) To agree that a copy of the presentation be made accessible to members of the Committee.

## **7. Communal Bins in Muirhouse – Motion by Councillor Hutchison**

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The following motion by Councillor Hutchison was submitted in terms of Standing Order 16:

“Committee:

- 1) Recognises that adequate provision of suitable waste receptacles was essential to maintaining a clean and safe living environment in communal blocks and that a lack of bins could lead to fly-tipping, unsanitary and unsafe conditions in bin stores and create a living environment which was undesirable for residents.
- 2) Acknowledges that Officers in Waste had confirmed that the current provision of bins in the Muirhouse flats was in line with Council policy.
- 3) Acknowledges the work already being undertaken by Officers to review the Council’s communal bins policy.
- 4) Requests a report to the Transport and Environment Committee and the Housing and Economy Committee in three cycles comprising a review of the Council’s approach to waste disposal and bin storage in high rise blocks and other communal living arrangements, comprising;
  - a. An analysis of the current situation with regard to waste disposal in Muirhouse including a review of bin store positioning and layout and the use of garbage chutes.
  - b. An appraisal of whether a lack of bins was responsible for the current situation of overflowing bins and waste strewn bin stores.
  - c. An action plan and timeline to improve conditions in Muirhouse with regard to waste disposal.”

### **Decision**

To approve the motion by Councillor Hutchison.

## **8. North West Locality Policing Update**

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An overview was provided of the recent policing activity within the North West Locality over the last two months. Details were provided of local crime trends, summarised ward activity and the work of Community Policing Teams.

### **Decision**

To note the update.

(Reference – report by Police Scotland, submitted.)

## **9. North West Locality Improvement Plan**

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An update was provided on progress with developing meaningful performance indicators and trend data to monitor the effects of delivery of the North West Locality Improvement Plan (LIP).

## **Decision**

- 1) To note the progress in developing the Locality Improvement Plan workplans.
- 2) To agree the revised programme of future Locality Improvement Plan updates detailed in the report.

(Reference – report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

## **10. Investing in Muirhouse Tower Blocks**

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In response to a motion moved by Councillor Hutchison at the North West Locality Committee on 11 September 2018 and the Living Rent deputation heard by the Housing and Economy Committee on 30 August 2018, an update was provided on actions taken and proposed.

### **Decision**

- 1) To note the report.
- 2) To refer the report to the Housing and Economy Committee for information.
- 3) To agree the percentage of properties that had outstanding works to be carried out be provided to members of the Committee.
- 4) To agree that any cases of vulnerable individuals / groups be included in future reports to the Committee.

(References – North West Locality Committee, 11 September 2018 (Item 21); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted).

### **Declaration of Interests**

Councillor Bird declared a non-financial interest as a Director of Changeworks.

## **11. Local Events Fund 2017/18**

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Details were provided on the events which had taken place during 2018 following awards made from the Local Events Fund budget.

### **Decision**

- 1) To note the activities carried out as a result of awards made from the Local Events Fund budget 2017/18.
  - 2) To note the process being developed for the 2018/19 Local Events Fund budget.
- (Reference – report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

## **12. Local Community Grants Fund Applications**

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Recommendations from Inverleith and Forth Neighbourhood Partnerships Community Grants Fund applications were submitted for approval.

### **Decision**

To approve the recommendations of the Inverleith and Forth Neighbourhood Partnerships as set out in the report.

(Reference – report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

### 13. Queensferry Road Roadworks – Update Report (Scottish Power and Care Home)

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An update was provided on the recent developer utility connection and Scottish Power infrastructure improvement works on Queensferry Road, Barnton and Clermiston Road North.

#### Decision

- 1) To note the report, including the detailed planning undertaken by officers of the North West Locality team for all phases of the works.
- 2) To note all works had been completed.
- 3) To note the comments on contractor performance and the assessment of improvements that could have been delivered.

(References – North West Locality Committee, 11 September 2018 (Item 10); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted).

### 14. Granton Square – Response to Motion

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In response to a motion by Councillor Day, an update was provided on planned interventions at the Granton Square junction considering local maintenance issues, emerging proposals to revise the layout of the junction and the strategic importance of the junction with respect to future development in North Edinburgh.

#### Decision

- 1) To note the extent of local intervention and maintenance that could be delivered by the Locality team.
- 2) To note the current work being undertaken by the Road Safety and Active Travel team.
- 3) To note the current situation in relation to development planning under the context of the City Plan 2030 and the Granton Waterfront Development Framework.

(References – North West Locality Committee, 11 September 2018 (item 19); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted).

### 15. Parking in Bedford Court

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It was proposed to introduce parking controls in the Bedford Court parking area to address parking problems and to help residents' park closer to their homes.

The results of the consultations indicated a slight preference for the introduction of parking controls.

#### Decision

To continue the report to allow discussion amongst ward Councillors and with local residents on the options for controlled parking in Bedford Court.

(Reference – report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

## 16. Locality Performance Dashboard

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An overview was provided of locality performance measures for the period April to September 2018 inclusive for the service areas where power had been delegated to Locality Committees to monitor performance. The overview was presented as a dashboard which had been developed with Locality Managers.

The dashboard contained measures for the following service areas:

Community Safety – Antisocial Behaviour

Street cleansing and open space maintenance

Lifelong Learning Services

Parks and Greenspaces

Traffic management, roads and parking

### **Decision**

To note the locality performance measures set out in the dashboard.

(Reference – report by the Chief Executive, submitted.)

## 17. Child Poverty Action Unit Report – referral from the Culture and Communities Committee

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The Culture and Communities Committee on 11 September 2018 considered a report proposing the establishment of a Child Poverty Action Unit. The report had been referred to the North West Locality Committee for information.

### **Decision**

To note the report.

(Reference – referral report from the Culture and Communities Committee, submitted.)