

## Committee Minutes

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# Pentlands Neighbourhood Partnership

Edinburgh, 22 March 2011  
in Fairmilehead Parish Church, Frogston Road

**Present:-** Councillors Rust (Convener), Elaine Aitken and Rickey Henderson; Norman Tinlin (Fairmilehead Community Council), Judy Wightman (Ratho and District Community Council), Heather Levy (Firrhill Community Council), Helen Ogg (Juniper Green Community Council), Steuart Campbell (Longstone Community Council), Graham Dane (Currie Community Council), Sue Wilson (Community Learning and Development), Councillor Ricky Henderson and Lynda Cowie (Edinburgh Community Health Partnership).

**Apologies:** Alistair Paisley, Ron Cairns and Eric Barry, David Bewsey (Colinton Amenity Association), Alex Stewart (Colinton Amenity Association) Elaine Hamilton (Health & Social Care) and Ken Shade (Balerno Community Council).

### 1 Welcome and Introduction

The Chair welcomed both members and members of the public to the meeting.

### 2 Order of Business

There were no notices of motion submitted.

### 3 Declarations of interest

**Norman Tinlin from Fairmilehead Community Council** declared a non-financial interest in two public questions that was submitted to the meeting.

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#### Decision

To approve the minute of the meeting of the Pentlands Neighbourhood Partnership of 25 January 2011 as a correct record.

### Matters arising

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Response to question raised by Alex Stewart from Colinton Amenty Association regarding a funding application declined by the Funding Panel on 18 August 2010.

**Decision**

The Convener delivered the response noting that Peter Gray representing CAA had seen a copy of the tabled answer.

**5 Neighbourhood Partnership Community Grants Fund/ Community Engagement Fund**

Details were given of applications to the Community Grants Fund. This report was the fourth in the Funding Panel meeting cycle and final for this financial year 2010/ 11.

**Decision**

- 1) After consideration of the applications:
  - (a) Not to award **Edinburgh United Football Club** £5,000, the Funding panel felt this group have access to more appropriate funding streams (Scottish Football Association).
  - (b) Not to award **31st Edinburgh Juniper Green Scouts** £3,674 as the application did not meet section 7 point 5 of the funding criteria.
- 2) Applications Approved Under Delegated Authority
  - (a) A grant of £1,220 was raised under Standing Order 63 to **GT500** to purchase tools, plants, garden furniture and a shed for a community project.
  - (b) A grant of £2,660 was raised under Standing Order 63 to **Oxgangs Neighbourhood Centre** to deliver a number of events and activities.
  - (c) A grant of £500 was raised under Standing Order 63 to **Nether Currie/ PIPER** to purchase a shed to store existing tools & equipment.
  - (d) A grant of £1,689 was raised under Standing Order 63 to **Colinton Local History Society** to purchase equipment as to allow organising, preserving and digitising historic archives.
  - (e) A grant of £1,555 was raised under Standing Order 63 to **Currie Fair Committee** to fund various elements of the fair.
  - (f) A grant of £2,575 (partial award) was raised under Standing Order 63 to **Dunedin Canmore Housing Association** to deliver a broader range of learning activities that will encourage more young people to get involved in positive alternatives to anti social behaviour.

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- (g) A grant of £3,500 was raised under Standing Order 63 to **Ratho Primary School** to deliver a week long community event involving pupils and local residents.
- (h) A grant of £3,550 was raised under Standing Order 63 to **Buckstone Youth Project** to replace existing IT and sports equipment as well as running a number of events. Part of the funding will be used to deliver essential training for volunteer staff.
- (i) A grant of £560 was raised under Standing Order 63 to **60th Morningside Scout Group**, to purchase five pyrograph machines to be used for arts & crafts by the cubs and scouts troops.
- (j) A grant of £500 was raised under Standing Order 63 to **Fairmilehead Community Council**, to the Community Engagement Fund, to design, produce and distribute a community newsletter to local residents and to hold meetings and produce leaflets and other info to inform and consult within the area on the forth coming planning application for the Fairmilehead Water Treatment Works.
- (k) A grant of £500 was raised under Standing Order 63 to **Currie Community Council**, to the Community Engagement Fund, to purchase and install a Community Council notice board.

(References – report by the South West Neighbourhood Manager, submitted.)

The Convener suggested that any application declined by the Funding Panel should have the reason(s) outlined in the recommendation to give the decision making process clarity.

Members approved this suggestion

### **Declaration of Interests**

Norman Tinlin from Fairmilehead Community Council declared a non-financial interest in an application in agenda item 5 section 4.10 of the Community Grants Funding Report.

Graham Dane from Currie Community Council declared a non-financial interest in two applications in agenda item 5 section 4.5 of the Community Grants Funding Report.

## **6 Partnership Development – Partnership Framework**

Christine Doherty, South West Partnership & Information Manager presented this item to the meeting to help the neighbourhood partnership measure and demonstrate its progress better. There is a need for partner organisations and council departments to agree what needs to be measured to demonstrate successful outcomes.

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The new community plan which the NP is looking at producing this year through consultation with the community will identify key areas of work. The sub groups working in the NP will identify how this work is to be delivered and who is involved. To make sure the NP can see if these work streams are effective and making a difference, the NP needs to have agreed outcomes and measurements which all the service providers can agree to.

It is proposed that the NP partner's members and departmental representatives meet to discuss how this can be developed.

The Convener opened the floor for questions on this topic;

1. Cllr Henderson wanted some detail on the services being included in the local community plan which should be a balance between day to day issues as well as long term service development.

### **Decision**

Christine Doherty responded to confirm that work has been developing with partners such as:

- Children & Families focusing on early intervention
- Health links to external partners
- Community Safety issues looking at more co-ordinated approach with communities & key partners
- Dialog has started with City Development specifically to address employability issues linking the city strategy to reflect the local picture.
- Environmental issues have become relevant in the last few years and this should come through the next Local community plan.

The focus will be to map service provision in all these areas looking for gaps that partners can deliver services to the community that are measurable and show a clear direction of travel.

### **Partnership Members agreed with the proposal presented**

## **7 Public Questions**

Norman Tinlin (Fairmilehead Community Council) tabled two questions relating to:

- 1. Re re-routing of the number 11 bus service by Lothian Buses**
- 2. Recycling of plastic bottles etc and the collection process.**

### **Decision**

Officers will contact the appropriate service managers for answers to the above

## **8 Presentation - Employment & Skills**

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Graham Budd, South West Neighbourhood Partnership Officer presented the future event, which will take place on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April at Gate 55, with is the old Westburn Primary School. This event will have at least 25 external funding groups looking to meet and assist community groups develop projects in their areas. The funding on offer can be as small as a few hundred pounds to very large sums for large community/ health projects.

During this event the libraries team will offer community reps the opportunity to view as well as actively use the Fundfinder database. This new tool allows the group to put on the database their projects particulars and the database matches them with potential funders. This will be the first event to use this Fundfinder tool.

The South west Partnership team will be sending out invitations before the end of March to all Community Councils and wider community groups.

#### **WEACT Community Based Employment Access - Emma Vance**

Emma Vance provided details of the service WEACT have been providing in the Pentland area highlighting the following:

- Problems faced by clients
- Wider benefits to society
- Work of WEACT to date
- Clients engaged with service to date (Oxgangs, Currie & Balerno)
- Future Development

#### **GET ON INITIATIVE – Shona McAllister**

Shona McAllister from the GET-ON Initiative presented information on this city wide project which has been working locally in the Pentland Partnership area to deliver information to the public on learning and employment access services across the city.

The GET-ON project is a mobile unit which visits key locations in a local area to provide info and to signpost people to the right kind of help and assistance. Further information was provided on the following:

- **GET On network of organisations in Pentlands**
- **Pentlands GET ON information points** – Pentlands Community Centre, Oxgangs Library and Oxgangs Neighbourhood Centre
- **GET ON Bus**
- **Pentlands enquiries to GET ON team**
- **Impact value of GET ON service.**

A copy of both full presentations can be obtained from the South West Partnership & Information Team

**Questions:**

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1. Cllr Henderson – WEACT funding sources are they from City Partnership and fairer Scotland Funding through commissioning process?

**REPLY**

WEACT – Yes funding is received from these sources, certainly FSF funding will support outreach work for next year.

2. Cllr Henderson – Looking at performance the number of people receiving assistance and going on to positive destinations seems low, are there targets set to deliver greater success?

**REPLY**

WEACT – The client group coming for assistance and the problems they face does not promote high outcomes. The sheer dependence and support the clients require places a high demand on the services being provided in terms of 1 to 1's. Clients can have care responsibilities to be considered in developing a support process for them.

3. Cllr Henderson – What happens to those clients that do not go onto a positive destination?

**REPLY**

WEACT – Continue to work with these clients and in some cases we assist signpost to the right support group/ organisation.

4. Cllr Aitken – Project Scotland use funding to promote volunteering what experience do you have in working in partnership with them?

**REPLY**

WEACT – Have worked on the Skills for Life project with PS, this is just coming to an end and has been an excellent partnership, 31 people have gone through the project.

5. Norman Tinlin – The number of people who are unemployed how do you find those people, especially those who slip through normal channels?

**REPLY**

WEACT – That is the problem, many of the clients who come to the WEACT projects come by work of mouth. Certainly WEACT have started its presence in the area and no doubt local people will take note, but it will be a slow drip affect.

GET ON – Improving structures will assist the process of attracting people in the various areas. Certainly the GET ON experience is such that the bus can be in an area for sometime 2-3 days before people come to find out about the service we offer. Again it's about developing trust with the people we are trying to help.

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6. Heather Levy – Parachuting in short term cannot reasonably build up a relationship with both the potential clients and indeed the possible partners organisations. Effort has to be long term to deliver better results.

Literacy and in particular dyslexia how big a problem is this in the Pentland area?

**REPLY**

WEACT/ GET ON – Not sure about exact numbers but early signs would suggest that the number of people who suffer from dyslexia could be high.

7. Christine Doherty – What is the relationship with Firrhill High School?

**REPLY**

WEACT – The relationship is good, regular monthly meetings with guidance staff.

8. Christine Doherty – What about those children missing school, what is being done to address this problem?

**REPLY**

WEACT/ GET ON - This is an area we will be exploring with guidance staff

Cllr Aitken – The school have a sub group, worthwhile talking to the Head teacher on this matter.

**8 Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 17 May 2011 at 7 pm in Colinton Mains Parish Church, 223 Oxfords Road North, Edinburgh, EH13 9ED the theme of this meeting will be the Partnership Annual Review.