



**LIBERTON/GILMERTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP
BETTER & SAFER COMMUNITIES GROUP
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 6th MAY 2010
IN 13 NEWTOFT STREET, EDINBURGH, EH17 8RG.**

PRESENT

Gill Binnie	Home Scotland
Madge Bold	Top Blocks Residents Group
M. Duffy	Top Blocks Residents Group
Margaret McIver	Burdiehouse Burn Valley Park
Cllr Norma Hart	Convenor – Liberton Gilmerton Neighbourhood Partnership
Euan Dollar	Dunedin Canmore
Stewart Laird	CEC SFC Partnership & Information
Michelle Fraser	CEC - SFC Regeneration
Liz Neilson	Gracemount Residents Association
Lynne Tait	Southhouse & Burdiehouse Residents Organisation (SABRO)
David Doig	CEC SFC - Environment
Sgt Andy McLean	Lothian & Borders Police
Insp Alun Williams	Lothian & Borders Police
Gemma Devlin	Lothian & Borders Police (Analyst)
Diarmaid Harkin	University of Edinburgh
Douglas Jeffrey	CEC – Community Learning & Development
Genna Laing	Gracemount Residents Association
Scott Donkin	CEC SFC – Partnership & Information
Paul Swan	CEC SFC – Housing & Regeneration (Chair)

APOLOGIES

Stuart Gash	Burdiehouse Burn Valley Park Steering Group
Kathy Evans	CEC SFC – Community Safety
David Hurst	Liberton Gilmerton Neighbourhood Partnership
Alan Merriman	Inch Community Association
Tina Bell	Home Scotland
John McDonald	CEC SFC - Housing
Jenny Hargreaves	CEC – Countryside Ranger Service
Shaun McGrath	CEC – SFC South Neighbourhood Environment
Mike Shields	CEC SFC – Community Parks

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- 2.1 The minute of the meeting dated 6th May 2010 were approved as an accurate record of the meeting.

3. MATTERS ARISING

- 3.1 **Page 5, Para 6.7.4, Dunedin Canmore:** At the last meeting, Euan Dollar agreed to speak with colleagues to identify planned use of the new community building which is being created as part of the Hyvots development.
- 3.1.1 Euan explained that his colleague had intimated that as yet there are no firm plans and Dunedin Canmore are happy to take on any suggested uses. This can be from individuals or existing groups in the area.
- 3.2 **Page 6, Para 7.8, Roads Projects:** As agreed at the meeting, Shaun McGrath provided Alan Merriman with a detailed email in respect of the progress of the projects.
- 3.3 **Page 6, Para 7.10, Flooding at Inch Park:** It was confirmed that some aeration works had been undertaken at Inch Park and that the site is now being monitored.
- 3.4 **Page 6, Para 7.11, Project Portfolio LG08/01:** A detailed email was sent to Bob Binnie.

4. SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM - PRIORITIES

- 4.1 Inspector Williams briefly explained to the group the role and function of the Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) and the purpose of highlighting identified issues/preferences to the group in order to then identify the agreed priorities for the SNT in the coming months.
- 4.2 The preferences/issues are identified from a number of sources including individuals, community groups, locally elected members and officers both in the police and partner agencies.
- 4.3 Once identified, an analysis is used to provide supplementary information such as number of calls, crimes, etc. With this in mind, Inspector Williams made no apology that he and colleagues have already identified where they see the greatest concerns and where prioritised approaches may be beneficial and that these will be recommended to the group.
- 4.4 In order to make any significant impact, it has been agreed that three priorities will be tasked and resourced appropriately. Inspector Williams felt it necessary to remind the group that alongside other normal policing duties, the other preferences/issues will not be completely ignored.
- 4.5 Inspector Williams informed the group that seven preferences have been identified and he invited Sgt McLean to talk through each of them.
- 4.6 Sgt McLean informed the group that the preferences have been identified through various networks and known issues.

	AREA	ISSUE	ANALYSIS
1	Walter Scott Avenue/Ruthven Place	Young people causing Anti Social Behaviour (ASB), threatening shop keepers etc	102 calls to police 37 crimes identified since May
2	Moredun Park Road	Problems at Library, ASB in street, violence and noise complaints	25 recorded crimes since May 25 youth related calls 10 complaints to CEC regarding pest control
3	Southhouse Road/Shops/Community Centre	Youths, vandalism, stone throwing	33 Youth related calls since beginning of 2010; 7 crimes committed
4	Priesthill Street/ Gracemount Drive	ASB, fire raising, mini motos, drug abuse	119 calls received since May 52 crimes identified
5	Lasswade Road	Speeding and parking complaints	Complaints to CEC Cllrs; 11 road traffic offences committed 16 vehicle related accidents since beginning 2010
6	Castleview House	ASB and environmental issues	68 calls to police and CEC 38 crimes committed
7	Burdiehouse Burn/Skatepark/Dip	Motorcycles, youths drinking, litter, smashed glass	High volume of calls relating to motorbikes; Numerous complaints of rubbish; CEC Cllrs have received complaints

4.7 Sgt McLean made recommendation that alongside the analysis and intelligence that the areas of Walter Scott Avenue/Ruthven Place and Gracemount Drive/Priesthill Street should be taken forward as priorities.

4.8 This was agreed by the group.

4.9 The group then discussed at length which other area should be taken forward as the third priority.

4.10 Some further information was offered from Councillor Hart and other members to suggest that some work may have already alleviated some issues in other areas which may help the final prioritisation.

4.11 The group agreed that concerns in and around the Southhouse Shops and in light of there being a brand new facility at Valley Park Centre, this merited attention and therefore this became the third priority.

4.12 It was suggested that the next priority setting session is likely to be easier as members are more familiar with the process. It was agreed that progress on the priorities will be presented back to the group prior to setting new priorities.

ACTION: INSPECTOR WILLIAMS/SGT MCLEAN

4.13 Paul thanked Inspector Williams and Sgt McLean for their input.

5. LOCAL COMMUNITY PLAN 2011 - 2014

- 5.1 Scott Donkin presented details of the process to be used in both reviewing the current 2008/11 community plan and for developing the new or revised plan for 2011/14.
- 5.2 The new plan will be launched early next year and work is underway to fully review the existing plan whilst ensuring the wider community can have a say as to what should be included in the future.
- 5.3 David Doig provided an overview of progress made to date in tackling the Better and Safer Group Priority '*Protecting and developing our investment in Green Space*'
- 5.4 David highlighted that there had been significant progress in a number of areas not least the award of Green Flag status to the Burdiehouse Burn Valley Park recently. In addition, there has been investment in other parks in the area including St Katherine's and Fernieside. It was acknowledged by David that whilst much had been achieved, he and his team are not complacent and believe that much is still to be done for this priority.
- 5.5 In conclusion, Scott highlighted that perhaps the community engagement process will throw up brand new priorities but felt that many of the previous priorities identified such as health inequality and employability are likely to be long term strategic priorities. The community may identify more grass roots concerns and these will need to be taken forward wherever possible.
- 5.6 Scott informed the group that the development of the next plan will begin very soon and a web based brief questionnaire has been established to operate alongside more traditional engagement methods. Scott agreed to circulate the web link for all to complete.

ACTION: SCOTT DONKIN

- 5.7 It was agreed that members of the group would go away and identify any further issues either strategic or community based and to discuss this again at the next meeting.

ACTION: SCOTT DONKIN

- 5.8 Paul thanked Scott for his presentation and David for his update on the Action Plan.

6. NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSING & REGENERATION

- 6.1 ***Local Regeneration Projects – 21st Century Homes etc:*** In addition to the report previously circulated, Michelle provided a brief update.
 - 6.1.1 The contractor for the 21st Century Homes has yet to sign the contract and this is with CEC Legal Department.
 - 6.2.1 Cllr Hart asked if this would create a significant delay for the project.

- 6.3.1 Michelle suggested that this would not be the case and all being well, it is thought the contractor may be on site from September. A press release will be put out very soon and this will be followed by a newsletter to the residents adjacent to the site.
- 6.4.1 Michelle highlighted that the St Barnabus project is moving quite slowly at present as aspects such as full land availability etc is known.
- 6.5.1 Diana Harris is the lead individual from Places for People and Michelle suggested that it may be appropriate to invite Diane to a future meeting of the group to provide further details.
- 6.6.1 Scott reminded the group that the next meeting is scheduled to take place in November and possibly by then, there may be more progress.
- 6.7.1 It was agreed to invite Diane to the next meeting.

ACTION: SCOTT DONKIN

- 6.8.1 Paul thanked Michelle for her report and update to the group.

6.2 Home Scotland

- 6.1.2 Gill Binnie informed the group that Home Scotland has been going through re-structuring which has taken much of her time in recent weeks.
- 6.2.2 Locally, support continues with STAR and local residents and recently, a small poll was taken at the Do in the Burn event which highlighted that it would be good to see more facilities in the burn aimed at younger children.
- 6.3.2 Gill added that goalposts which appeared in Southhouse Square, had actually been taken from the Dip football pitch, and have since been returned however; when they were in situ it was felt that they were a positive addition and may be worthwhile investigating more to be installed.
- 6.4.2 The summer always throws up different issues and it is recognised that there are more children playing in the streets. Whilst the majority play safe and without great disturbance, there is one or two that cause a nuisance and these families have been spoken to.
- 6.5.2 STAR has intimated that their prime issues at present are dog fouling and a lack of bins.
- 6.6.2 Paul thanked Gill for her update.

6.3 Dunedin Canmore

- 6.1.3 Euan intimated that out with the development at Hyvots, things have been relatively quiet recently.

- 6.2.3 Euan thanked the group for adopting the Gracemount Drive /Priesthill Street SNT priority as he is aware of some serious issues in the area and any assistance Dunedin Canmore can offer is available.
- 6.3.3 David wished to convey thanks to Dunedin Canmore for the fencing erected at Garvald Glen which has stopped a lot of anti social behaviour in the area and has made a great improvement overall.
- 6.4.3 Paul thanked Euan for his update.

7. NEIGHBOURHOOD ENVIRONMENT PROJECTS

- 7.1 Paul informed the group that John McDonald who would normally provide a report is on annual leave.
- 7.2 In John's absence, Paul highlighted that the total budget available is in the region of £300,000. A Bus tour involving community representatives and Cllr Buchanan took place and provided an overview of the type of projects that could be developed.
- 7.3 This was followed by a prioritisation meeting which has now identified 5 projects and a further 10 are with contractors being costed.
- 7.4 There are issues at Forteviot and Moncrieff House whereby BT need to identify moving underground cables.
- 7.5 John McDonald will provide a full update at the next meeting.

ACTION: JOHN MCDONALD

8. YOUR EDINBURGH WEBSITE

- 8.1 Scott informed the group that the 'Your Edinburgh' website is in the process of being updated and the paper previously circulated provides further information and should any groups wish to be included, contact details are included also.

9. A.O.C.B.

- 9.1 ***Safer Neighbourhood Team - Priorities:*** Scott suggested that in light of the priorities selected earlier involving young people, any partnership approaches should involve CEC Community Learning & Development.

- 9.1.1 Inspector Williams agreed that this would be useful.

ACTION: INSPECTOR WILLIAMS

- 9.2 ***Proposed Housing Development:*** Margaret McIver asked if there were any updates in respect of the various housing developments in and around Southhouse.

- 9.1.2 There was confusion over which developments were taking place, seeking planning permission or in fact being developed.

- 9.2.2 Paul suggested that for the next meeting, a more detailed list of proposed developments can be circulated with up to date position statements.

9.3.2 This was agreed.

ACTION: PAUL SWAN

9.3 There was no further business discussed and Paul thanked everyone for their attendance.

10. DATES AND VENUES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Thursday 4th November 2010 @ 2.00 pm in 13 Newtoft Street, Edinburgh EH17 8RG