



## Committee Minutes

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# South West Neighbourhood Partnership

Edinburgh, 24 November 2009

**Present:-** Councillors Wilson (Convener), Buchan and Burns; Keith Bell (Sighthill, Broomhouse and Parkhead Community Council), Craig Beveridge (Lothian Health), Carol Cawood (Prospect Community Housing), Tom Crombie (Craiglockhart Community Council), Mairianna Clyde (Merchiston Community Council), Anne Denholm (Wester Hailes Community Council), Andy Devenport (Tollcross Community Council), Louisa Jeffrey (Stenhouse Community Council), Hellen McDonough (Longstone Community Council), Irene Mackay (Hutchison/Chesser Community Council) and Inspector Irene Ralston (Lothian and Borders Police).

## 1 Welcome and Introduction by the Convener

The Convener explained the format of the meeting which would have a Health and Families theme and was designed to encourage engagement between agencies and residents in the South West Neighbourhood Partnership area.

He welcomed Inspector Irene Ralston, Lothian and Borders Police and Mairianna Clyde, Merchiston Community Council to their first Partnership meeting and acknowledged the newly-formed Wester Hailes Community Council, which replaced Wester Hailes Representative Council.

## 2 Minute

### 2.1 Decision

The minute of South West Neighbourhood Partnership of 1 September 2009 was approved as a correct subject to the inclusion of Carol Cawood on the list of those present and the amendment of the spelling of Louisa Jeffrey's name.

## **2.2 Matter Arising**

### **(i) Responses to Written Questions**

In response to a question on the recording and publication of questions and responses from the open session at the Partnership on 1 September, it was confirmed that verbal responses had been given at the meeting to questions that could be answered at that time.

Written queries had been collected and would be appended to the analysis of the public session, as would written queries from future meetings.

## **3 Neighbourhood Partnership Community Grants Fund**

Details were given of applications made to the Neighbourhood Partnership Community Grants Fund.

### **Decision**

- 1) To award a partial grant of £540 to Evergreen Living Memories to provide funding to update their memories book and promote open days for local schools.
- 2) To award a partial grant of £2,750 to Health All Round, to be used to continue the class and purchase equipment, the funding to also cover additional costs of instructors and increase the user number to 30-40 older people.
- 3) To award a partial grant of £1,800 to Citizens Online to allow the group to distribute 10,000 copies of a free CD disk designed to help communities and individuals in disadvantaged areas to engage with digital technology and the opportunities on offer.
- 4) To award a partial grant of £290 to Gorgie Dalry Community Council as a contribution towards a children's party, the grant to cover the hire of the hall and the cost of an entertainer.

It was noted that advice would be given to the Community Council to consider approaching local businesses for donations towards gifts and other contributions.

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- 5) To award a grant of £480 to Laichfield Community Association to fund start-up costs for a fitness programme covering a 12 week period.

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

#### **4 Waste Ground at Gibson Terrace**

Details were given of a proposal to establish a short life Working Group to investigate options for refurbishing the vacant land at the bottom of Gibson Terrace.

##### **Decision**

- 1) To agree the formation of a short life Working Group to explore options for making the best use of the Gibson Terrace Amenity Area, with the intention of producing a proposal for consideration by the South West Area Board for the Neighbourhood Improvement Programme in 2010/11.
- 2) To instruct the Working Group to report back to the Partnership at its business meeting of 18 January 2010.
- 3) To approve that the Working Group be chaired by Councillor Buchan.
- 4) To approve that the scope and proposed membership of the Working Group be reported to the Partnership's business meeting on 18 January 2010.
- 5) To approve that the suggestion regarding the installation of double yellow lines on the hump back bridge across the Union Canal at Viewforth and other issues raised also be considered by the Working Group.
- 6) To approve that a representative of the Edinburgh Canal Society be included in the membership of the Working Group.

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

#### **5 Public Questions**

The following issues were raised in written public questions:-

- (i) Maintenance of Sighthill Health Centre.
- (ii) Consultation on the proposed junction at Fountainbridge/Gardner's Crescent.

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**Decision**

- 1) That NHS Lothian and the Director of City Development be asked to respond in writing to the two public questions submitted, the questions and responses to be displayed at the next Partnership on 23 February 2010.
- 2) That the question on the proposed junction at Fountainbridge/Gardner's Crescent consultation be remitted to the Partnership's Transport Group for consideration, timeframe for consultation permitting.

(Reference – two written questions, submitted.)

**6 Proposed Regeneration of Harvester's Way Site – Presentation**

Steven Whitton, NHS Lothian and Peter McCormick, JM Architects, presented proposals for a new Healthy Living Centre on the derelict site at Harvester's Way.

Details were given of the joint premises development that would accommodate 59% NHS, 33% City of Edinburgh Council and 8% voluntary sector staff with a proposed total of around 280 staff.

The project, estimated to cost £12m, would open in Spring 2012 and details were given of the investment objections, benefits for service providers, users and the wider community and key drivers in promoting community ownership in Wester Hailes.

Concerns were expressed at the incorporation of an "underpass" in the Centre's design and the impact on the local community of the Centre's establishment.

**Decision**

- 1) To thank Steven and Whitton and Peter McCormick for their interesting presentation.
- 2) To note the concerns raised regarding the design and operation of the proposed healthy living centre.
- 3) To request that the transport implications of the development to form a future agenda item for the Partnership's Transport Group.

## **7 Home Care and Support Service – Presentation**

### **Decision**

To agree that this presentation be postponed and that copies be circulated to Partnership Board members in advance of the next Business Meeting in January 2010.

## **8 Health and Families Open Session**

At this point, those present were encouraged to take the opportunity to speak to representatives from local health care providers from the public and voluntary sectors.

## **9 Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 23 February 2010 at 7.00 pm in Meggetland Sports Centre,  
60(j) Colinton Road.