

**Pentlands Neighbourhood Partnership  
Funding Panel  
6pm, Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2010  
South West Neighbourhood Office**

**In Attendance**

Mr Steuart Campbell	Longstone Community Council
Mrs Helen Ogg	Juniper Green Community Council
Mr Norman Tinlin	Fairmilehead Community Council
Mr Martin Bone	Currie Community Council
Mr Ken Shade	Balerno Community Council
Mr Peter Gray	Colinton Amenity Association
Mrs Judith Wightman	(Chair) Ratho and District Community Council
Cllr Ricky Henderson	Pentland Hills Ward
Mr Graham Budd	CEC
Mr Scott Neill	CEC

**Apologies**

Cllr Ron Cairns	Pentland Hills Ward
Ms Heather Levy	Firrhill Community Council
Mr Graham Dane	Currie Community Council

<p><b>1. Welcome &amp; Apologies</b></p> <p>The Chair welcomed the group to the first meeting after the summer recess and apologies were read out as above.</p>	
<p><b>2. Minutes of previous meeting/matters arising</b></p> <p>Cllr Ricky Henderson raised a matter arising in relation to the Fairer Scotland Fund agenda item in the previous minutes. Cllr Henderson expressed his concerns that once this fund is administered by the lead departments responsible for the various elements there will be no local input in applications or monitoring of the outcomes.</p> <p>In relation to item 4 Community Grant Applications in the previous meetings minutes the Chair requested that the minute be amended to read:          “The group discussed and voted to decline this application because it could set an undesirable precedent by allowing other communities to apply for provision of similar signs. The group noted that the local church had already provided the original signage announcing Colinton Village.”</p>	
<p><b>3. Community Grant Applications</b></p> <p>The following funding applications were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Pentland Community Centre Management</b> application for £2,800 to pay for a firework display and pantomime for the local population.</li> </ul>	

<p>NT declared an interest in this application as the chair of the group submitting the application is also chair of the Fairmilehead Community Council.</p> <p>This application was discussed by the group and declined as it was felt that it was two separate events which should be submitted individually and current Council policy forbids the funding of fireworks displays. The group directed the Council Officers to contact the group and inform them that whilst the panel supports the committee with the bonfire event they are unable to fund this due to current Council policy. If the group wished to resubmit an application purely for the pantomime with more details on the costs of the event then it would be considered by the group.</p> <p>The group also asked for clarification on the Council's policy on the funding of community fireworks displays.</p> <p>The group agreed to handle any further application for the pantomime and under delegated authority due to the time restrictions inherent in the timing of this event.</p>	<p><b>SN</b></p> <p><b>SN</b></p>
<p><b>5. AOCB</b></p> <p>KS requested an update as to the recent grant awarded to the Balerno Village Trust (BVT) for £3,000 to buy stalls for their farmers market.</p> <p>SN informed the group that after consulting the trust as to their progress on the use of the funds the group had been granted extension until the end of October to have talks with Juniper Green Community Council about sharing resources for the Farmers Market.</p> <p>JW informed the group that the design of the railings for the Ratho War Memorial had been chosen by the local school children of Ratho. The next step will be choosing the colour of these railings prior to their installation.</p> <p>NT requested a report on the grant awarded to the Currie and Balerno Round Table.</p> <p>MB said that he will take this back to the group.</p> <p>GB presented further information from on the <b>Edinburgh &amp; Lothians Greenspace Trust</b> application for a grant towards the upgrading 550 metres of a path leading from Swanston into the Pentlands Regional Park. At the previous meeting this application was discussed by the group and they requested the Officers ask the trust what work could be carried out if the group were to make a £3,000 donation towards this project. GB informed the group that the response from the trust was that for that donation they would scale back the length of the path and the costs would be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hardcore for 400 metres                      £1,675</li> <li>• 2 diggers for 2.5 days                              £1,125</li> </ul>	<p><b>SN</b></p> <p><b>MB</b></p>

