

# Pentlands Neighbourhood Partnership Health, Community & Employment Group

**Thursday 23 September 2010  
South West Neighbourhood Office**

## **In Attendance**

Norman Tinlin	Chair - Fairmilehead Community Council
George Williamson	Senior Community Learning Development Officer
Shona McAllister	Get On Economic Development
Graham Budd	SfC, Partnership Development Officer

## **Apologies**

Martin Bone	Currie Community Council
Robert Ogg	Juniper Green Community Council
Elaine Hamilton	Health & Social Care

<p><b>1. Welcome &amp; Apologies</b> NT Chair of the sub group welcomed everyone to the meeting.  Apologies were received as above.</p>	
<p><b>2. Matters arising/actions</b></p> <p>The action point from the previous meeting:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>AP1 - CD offered to invite Emma Vance (West Edinburgh Action Group) along to the next meeting to give an update on the employment contract on 23/9/10. Sub Group Agreed if this was possible.</b></p> <p>This action point is to be carried forward. To clarify as this was to be a presentation on Employment from the FSF contractors at a future public meeting of the Partnership.</p>	<b>NT</b>
<p><b>3. Previous Minutes/ Matters Arising</b></p> <p>GW briefed the group on the details of the upcoming learning fair to be held at Pentlands Community Centre on 1 October. Classes from Firrhill High School have been invited to attend. GW thanked the Partnership for advertising this event on the website and stated that it had also been advertised through the Evening News, Churches, libraries and High Schools.</p> <p>The event itself will cover a huge range of courses from literacy promotion to degree courses and volunteering. If successful it was hoped to replicate it in other areas of the partnership in the future.</p> <p>NT enquired about the local Youth Forum.</p> <p>GW informed the group that the Youth Forum meets 4 to 5 times a year.</p>	

<p>One of their recent successes is the replacement of the goal posts in Bloomiehall Park through the Neighbourhood Partnership. GW, however, raised concerns that the Neighbourhood Partnership areas are so large that the young people find it difficult to associate their area, e.g. Clovenstone, Oxfangs, etc, to the larger Partnership area.</p> <p>NT invited the GW to bring the Youth Forum to the next Pentlands Health, Community &amp; Employment Sub-group meeting. GW accepted this invitation.</p> <p>SM gave an update on the Get On project:</p> <p>New vehicle launched weeks 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> July in the following locations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Kirkliston</li> <li>2. City Centre</li> <li>3. Wester Hailes</li> <li>4. Craigmillar</li> <li>5. Leith</li> <li>6. Muirhouse</li> <li>7. Captains Road</li> <li>8. South Queensferry</li> </ol> <p>This ensured each neighbourhood was covered, if not each Neighbourhood area (eg Pentlands and South West teams covered by Wester Hailes)</p> <p>The bus has been on the road since Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July. In that time, it has been out 25 times in total.</p> <p>The bus was off road for 10 days 3<sup>rd</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> September for essential servicing and MOT. During this off-road period prior commitments were honoured where possible from a stall.</p> <p>Special events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Travellers information day, 26<sup>th</sup> July (Health theme, Forth NP)</li> <li>• Balerno Main Street opening, 14<sup>th</sup> August (South West NP)</li> <li>• Nicolson Square to engage with beggar and street drinkers, 17<sup>th</sup> August (South Central NP, with Community Safety team)</li> <li>• South West Learning Fair Wester Hailes, 20<sup>th</sup> August (Learning theme, South West NP)</li> <li>• South Edinburgh Learning Roadshow, 23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> August (8 venues over 5 days) (Learning Theme, Liberton &amp; Gilmerton NP)</li> <li>• South West Gorgie / Dalry Learning fair Tynecastle Community High School, 2<sup>nd</sup> September (Learning theme, South West NP)</li> <li>• POLHA annual Tenants' Gathering, Leith, 4<sup>th</sup> September (Leith NP)</li> <li>• Adult Learners event, Drummond Community High School, 8<sup>th</sup> September (Leith NP)</li> <li>• South Queensferry Services Day, 11<sup>th</sup> September (Western Edinburgh NP)</li> </ul>	<p><b>GW</b></p>
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<p>Planned special events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 27<sup>th</sup> September: Event to link with Chinese Community, Craigour Community flat, Liberton &amp; Gilmerton NP</li> <li>• 1<sup>st</sup> October: Pentlands learning fair, to be followed up by a further visit Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October, Pentlands NP</li> <li>• 5<sup>th</sup> October: Craigmillar consultation event Craigmillar and Portobello NP</li> <li>• 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> October: Launch of new <b>weact</b> (West Edinburgh Action) service, various venues across Edinburgh</li> </ul> <p>Get On staffing: Get On training now delivered to 107 staff, with 180 registered website users. Training will shortly begin to create new Get On information Points. SafeTALK, suicide awareness training, also being offered to staff. NT said he would be interested in the suicide awareness training. SM to provide further details to the group.</p> <p>Get On networking lunch, 15<sup>th</sup> October, 12.30-2.30pm, presentation from EHAP, Cyrenains and Changeworks on Housing and Employability.</p> <p>28<sup>th</sup> July: two clients referred to weact. Lower numbers in this area compared to other parts of the city. While there is no average number, and it varies from area to area, this is the lowest number of enquiries of sites we have visited. No further visits since, next scheduled 1<sup>st</sup> October. Every two months or so is about average, however if a need is identified which Get On can help to meet, we can discuss a regular spot. This is likely to be approximately every 6 weeks in order to ensure parity across the city, or it could possibly be more often but with a rotating calendar (eg Ratho / Oxgangs/ Currie etc visited in turn). There is a need to identify appropriate sites in Pentlands area. Fraser Aitchison, the driver, has been around the area a few times but due to the dimensions and weight of the vehicle, it is difficult to identify suitable spots. Currie is a particular area the team have not identified a suitable spot for the bus. SM requested that any possible suitable locations in Pentlands be forwarded to her. GB to email Currie Community Council for suggestions for suitable spots.</p> <p>Pentlands area requires identification of appropriate activity and an action plan re events, sites, marketing etc, which includes linking with local services and organisations. A clear engagement strategy is required for successful work in the area.</p>	<p><b>SM</b></p> <p><b>GB</b></p>
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<p><b>4. AOCB</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NT informed the group that MacMillan Cancer Support were funding a pilot project in the area called Western Haven. This would be an information and support centre and would be a caring, counselling communication project operating on a drop in basis as part of the Wester Hailes Health Agency. It would offer information and support to people with cancer, their families and their carers.</li> <li>• NT informed the group that the latest Get Up and Go magazine has now been launched. This magazine is aimed at the 50+ age group and details activities run by organisations, groups and community centres in Edinburgh. It was previously organised by Corporate Services but this year the responsibility was transferred to Libraries and Information Services.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>5. Next meeting –</b></p> <p>The next meeting will be November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6pm.</p>	