

Minutes

Almond Neighbourhood Partnership

Newbridge Bowling Club, 20 October 2010

Present:- Councillor Norman Work [Convenor] and Councillor Kate MacKenzie; Steve Lee [Kirkliston Community Council]; Tom Martin [Queensferry and District Community Council]; Judy Wightman [Ratho and District Community Council]; Andrew Mather [Cramond and Barnton Community Council]; Rod Alexander [Davidson's Mains and Silverknowes Association]; Angela Lindsay [Edinburgh Community Health Partnership]

Apologies:- Councillor George Grubb; Patricia Eason [Cramond and Barnton Community Council]; Maria Gray [Manager, Community Learning and Development]

1 Election of Convenor

Nominations were requested for the Convenorship 2010-11. Councillor Kate McKenzie proposed Councillor Norman Work, this was seconded by Tom Martin [Queensferry and District Community Council]. There were no other nominations and Councillor Norman Work was elected Neighbourhood Partnership Convenor for the coming year.

2 Welcome and Introductions

Councillor Norman Work welcomed partners and public to the meeting, and introduced members of the Neighbourhood Partnership to the public attending the meeting.

3 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest at this stage of the meeting, and partners were asked to declare any interests under the relevant agenda item.

4 Minute

The minute of the meeting of the meeting of 2 June 2010 was approved as a correct record

5 Briefing on 'Meet the Funders' Event

Jim Conner [Partnership Development Officer] gave a slide show presentation and summary on the recent 'Meet the Funders' event, that had taken place on 30 September 2010, in St Thomas's Church, Glasgow Road, Corstorphine. This included details of the event, the numbers attending, and positive feedback and comment from visitors.

Decision

- 1] To note the presentation
- 2] To note there will be a similar event in the South West Neighbourhood Partnership area in February 2011.

6 Briefing on 'Cramond Community Day'

Eleanor Gaw provided commentary and slides on the recent 'Cramond Community Day' that had taken place on the 19 October 2010, in Cramond Kirk. She illustrated the type of information and events available on the day and indicated the event was very positively received. Members of the Neighbourhood Partnership who were present at the event, confirmed Eleanor's summary and view that it was an extremely successful, useful, fun and informative occasion. The contribution of the local community, Cramond Community Council and Cramond Kirk were noted as key factors in its success. Cramond Community Council also referenced the contribution of the West Neighbourhood Team in delivering this event.

Decision

- 1] To note the presentation
- 2] The Health and Community Care Sub Group will consider options for taking forward outcomes from the event and the consideration of a similar event in Drumbrae/Gyle area

7 Roads Capital Prioritisation Process

Tony Lear, Business Performance Manager, SfC Roads Team presented a detailed report on the draft Roads Capital Allocation Weighting. This included:

- Investment requirements of the roads network.
- The criteria used to prioritise all roads and footpath investment.
- Agenda papers identified the proposed prioritisation based on carriageway traffic flow and for footways a weighting was applied to reflect usage.
- current finance was effectively 'top slice' by £1.2m which allowed for a response to local needs

In the course of questions and discussion a number of issues were raised including the effect of tourist buses on local roads. Tony agreed to note all points made.

Decision

To note the presentation

[Reference: Report [Draft] to the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee]

8 Almond NP – Roads Capital Prioritisation

A briefing update was provided by Tony Lear.

Year 2009/10 Spends

£2000

Ratho Station drainage improvements – moving gully's and drainage defects in the Hillwood Road Area.

£87,000

Cramond Road South Carriageway resurfacing – out with the main Capital Programme however the subject of several local complaints.

£15,000

Gogar Station Road Accident prevention scheme at the bridge – New signage, drainage improvement, resurfacing and antiskid surface. Via a complaint by local elected members – joint project with City Development.

£3.550

Bo'ness Road – footway improvements – excavations to clear blocked drains following complaints from local residents.

Total £107k

Year 2010/11 planned works

Circa £90,000

Corbiehill Road Carriageway resurfacing – outwith the main Capital Programme, however the subject of several local complaints.

Circa £25,000

Quality Street Triangle – rebuild wall and new barriers to prevent future damage (stone cladding subject to streetscape approval).

£25,000

Ratho Station – contribution to Urban Centre Improvements (footway and appearance improvements).

Total £140k

This leaves around £55k remaining for allocation.

Decision

- 1] To note the achieved spend and projects for 2009/10 and the proposed projects for 2010/11
- 2] That a list of the proposed projects would be circulated to members.

9 Public Questions

Decision

- 1] To note the written question from Patricia Eason relating to the City of Edinburgh Council's policy on charging for uplifts. A written answer will be provided. A supplementary question was submitted by Andy MacKay, Gateside Tenants' and Residents' Association, regarding any increase in numbers of Fire call outs for rubbish burning. Work in the West area around the Bonfire Initiative was noted, and this query will be submitted to Lothian and Borders Fire and Rescue Services for a written response.
- 2] Steve Lee raised a question with regard to the proposed closure of Kirkliston Leisure Centre. After discussion it was agreed that a letter would be sent from the Convenor on behalf of the Partnership to the Director of Edinburgh Leisure. This would express the Partnership's concern at the risk of closure, the reduction in service locally, and highlight local community plan priorities around health and activities for young people. The letter will also reference the loss of service in Queensferry, and concerns at a disproportionate impact on the Almond area.
- 3] A number of questions on bus services were submitted by Wilma Gray, Newbridge, and a range of responses provided at the meeting. In addition, Judy Wightman [Ratho Community Council] agreed to provide the questioner with a copy of response regarding the No 48 bus route previously provided to the Community Council. Cllr Work offered to take up the issues with First Bus on the customer's behalf, if she provided a note of dates and times, and issues regarding 21/ 22 bus routeing.

10 Community Grants Fund

- 10.1 Declarations of Interest
Steve Lee declared an interest in the decision to award Kirkliston Community Council – Horticultural and Craft Show an award of £651.00 under Standing Order 63.

10.2 Applications for support from the Partnerships' £23,810 – 2010/11 Community Grants Fund were detailed.

Decision

- 1] To award a grant of £2,500 to the West Craigie Local Food Project.
- 2] To award a grant of £300 to Queensferry and District Community Council

[Reference: Report dated 20 October 2010 by the Neighbourhood Manager submitted]

11 Open Space Strategy

David Leslie [City Development] introduced that Open Space Strategy. The strategy had been the subject of an extensive consultation process and provided a overview of the approach towards open spaces at a city wide level. Following David's update there were a number of questions and contributions relating to several issues. These included allotments, single football pitches, unapproved annexing of land next to gardens and any sites which may be missing from the final report.

David indicated that some points were planning issues and others were best considered by the Neighbourhood Partnership's Environment and Heritage Sub Group, and he would feed these issues back to the Open Space Strategy team for clarification. The response will then be circulated to partners.

Decision

- 1] To note the Open Space Strategy report
- 2] To remit the Report to the Environment and Heritage Sub Group

[Reference: Report to the Policy and Strategy Committee dated 28 September 2010]

12 Fairer Scotland Funding

Eleanor Gaw read an update Report on the Parent and Carer support Project provided by Maria Gray [Manager Community Learning and Development].

There was a question from Jenn MacKay regarding the amount of publicity for the local launch event in Kirkliston. Cllr Work pointed out that this event would be promoted through local workers and contacts. In addition, it was agreed to pass this query to Maria Gray for a fuller response.

There were also questions regarding the level of achieved spend for the project. Eleanor indicated it was unlikely that total amount of project finance would be spent by the 31st March. However, the project is being delivered in a more intensive way with more project hours per week than originally planned, to deliver the project in a shorter period of time and reduce any potential underspend

Partners were asked to consider the future of the project after this date. It was agreed that this project sits within the Early Intervention work stream, and is still a priority in the local area. Partners supported a recommendation to Children and Families and the Edinburgh Partnership that the project extends beyond the 31st March for a fixed period, in order to fully evaluate project outcomes before a final decision is made on its future.

Decision

To agree to recommend a fixed period extension for the Early Intervention Parenting Support Project.

To note the Report on the Fairer Scotland Funding initiative

13 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 16 March 2011, 7 pm , Davidson's Mains Parish Church, 1 Quality Street, EH4 5BB