

<p>reception and in the libraries. JW noted she did not receive a copy of the calendar of walkabout dates.</p> <p>AP4 DH to send out calendar to JW</p> <p>Trees at Sighthill DH noted work is still being done in relation to the trees at the demolition site.</p> <p>Recycling bins at Glenalmond court The bins should have been moved but due to the adverse weather conditions and the replacement of the continental bins this didn't happen. They didn't want the recycling bins to be moved at the same time as it may have caused some confusion for the residents. They are due to be placed at the corner of 36 Sighthill Square this week.</p> <p>Hellen McDonough (HMcD) noted her thanks to Craig Dunlop (CD) for arranging for the War Memorial area to be tidied up.</p>	<p>DH</p>
<p>3. Presentation - Edinburgh Cyrenians Trust</p> <p>Su Moir and Diane Stewart gave a presentation on Cyrenians HPS and explained who they help and how they help those in danger of becoming homeless.</p>	
<p>4. NEP Projects</p> <p>There are 30 projects up and running this year and all projects have gone forward including those in the project bank. 5 projects have been completed, 6 have start dates and 4 are waiting for further details.</p> <p>Project 289 - Still being worked on but should be completed shortly Project 331 - To install a new cycle path, tidy the path and put in access to the path Project 332 - Project is due to start Project 333 - Community Safety and the Police are helping to identify sites & hotspots for crime and ASB Project 334 - Litter bins are being located by other depts within CEC at for e.g. bus stops. Therefore the price allocated to litter bins has been lowered. Members agreed with this. Aim to have locations by the end of this week and are looking at hotspots in estates. Working with CD to help identify areas and to ensure taskforce know to maintain and service the bins. Project 346 - There is a large over estimate on this project but HPS has allowed this overspend and it won't affect next year's budget. The park is to be next to the concierge office and they can monitor the area on CCTV and it is in a visible area in front of Dunsyre House. There has been a proposed opening ceremony which the members will be invited to. Board agreed they are happy to go forward with this overspend. Project 373 - Concerns were raised in relation to the planting height; metal fencing around the trees may be needed to protect them from vandalism. Project 377 - The vandalised play park has been removed, but DH does not know of any plans to put back a replacement park. A 1.2m fence is to go up to replace the wall, improve the area and deter vandals. Project 354 - Steps to be removed at the Sheltered Accommodation and HPS are taking over the replacement and upgrade of screens and entrance doors. Project 442 - There is a lot of work to do due to the gradient of the ground. ½ of the area is to be steps and ½ is to be ramps. Project 443 - Cllr Paisley asked if this could be a potential site for dog litter bins.</p> <p>AP 5 Andy Wallace (AW) to speak with Environmental Wardens regarding dog litter bins</p> <p>The problem of weeds is being tackled by carrying out a number of weeds sprays in the year. There is a project in the project bank for next year to take away slabs and change the</p>	<p>AW</p>

area into a grassed area.
The Board agreed to take forward the environmental project at Hailesland Grove and agreed that tarmacing areas in Murrayburn and removing overgrown shrubbery could be a potential project for next year.

Improving the areas in front of properties in Dumbryden was also put forward as a project for next year.

Cllr Paisley noted his thanks for painting the Girl Guide hut in Ratho and noted the good work.

The contractor who ploughed over the war memorial is to come back and repair the damaged ground. This is being arranged by the SW Roads Team.

AW noted he is still looking for projects. The main criteria is that they are on or near HRA (Housing Revenue Account) land.

The Board noted they would still prefer the bus trip to look at the projects as it allows them to see areas they would not normally visit.

5. Community Feedback

Wester Hailes Community Council (WHCC)

AD noted GB & SN helped to prepare a template for WHCC newsletter. They are currently looking at content which will be taken forward to their meeting in March.

The treasurer, Ivor, is currently in hospital.

They have arranged all their meeting dates up until their AGM in May.

Longstone Community Council (LCC)

HMcD noted there is still the on going problem of the large puddle forming at Scotmid. HMcD asked who owed the land and AW noted that he has checked the GIS maps in the past and they indicate that Scotmid are the land owners. AW added the problem may be due to the way the road was resurfaced. It was suggested that this issue is raised at the SW Transport Forum meeting on Friday 11 February.

It was suggested that LCC write to Scotmid and if they dispute it is their land, then AW can provide the map as evidence that it is in fact theirs.

Pentlands Hills

Cllr Paisley had nothing to add, but noted that the Budget day is on Thursday 10 February.

Ratho Community Council

JW attended the PNP Community Safety sub group meeting and noted that Lothian & Borders Fire & Rescue had stated that if any combustible items are left in a stair or store room then they can be called in to remove the items.

North Sighthill Residents Group

Helen Kelly (HK) stated there are beds and pieces on furniture being dumped in the new bins. DH noted they are aware of this and they are going down on a regular basis to collect the bulk items.

Fairmilehead Community Council

Norman Tinlin had nothing to raise.

Hailesland Neighbourhood Council

MW noted they were visited at Hailesland Park by Dundee City Council staff and residents of high rise properties in Dundee. It was a case study day where they looked at security, the community flat and care taking. The visitors also noted the excellent cleaning standards.

<p>MW noted there had been 2 incidents recently at the Sighthill underpass where 2 school children had been knocked down and added it should be shut. DH noted that community safety do not want to close a safe road crossing but instead aim to tackle the crime side.</p> <p>MW noted that a small building at Hailesland which used to be the rent office has been taken over and will be turned into a small centre for cancer patients in conjunction with the health agency.</p>	
<p>6. AOCB</p> <p>DH distributed the Landlord update and noted that they are doing well in relation to the time taken to let an empty home. DH added that the severe weather did have an impact on this as some staff struggled to make it into work, EBS vans were unable to get in to carry out repairs and people were unable to get removal vans in.</p> <p>There is a 7.6% rent increase this year. There has been a city wide problem of people not going out to pay their rent due to the weather and Christmas. The rents team face a tighter target than last year and are working hard. The last resort is to take court action and the SW has the lowest number of evictions and cases lodged in court. They engage with their clients and refer the tenants onto agencies such as Cyrenians.</p> <p>DH distributed Tenant Incentive Scheme papers for the Board members information. DH noted they try to encourage tenants to downsize and can provide a package worth up to £1000 to assist with moving costs, redecoration and/or white goods. They work with the tenant to assess what would suit them best. Further more the full rent charge will not be covered by Housing Benefit (HB), for example a person living alone in a 2 bedroomed house will only receive HB for 1 bedroom.</p> <p>DH informed the Board members that Mike Avery is currently working on the Alternative Business Model so Stewart Farquhar is currently acting up as Neighbourhood Manager for the South West Office. At the moment this is to run until June.</p>	
<p>7. Date of next meeting - Tuesday 12 April 2011</p> <p>JW noted her apologies for the meeting on 12 April.</p>	