

## Minutes

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### Almond Neighbourhood Partnership

Davison's Mains Parish Church 16 March 2011

**Present:-** Councillor Norman Work [Convenor]; Councillor Kate MacKenzie; David Buchanan [Kirkliston Community Council]; Keith Giblett [Queensferry and District Community Council]; Judy Sansom [Ratho and District Community Council]; Andrew Mather [Cramond and Barnton Community Council]; Rod Alexander [Davidson's Mains and Silverknowes Association]; Angela Lindsay [Edinburgh Community Healthcare Partnership]; Maria Gray [Manager, Community Learning and Development]

**Apologies:-** Councillor George Grubb; Patricia Eason [Cramond and Barnton Community Council]; Steve Lee [Kirkliston Community Council];

#### I Welcome and Introductions

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

The Convenor made reference to the full agenda, and the presentations, including a report on the Changing the Community Landscape project, which is coming to a close on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011. Reports on the key work strands of the sub groups had been circulated to partners. He referred to the ongoing work of the Partnership and the West Team in recent months, including the workshop on Community Plan priorities. The Partnership has supported projects like the VAT run in Queensferry, through the Partnership's Community Grants programme. He also highlighted a recent visit to Craigie Farm by Kenny MacAskill Scottish Justice Secretary, where the Partnership had supported a community composting project through the Community Grants Fund

Natalie Hoy West Neighbourhood and Community Planning Manager, briefed partners that the West Neighbourhood Team and Services for Communities had been successful in gaining Customer Service Excellence accreditation. Congratulations were also due to two West Neighbourhood Team staff members - Park Rangers Iwan Thomas and Brian Shiels – who have won the Council's "Stand out from the Crowd" award. This was for their work in managing risk and supporting vulnerable people during the winter weather emergency.

Cllr Work drew partners' attention to the recent Almond Partnership workshop on lessons learnt from the severe weather emergency this winter. This consultation, review and learning process for future planning is ongoing across every neighbourhood in the city, and Almond was the first area of the city to hold this type of event.

## **2 Minute of Previous Meeting**

The minute of the meeting of the meeting of 20 October 2010 was approved as a correct record

### **2.1 Matter arising;**

Item 6, Decision 2: - Briefing on Cramond Community Day  
Eleanor Gaw reported that the Health and Community Care Sub Group had considered a similar event for the Drumbrae/Gyle area and a date has been set for an event in the Rannoch Centre on 10 May.

Item 8, Decision 2: - Roads Capital Prioritisation

Natalie Hoy updated partners that

- Corbiehill Road Carriageway resurfacing has been completed.
- Quality Street Triangle, increased allocation to £50,000, and the work scheduled for April 2011.
- Ratho Station Urban Centre works (contribution from Roads Capital) are currently underway

Item 11, decision 2 – Open Space Strategy

Jim Conner reported that the Open Space Strategy had been discussed at a meeting on 18 November 10, there were no immediate actions for the sub group at this point.

Eunice Smith (DMSA) raised a question in relation to the Open Space Strategy, referring to a breakdown of costs for providing various elements and services in Harrison Park. She requested a similar breakdown for Davidson's Mains Park. It was agreed that the West Team will provide what data is available.

### **Decision**

To provide Eunice Smith with a breakdown of costs where possible, in relation to expenditure in Davidson's Mains Park.

## **3 Edinburgh Airport – Edinburgh Airport Draft Master Plan**

The Convenor introduced Kevin Murphy, Planning Manager, BAA Edinburgh. Kevin provided a Power Point presentation illustrating and commenting on the following slides:

Planning & Transport Policy and the 2011 Masterplan

- Today's Airport
- 2020 Forecasts
- 2020 Land Use
- 2020 Environment
- 2040 Indicative Forecasts

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- Masterplan – Consultation Process

Following Kevin's presentation there was a Q&A session. Kevin indicated he is available to attend community meetings or events to support the consultation. The current consultation period ends on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2011.

### **Decision**

To note the presentation

## **4. Community Grants Fund**

### **4.1 Indicative Community Grants Fund Allocation 2011/12**

Natalie Hoy informed the meeting that further to the Council's budget setting process, a number of savings have been identified in order to allow the Council Budget to be set. Reflecting budget pressures across all areas of Council expenditure, the Community Grants Fund has been reduced by 8 % for 2011-12. Final figures have yet to be confirmed by Finance for each partnership area, but the indicative figure for Almond with this reduction is £21,904 for 2011-12 (the figure for 2010-11 was £ 23,810).

### **4.2 Community Grants Fund Report**

#### **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest

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

### **Decision**

- 1] To award a grant of £750 to the Ferry Art Club [with related condition].  
As a condition of the award, the Art Club should make every effort to establish links with local organisations such as Queensferry & St Augustine's High Schools and the Disability Forum so that pupils/members have the opportunity to benefit from these demonstrations and workshops.
- 2] To award a grant of £3,000 to the Forth Estuary Forum. [with related condition].  
As a condition of award, Forth Estuary Forum are required to make early contact with Queensferry and District Community Council on how best to consult both with the Community Council and local residents on the site and content of each of the panels, to link in with existing assets and best suit the project objectives.

In response to an enquiry from Keith Giblett, Natalie Hoy informed the meeting that she and West Neighbourhood staff

would be responsible for processing and scrutiny on the spend of this CGF application, and ensuring that any related condition of grant is met.

- 3] To note the update provide in relation to Common Ground Arts Mosaic Project in South Queensferry.  
In addition, Keith Giblett updated partners that QDCC were likely to propose a location for the mural, and this would be reported back to the Partnership.  
[Reference: Report dated 16 March 2011 by the Neighbourhood Manager submitted]

## **5 Public Questions**

There were no written questions and the Convenor asked for questions from the meeting.

### **5.1 Cycleway B924**

Keith Giblett, referred to the work to the Cycleway B924 Chapelgate going to the A 90 heading east, and has asked for a written response to the following:

"There appears to have been no consultation with QDCC or Queensferry and the work could be detrimental to the community , so why has there been no consultation about this"

#### **Decision.**

Written response to be provided to Keith Giblett.

### **5.2 Severe Weather Response**

Rod Alexander asked if the Ward elected members or Neighbourhood Manager had any response to negative comments attributed to an elected Ward member from a nearby Neighbourhood Partnership area, with regard to the West's severe weather response. The Neighbourhood Manager responded that she had not seen these remarks, and would be unable to comment. It was noted that staff from the West Team do respond to a range of requests and enquiries from elected members city wide.

Verbal Response Noted

There was a related discussion regarding the extent to which steep gradients were a priority in severe weather prioritisation process. Cllr MacKenzie pointed out that this issue was noted at the recent Almond Severe Weather Workshop for further consideration. Cllr Work reminded partners of the categorisation system and essential high priority for main arterial routes.

## **6 Changing the Community Landscape**

The Convenor introduced Heather McCluskey, Project Development Worker Community Learning and Development, and indicated that

Changing the Community Landscape project would end on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011. Heather's presentation provided an overview of the project and an update on progress so far including:

- Planned Outcomes
- Overview of Activities within Almond
- Initial Social Capital Survey
- Training
- Youth Engagement Event
- Networking Opportunities for Smaller Community Groups
- Art Project
- Some Initial Results from the Initial Follow-Up Survey

Following Heather's presentation there was a Q&A session. The Convenor and Neighbourhood Manager thanked Heather for her work on the project, commenting positively on the Kirkliston networking event and relaying the Neighbourhood Partnership's thanks and best wishes for the future.

### **Decision**

To note the presentation

## **7 Fairer Scotland Funding - Presentation on the *SPACE* Project**

The Convenor introduced Maria Gray who provided a presentation on outcomes and the future direction of this work. Slides provided detail on the following:

- Project Aims.
- Stakeholders
- What Stakeholders Want.
- Parent/Carers
- What Parent/Carers want: Young Children
- What Parent/Carers want: Older Children & Young People
- What have we Achieved
- What is Happening Now
- Parent Information Points
- Parenting Programmes [framework]
- Parenting Programmes [other, including small grants]
- Impact of Programmes So Far

Following Maria's presentation there was a Q&A session.

### **Decision**

To note the presentation

## **8 Community Plan Update**

Eleanor Gaw provided an update on the key priorities arising out of the workshops at the event in Davidson's Mains School on 19 January 2011. Outcomes from early workshops had been circulated to partners

and a programme of wider engagement with local communities would take place through:

- Attendance at a range of community meetings, to highlight priorities already raised, seek feedback, and gain new insight into local issues and perspectives.
- Programme of participation in community events such as fairs and gala days, to assist in consulting the wider community. This would include Kirkliston Gala Day, Davidson's Mains Children's Gala, and the Ferry Fair, and Partnership input into days of action, roadshows and the West Neighbourhood outreach programme.
- Providing an opportunity for people to feedback online, through the Partnership website, promoted via our email networks.
- Engage with local Youth forum on their priorities for the area.
- Feedback forms/ brief questionnaires in local libraries, local offices and community centres, also available for wider circulation.
- Promoting opportunities for participation in the community planning process through all our partners' community contacts.
- Discussion of key work streams to take place in sub groups, to develop action plans and identify officers with lead responsibility

Programme Timecales were as follows:

- Workshops January 2011
- Feedback to partners February/ March 2011
- Wider Engagement on key priorities, March – June 2011
- Draft Plan to partners – June/ July 2011
- Consult on draft plan Summer 2011
- Final Draft Plan to partners August/ September 2011
- Sub groups work on populating action plans

**Decision.**

To note this update.

**13 Date of Next Meeting**

Neighbourhood Partnership Business Meeting - Wednesday 20 April 2011, 6.30 pm in Kirkliston Community Centre, Queensferry Road. The next public meeting will be set for August/ September 2011, final date to be circulated.