



Minutes

Western Edinburgh Neighbourhood Partnership

24 May in Murrayfield Parish Church

Present:- Councillor Paul Edie (Convenor), Councillor Colin Keir, Councillor Jeremy Balfour, Councillor Jenny Dawe, Councillor Robert Aldridge, Councillor Phil Wheeler, Inspector Andy Gilhooley (Lothian and Borders Police), David Salton (Corstorphine Community Council), Tom Conway (Drum Brae Community Council), Walter Spence (Murrayfield Community Council)

Apologies: Peter Gabbitas (Lothian Community Health Care Partnership), Anne Crawford (CEC City Development).

In attendance: Natalie Hoy (West Neighbourhood Manager), Eleanor Gaw (Partnership and Information Manager), Maria Gray (Community Learning and Development Manager, Children and Families) Jim Conner (Partnership Development Officer)

1 Welcome and Introductions

Councillor Edie welcomed everyone to the meeting and there was a round the table identification by members and officers. Following this, Cllr Edie made reference to a number of developments and matters of interest since the last NP meeting. These included an award to one of our local Primary School Teachers, Kirsten Innes. A teacher at Clermiston Primary School, she has been named as Forth One Best Teacher at the Radio Forth awards 2010, having been nominated by her Primary One class.

A new nursery in Clermiston is now operational and Maria Gray reported that the nursery offers an improved resource and increased capacity and has been very well received by users and the local community.

Cllr Edie highlighted the severe weather workshop that had taken place with partners and elected members across the Western Edinburgh Neighbourhood. The workshop examined what had worked well during the emergency process, and where there is room for us to improve in dealing with this type of emergency.

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Natalie Hoy, was requested to comment on the event and how this work was being taken forward. Natalie referred to the establishment of a city wide project team and its review of previous working practices concentrating on a number of differing work streams. Tony Lear (Business Performance Manager in SfC Roads Team) is leading the team and the review process, taking into account the outcomes of city wide consultation events, and looking at how we improve the way we tackle severe weather. A report on outcomes from this process is anticipated in August.

Cllr Edie also highlighted the Western Environment Fair on Friday June 17th, 1.30 – 3 pm in Gylemuir Primary School. This event has been organised by the Western Environment Sub Group, and focuses on the good work done by our local primary schools as part of the Eco- Schools Programme. The event is being supported by the Partnership through the community grants programme.

The Convenor brought the onsite displays focusing on current work to partners' attention. These displays included work on new Drum Brae hub, Environmental Improvements at Western Corner, the Changing the Community Landscape project, a range of other projects throughout the neighbourhood.

2 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Noted

3 Minute of the meeting of 9 November 2010

Decision

To approve the minute of the Western Edinburgh Neighbourhood Partnership of 24 February 2010 as a correct record.

4 Community Grants Fund

4.1 Feedback from Recipients of Awards to Local Projects.

a) Craigmount High School Pipe Band

Annette Brown [Band Secretary] talked about the impact of the two Community Grants Fund awards the group has received. The first had supported the band travelling to various events, had increased players experience of involvement in competitions and had contributed to raising the standard of the band. The second grant had assisted the purchase of band outfits and drums. Annette informed partners that in a recent competition, the band had come third in their category, which was a major achievement and reflected the progress made over recent past years. She added that the CGF awards had helped considerably in achieving the current level and she thanked the Neighbourhood Partnership for its support.

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b] Munro Centre

Tom Conway (Chair) delivered a presentation, illustrating how the first Community Grants Fund award had allowed the construction of a ramp for wheelchair and supported access. This had allowed those previously unable to use the Centre to take part in activities and events and had increased the use of the facility and the activities on offer. Further grants had been used to install a notice board to help inform residents of what was taking place on site, and also to purchase equipment for 'Silver Surfer' IT courses. Tom detailed the success of these courses which were now immensely popular and gave older people hands-on experience of e-mail and the web. He thanked partners for the Community Grants Fund awards which he indicated had in his view made a significant difference to people's lives.

c] Corstorphine Trust

Douglas Ramsay (Chair) provided partners with an account of the history of the Corstorphine Banner and how this had been restored thanks to the Community Grants Fund award. The Partnership had also supported the development and production of a new centenary banner undertaken in collaboration with Corstorphine Primary School which had been 'unveiled' at the Corstorphine Fair. A current Community Grants Fund award is being used to re-designed and upgrade the Trust's website. Douglas thanked the Partnership for its continued assistance in support of Trust's activities.

Cllr. Edie thanked each contributor for their detailed and informative presentations and wished every success to their organisations' future endeavours.

Decision

To note the presentations made and to thank the individuals involved.

4.2 Community Grants Fund Report - Current Applications

Jim Conner introduced the Community Grants Fund Report. There had been one submission received from Clermiston Parent Council – Cycle Club. Maria Gray updated members on discussions that had taken place in relation to a possible free let for the Cycle Club at Clermiston Primary School. The school had to date suggested two week nights where a free let and access to the school toilet facilities would be possible, and confirmed that access to the school play ground would be available any evening.

There were a number of contributions made in relation to this application and it was agreed that a partial award of £1,300 would be approved at this stage. Further discussions and investigation would take place to establish whether alternative forms of support would allow the club to operate without incurring school let costs. One option suggested by Tom Conway was that the Munro Centre may be able to offer access to toilet facilities. An update will be provided to partners at the next business meeting.

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Decision

To approve an award of £1,300 to the Clermiston Parent Council – Cycle Club from the Community Grants Fund, with a view to continuing discussions regarding accessing the premises or the Munro Centre as an alternative venue.

5 Public Question Time

There were no written questions to the Neighbourhood Partnership Cllr. Edie invited questions from the floor of the meeting. There were no questions.

Decision

To note there were no written or verbal questions.

6 Drum Brae Community Health Day

Eleanor Gaw updated partners referring to the circulated report relating to the event and a number overhead slides. The Community Health Day was designed to target the local community in Drum Brae with a range of information about health and well being, access to information about health and care services, and also the opportunity to try new leisure activities to promote health, exercise and community contacts. The event was launched by the Cllr Edie as Partnership convenor and there were in excess of fifteen stallholders. There was a good level of attendance, with 57 adults and 104 children and young people attending, a total of 161.

Events on the day included Salsa try out and a tango demonstration; planting and hanging basket demonstrations; indoor curling; storytimes and crafts for young children; healthy cooking try outs and advice; and soccer and sumo suits for young people. Of the thirteen public feedback forms twelve rated the event as excellent or very good. All respondents indicated that they had received useful information at the event.

Decision: to note the presentation and report, and ask the Health and Community Care Sub Group to consider next steps.

7 Presentation: Changing the Community Landscape

Maria Gray provided the meeting with an update on the Changing the Community Landscape project which had finished at the end of March 2011. Maria reported that the project had made good progress in the limited period it was operational. Work areas had included youth engagement, networking, time banking, community asset management, and photographic art. Time banking was a challenging area in terms of close collaborative community work, however, a 'basic' group had been established in the Drum Brae area and its development would be monitored with interest. Changing the Community Landscape had finished with a community photographic art project and some of the completed exhibits were on display at the meeting. A final report on the project would be circulated to members.

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There was a short question and answer session following Heather's presentation, the project was well received by partners, and partners will be given regular updates on progress with any continuing work.

Decision

To note Maria Gray's Report

8 Sub Group Updates [for information]

- 8.1 Cllr Edie drew partner's attention to the updates from the Children and Young People's Sub Group, Community Safety Forum priorities, the Housing and Built Environment Forum, and the Environment Forum. There were copies of these updates available at the meeting and these are also available on the Partnership website. He informed the meeting that the Health and Community Care Forum would be meeting on the 23rd June to look at outcomes from the Drum Brae Community Health Day and the next steps. In addition, a development and good practice event for the members of Health Sub groups city wide is being arranged over the coming months
- 8.2 Inspector Andy Gilhooley provided a verbal update for partners from the Tasking and Co-ordinating Group. He indicated that a range of work had been carried out, including direct work with young people in the Clermiston and Drum Brae area. In addition he highlighted joint work with Murrayfield Community Council in planning for future concerts and events.

9 Dates of Future meetings.

Public Meetings:

Wednesday 30th November 2011 St Ninian's Parish Church

Wednesday 28th March 2012, venue to be circulated

Business Meetings:

Wednesday 10th August

Wednesday 12th October

Tuesday 24th January

Wednesday 28th March

Venues for business meetings to be circulated to partners

10 Future Events

Cllr Edie brought some forthcoming local events to partners' attention, including the Clermiston and Drum Brae Children's Gala on 28 May at Drum Brae Leisure Centre, and also the Corstorphine Youth Centre Fun Day, Saturday 11th June 1 – 4 pm. Natalie Hoy highlighted a consultation exercise taking place at the Gala Day on the use of Open Space at the former primary school site. Cllr Edie then drew the meeting to a close.

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Membership of Western Edinburgh Neighbourhood Partnership

Councillor Robert Aldridge [Ward 3 - Drum Brae/Gyle]
Councillor Jeremy Balfour [Ward 6 – Corstorphine/Murrayfield]
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