

Committee Minutes

Inverleith Neighbourhood Partnership

Edinburgh, 24 May 2010

Present:- Councillors Whyte (Convener), McKay (Vice-Convener) and Hinds; Inspector Ian Davis (Lothian and Borders Police), Mike Clark (Drylaw/Telford Community Council), Nigel Bagshaw (Stockbridge/Inverleith Community Council), Eddie Thorn (Craigleith/Blackhall Community Council) and David Small (NHS Lothian).

1 Welcome by Convener

Councillor Whyte welcomed everyone to the Neighbourhood Partnership and outlined business on the agenda.

2 Minutes

Decision

The minutes of the Inverleith Neighbourhood Partnership of 11 January and 1 April 2010 were approved as correct records.

3 Annual Neighbourhood Survey Findings 2009

The Policy and Strategy Committee had considered a report on how the results of the Annual Neighbourhood Survey 2009 would be used and publicised more widely, and had referred the report to Neighbourhood Partnerships and Partner Agencies.

Davina Fereday, Services for Communities, presented details of trends for satisfaction levels for Council services in the Inverleith neighbourhood, and residents' priorities for improvements.

Inverleith Neighbourhood Partnership
24 May 2010

Decision

- 1) To note the report on the Annual Neighbourhood Survey Findings 2009.
- 2) That the Neighbourhood Manager seek information on reasons why two specific areas had shown significant decreases in satisfaction rates, ie (1) road/pavement maintenance; and (2) people feeling safe in their neighbourhood after dark.
- 3) That the Neighbourhood Manager ask Dog Wardens to comment on the satisfaction trend for dealing with dog fouling in the area.
- 4) That consideration be given to extending the section in the survey covering Environment Services, to include litter management at the Water of Leith.
- 5) That the Neighbourhood Manager seek information on the reasons for the decrease in the number of volunteers, and the effect of this on sport activities.
- 6) To note that information on the issues raised would be sought through the forthcoming Neighbourhood Conference taking place on 25 June, and through other appropriate means. The Neighbourhood Manager to report the information to a future meeting of the Neighbourhood Partnership.
- 7) To thank Davina Fereday for her presentation.

(References – report by the Head of Legal and Administrative Services; presentation papers on Inverleith satisfaction levels, submitted.)

4 Edinburgh Community Health Partnership: Management Arrangements

The Edinburgh Community Health Partnership (ECHP) Committee had considered a report on revised management arrangements for the ECHP.

David Small, NHS Lothian presented details of the proposals, which included:

- i) Moving from the current six 'operating divisions' (hospitals plus five Local Health Partnerships (LHPs)) to three (hospitals plus two sectors).
- ii) Consolidating the existing five LHPs management resources into two teams: North and South Edinburgh.
- iii) Preserving the current GP engagement arrangements based on established boundaries.

Inverleith Neighbourhood Partnership
24 May 2010

- iv) Recognising the importance of the GP/Community Nursing interface and strengthening this through 'clusters' of Community Nursing teams aligned with GP practices.
- v) Acknowledging these arrangements were consistent with the understanding that there were benefits in terms of structural clarity and effective use of time, to recognising the Community Health Partnership's (CHP's) two major responsibilities as Service Delivery (and Redesign) and Tackling Inequalities.
- vi) Noting that the restructuring proposed would help the CHP to address the efficiency requirement on management costs.
- vii) Noting that a pragmatic 'interim' step would be to take advantage of existing or anticipated vacancies to move from five to four LHP teams, with the South Central and South West teams sharing available resources until the North-South teams were established.
- viii) That the CHP Core Management Team be tasked with consulting widely on the proposals including clarifying the process required to change the Scheme of Establishment.

Decision

- 1) To note the proposed management arrangements for the Edinburgh Community Health Partnerships.
- 2) To thank David Small for his presentation.

(Reference – report by the North Neighbourhood Manager, submitted)

5 Royston and Monmouth Terraces – Traffic Management

The Neighbourhood Partnership had previously agreed that a Focus Group be formed to consider proposals to alter traffic management arrangements in Royston and Monmouth Terraces.

The Neighbourhood Partnership NEP Funding Sub Group had considered a request for funding for traffic calming in the Terraces from the Focus Group, however did not recommend funding for two reasons. Firstly, it was felt that traffic calming would prove ineffective at tackling the main problem of traffic volume, and secondly, that it would not be best use of the Partnership's limited resources as it was likely that, at some point in the future, funding for a comprehensive area wide traffic management scheme would become available

Inverleith Neighbourhood Partnership
24 May 2010

as a result of Planning agreements with the developers of the Trinity Park House site.

The Focus Group re-convened and produced options with firmer cost estimates, reiterating that traffic calming would make a difference to the quality of life in the two streets. The NEP Funding Sub Group again decided not to recommend funding of any traffic calming measures in Royston and Monmouth Terraces.

Motion

To agree the installation of two speed humps and signage only, at an estimated cost of £2,500.

Moved by Councillor Hinds, seconded by Nigel Bagshaw.

Amendment

To accept the recommendation of the NEP Funding Sub Group not to fund any traffic calming measures in Royston and Monmouth Terraces.

Moved by Councillor McKay, seconded by Eddie Thorn.

Division

For the Motion – 4 votes.

For the Amendment – 3 votes.

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Hinds to agree the installation of two speed humps and signage only, at an estimated cost of £2,500.

(References – Inverleith Neighbourhood Partnership 11 January 2010 (item 3); report by the North Edinburgh Neighbourhood Manager, submitted).

6 Community Grants Fund

Details were provided on applications to the Neighbourhood Partnership's £28,735 Community Grants Fund for 2010/11.

Decision

1) To award the following grants:

Inverleith Neighbourhood Partnership
24 May 2010

- Life Care - £1,000 to purchase equipment for community use at events held in Stockbridge House.
- Edinburgh BATS Rugby - £1,500 for new rugby activities and development of existing activities in the Inverleith area.
- Fet-Lor Youth Centre - £2,728 to support development of an extensive Inverleith Neighbourhood Partnership Summer Programme 2010.
- North Edinburgh News - £1,500 to work with children and young people from schools in Inverleith and Forth on literacy and communication skills.
- The Yard Adventure Centre - £700 to extend their annual bonfire night in the Centre to a larger community event.
- Broughton High School Parent Council - £760 to develop first year students' relationship and standing in the community.

2) To note the balance of £20,547 for future allocation.

(Reference – report by the North Neighbourhood Manager, submitted.)

Declaration of Interests

The following members declared non-financial interests in the foregoing item:-

- Councillor Hinds - with a family member on the Board of North Edinburgh News.
- Eddie Thorn - as a Director of North Edinburgh News.
- Nigel Bagshaw and David Small - as members of the Broughton High School Parent Council.
- Councillor Whyte - as a local Councillor attending meetings of the Broughton High School Parent Council.

7 Pedestrian Crossing Prioritisation: New Priority List

The Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee had considered a new pedestrian crossing priority list, and agreed:

- i) The new three-year pedestrian crossing priority list would be reviewed annually.

Inverleith Neighbourhood Partnership
24 May 2010

- ii) To note that the Council would consult with Neighbourhood Partnerships prior to finalisation of the priority list.
- iii) That additional crossing locations could be added to future priority lists based on identification through Road Safety Plan analysis.
- iv) To refer the report to Neighbourhood Partnerships.

Decision

- 1) To note the report and agree that it be forwarded for consideration by the Partnership's new Transport Sub-Group.
- 2) That the Transport Sub-Group be asked to look at the pedestrian islands at Queensferry Road which required modernisation.
- 3) That the crossing at Inverleith Park to the Botanic Garden West Gate be referred for re-investigation.

(Reference – report by the Head of Legal and Administrative Services, submitted.)

8 Youngedinburgh Viewfinder 3 Equalities and Social Deprivation Report

The key findings of the Viewfinder 3 Equalities and Social Deprivation report were presented.

Decision

To refer the report to the appropriate Sub-Group for consideration.

(Reference – report by the Service Planning Manager, Children and Families Department, submitted.)

9 Date of Next Meeting

Decision

To note that the next meeting of the Inverleith Neighbourhood Partnership would be held at 7pm on Monday 27 September 2010, at a venue to be confirmed.

10 Public Question Time

It was noted that there were no public questions.

INP240510/SW