

**Pentlands Neighbourhood Partnership  
Funding Panel  
6pm, Monday 18 January 2010  
South West Neighbourhood Office**

**In Attendance**

Mr Steuart Campbell	Longstone Community Council
Ms Heather Levy	Firrhill Community Council
Mr Norman Tinlin	Fairmilehead Community Council
Mrs Judith Wightman	Ratho and District Community Council
Mr Graham Dane	Currie Community Council
Mr Peter Gray	Colinton Amenity Association
Ms Christine Doherty	CEC
Mr Scott Neill	CEC

**Apologies**

Cllr Ricky Henderson	CEC
Cllr Ron Cairns	CEC
Mr Ken Shade	Balerno Community Council

<p><b>1. Welcome</b></p> <p>Scott Neill opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.</p>	
<p><b>2. Apologies</b></p> <p>As noted above</p>	
<p><b>3. Minutes of previous meeting/matters arising</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Graeme Dane was present at the last meeting of the FP.</li> <li>• Heather Levy is representing the Firrhill Community Council and not the Pentlands as recorded.</li> </ul> <p>SN reported to the FP that the following applications were dealt with as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Colinton Amenity Association</b> application is still held over, the Streetscape Officer is still deliberating the proposal of new signage.</li> <li>• <b>Oxgangs Central residents Association</b> Application was approved on a SO84 basis prior to Christmas after satisfactorily answering the FP questions.</li> </ul>	<p><b>SN to make amendments</b></p>
<p><b>4. Fairer Scotland proposal Update</b></p> <p>CD informed the Panel that work had been progressing steadily on the developing commissioning proposals and could report on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Early intervention – Family Support</b> (paper distributed for discussion) Range of issues revolving round health, drugs, police, alcohol misuse. Many of these symptoms have effects of the family as a</li> </ul>	

<p>unit leading to in many cases child poverty. Discussion revolved round case management and the definition of early intervention. The panel agreed that this should include early intervention at birth or pregnancy if the support was needed. CD reported that the work looks at pre crisis/ transition periods throughout a child's life, JW provided an example.</p> <p>All referral sources need to include partnership work with all key agencies to ensure duplication is not an issue affecting existing work streams, this was agreed by the Funding Panel.</p> <p>PNP can specify the area/ pocket of deprivation and attach a caveat to include as many vulnerable families as possible from bordering areas of deprivation. General discussion took place around the practical issue of selection of families. CD stated that this will be done through existing contacts and informed intelligence. It also can be carried out on a first come first served basis. Expected partners include C&amp;F, NHS and voluntary sector. With the tight time scale the FP agreed that the proposal could go ahead with a turnaround of 6-8 weeks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Health &amp; Young People – Parenting Support Service</b> (paper distributed for discussion)</li> </ul> <p>This work will involve partnership with the following partners, NHS Lothian, Children &amp; Families Dept. and Early Years Edinburgh Partnership. The proposal will basically focus on developing a parent support programme focused on the child specifically the vulnerable aspects of their lives.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>At risk of offending, and:</b></li> <li>2. <b>Harming themselves</b></li> </ol> <p>Organisations or groups or organisations to deliver this essential work stream, covering various categories 0 – 8 years, 8 – 16 years. This type of work has been initiated in the South of the City and the FP wish to replicate the work in the Pentlands area. It was felt essential to make links with existing organisations using the 'Get It Right First Time for Every Child' model.</p> <p>CD confirmed that the purchase of this piece of work was to target and identify social care and educational problems. It was confirmed that 16 was considered the age of an adult although FP members had reservations that is the government guidelines, however CD will make enquiries regarding in certain circumstances this age limit may be stretched to include very vulnerable 16 year olds</p> <p>The FP felt this was a big piece of work and requested that guidance was introduced together with a network of systems. CD to tease out issues around mental health in particular working with the families of the local army barracks where children are traumatised by loss of family as a result of the Afghan conflict into a particular</p>	<p>CD</p> <p>CD</p>
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<p>piece of work as a separate programme in areas specified.</p> <p>The tenders to be worked into commissioning papers and a reporting mechanism agreed which in general the FP should receive interim reports on a 6 monthly basis with a annual report following the projects lifetime.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Employability Service</b> – ((paper distributed for discussion) Target profile will be Oxfangs &amp; Clovenstone with links to Firrhill High School. This piece of work will link to poverty and peer problems. It is an investment for the future and will involve Children &amp; Families Dept identifying areas of specific need. This is a City wide initiative with Capital City Partnership contracting and managing the work. It is possible service will be subcontracted in local areas .</li> </ul> <p>This employability proposal will be an off the shelf tender document which the PNP will shape for its purpose. The agreement should be in place by March 2010 with measurable outcomes. The FP agreed to go ahead with CD discussing further details work of the early years activity with Ann Keilty C&amp;F. Dept and Liz Simpson NHS Lothian.</p>	<b>CD</b>
<p><b>5. Community Grant Applications</b></p> <p>The following applications were discussed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <b>Buckstone Youth Club</b>, application for £3,100 to organise a community fun day and run a six week summer activity programme for young people. <b>Application approved.</b></li> <li>ii. <b>Buckstone Youth Project</b>, application for £2,500 to provide staffing and transport for a residential weekend and planned activities. <b>Application approved.</b></li> <li>iii. <b>Transition Edinburgh Pentlands</b>, application for £1,150 to hold a series of meetings from February till May in the following areas, Fairmilehead/ Colinton, produce various publicity material and book venues to hold public meetings. <b>Funding Panel decided to hold this application till it could be discussed fully at the next meeting on 24/2/10.</b></li> <li>iv. <b>Youth Vision</b>, application for £4,000 to purchase a digital camera in order to document the work undertaken. Material will be used to produce an educational display at the Visitors Centre at Harlaw Reservoir to coincide with the open day at Threipmuir Steading with the young people acting as guides. <b>Funding Panel decided to hold this application till PDO could ask the group further questions. To be discussed fully at the next meeting on 24/2/10.</b></li> </ol>	<b>SN</b>

<b>6. AOCB</b> Panel requested that applications are tracked further, application received, recorded and finally reports are highlighted for Panel to monitor for value for money.	
<b>7. Date of next meeting</b> Wednesday 24 February 2010	