

**Pentlands Neighbourhood Partnership
Funding Panel
6pm, Wednesday 18th August 2010
South West Neighbourhood Office**

In Attendance

Mr Steuart Campbell	Longstone Community Council
Mrs Helen Ogg	Juniper Green Community Council
Mr Norman Tinlin	Fairmilehead Community Council
Mr Martin Bone	Currie Community Council
Mr Ken Shade	Balerno Community Council
Mr Peter Gray	Colinton Amenity Association
Mrs Judith Wightman	(Chair) Ratho and District Community Council
Cllr Ron Cairns	CEC
Mr Graham Budd	CEC
Mr Scott Neill	CEC

Apologies

Cllr Ricky Henderson	CEC
Ms Heather Levy	Firrhill Community Council
Mr Graham Dane	Currie Community Council

<p>1. Welcome & Apologies</p> <p>The Chair welcomed the group to the first meeting after the summer recess and apologies were read out as above.</p>							
<p>2. Minutes of previous meeting/matters arising</p> <p>In relation to item 4 Fairer Scotland Funding (FSF) in the previous meetings minutes the Chair requested a copy of the reconciliation of the FSF. This was received at this meeting with apologies from Christine Doherty.</p>							
<p>3. Fairer Scotland Fund</p> <p>The Chair asked the group to discuss how they wished to spend the £30k of funding left. The options were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parenting Support • Employability <p>After a brief discussion the group voted to invest the remaining FSF funding towards Employability Project(s). CD to report back to the group on possible projects.</p> <p>The full allocation of funding covering the FSF original spend is listed below:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Project</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Award</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Activity</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Oxgangs Care</td> <td style="text-align: center;">£20K</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Mental Health Initiative</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Project	Award	Activity	Oxgangs Care	£20K	Mental Health Initiative	CD
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Dunedin Canmore CHAI	£20K £49,319	Early Intervention Initiative Parenting Support in Clovenstone	
CHAI Children and Families Dept	£49,319 £60K	Parenting Support Oxgangs Parenting Support/ Space initiative – Clovenstone £60K	
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Capital City Partnership WEACT	£50K	City Employability contract (West Edinburgh Action service provider)	
Schools initiative	£20K tbc	Mental Health initiative for army families – Firrhill Feeders	
Total allocated / indicative allocation to date: £328,638			
Accumulated budget: £357,806			
4. Community Grant Applications			
The following funding applications were discussed:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Edinburgh & Lothians Greenspace Trust application for £4,500 to go towards the upgrading 550 metres of a path leading from Swanston into the Pentlands Regional Park. <p>This application was discussed by the group and they requested the Officers ask the trust what work could be carried out if the group were to make a £3,000 donation towards this project.</p> <p>The group also requested that the trust be advised that the Community Grant Fund may not be available to the trust in the future as they have been successful with a number of recent awards. This will be noted in the letter of offer.</p>			GB
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Puppet Animation Scotland application for £400 to contribute to the costs of two day animation workshop including all materials and expenses. <p>This application was discussed by the group and they wished clarification by the applicant as to where this workshop was to take place.</p>			GB
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colinton Amenity Association application for £526 to replace the “Welcome to Colinton” signs on the three main roads into the village. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gillespie Road • Redford Road • Colinton Road 			

<p>Peter Gray representing the Colinton Amenity Association briefed the group on the details of the application.</p> <p>The group discussed and voted to decline this application as it was felt could set precedence for future applications.</p>	
<p>5. AOCB</p> <p>KS requested an update as to the recent grant awarded to the Balerno Village Trust (BVT) for £3,000 to buy stalls for their farmers market.</p> <p>SN informed the group that after consulting the trust as to their progress on the use of the funds a letter has been drafted from CD to the BVT to challenge the group about their lack of progress in acquiring the equipment. The reply from the BVT will be circulated to the FP members in due course.</p> <p>FP Members discussed their role in terms of assisting potential applicants in their own areas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The FP were agreed that future applicants should be liaising with local FP members prior to submitting an application. • If successful FP members would be monitoring the progress of the successful applicant assisting with problems and ensuring the funds are spend in a proper manor as per the relevant funding agreement. • This approach would assist officers at the SWNO highlight potential problems and act with the panels consent accordingly. <p>The Chair reported that the Ratho War Memorial project had hit a minor problem with stone work at the memorial seemingly subsiding. The subsequent investigation has delayed work at present. However the project should be completed in a few months or so.</p>	<p>SN</p>
<p>6. Date of next meeting</p> <p>The next funding panel meeting was agreed as Wednesday the 6th of October at 6pm.</p>	