

Forth Neighbourhood Partnership

Clean, Green & Safe Action Group

Tuesday 7th September @ 2.30pm

North Edinburgh Local Office

1. Attendance

George Gordon, Fred Marinello (Granton & District CC), Roy Douglas (Muirhouse Salvesen CC), Ina Kruk (Trinity CC), Donald Martin (Muirhouse HA), Sergeant Ian Gourlay (Police), Mandy Rudden, Steven Cuthill, Ruth Stanley, Peter Strong (all CEC)

2. Apologies

Lana Kelly, Frances Kelly ((West Pilton West Granton CC), John Douglas (Muirhouse Salvesen CC), Clive Preston (Trinity CC)

3. Note of last meeting

Approved by IK and RD

4. Matters Arising

Dropped kerbs – PS reported that 38 letters had been sent to residents in Boswall Parkway, Avenue, Quadrant, Loan and Granton Crescent and Terrace, where Roads staff had noticed driveways. Of these 11 (29%) had responded, 3 of whom had a dropped kerb, 2 had no driveway, 2 would consider getting permission, 1 would remove the wood, and the remaining 3 gave various reasons for not seeking planning permission. GG reported that 4 new applications for planning permission for dropped kerbs had been received as a result of the letters. It was agreed to examine the driveways across from Granton school as part of the NEP bus trip.

Action PS

Muirhouse Park CCTV - MR reported that she had arranged a site meeting for the following Tuesday to look at options to increase lighting without having to get planning permission, and invited reps from Muirhouse Salvesen CC to attend.

5. NEP Update

PS advised that NP Board had agreed that to consider previous CGS recommendations by email and that to date he had received no queries or concerns with the recommendations.

MR spoke to the summary sheet circulated and noted the following:-

- project 32 (Boswall Terrace fencing) – 75% of residents in favour of higher fence

- Projects 36, 37 and 47 (Granton Crescent/Wardieburn Drive fencing) – consultation ongoing
- Projects 39 & 40 (Granton Medway/West Granton Road backgreens) – MR to liaise with Granton & District CC and RTO to progress consultation. **Action MR**

It was agreed that Roads projects would be prioritised on the bus trip.

Action PS

MR brought forward a new project proposal – Project 49 Boswall Avenue fencing. Proposal was to fit low level bow top fencing to a corner site which would complete all fencing in Boswall. This was scored at 10, and recommended to NP Board for approval. **Action PS**

6. Estate Walkabouts

MR advised that these took place every 6 months and that they were widely advertised. Agreed that MR should advise relevant CC's of walkabouts planned in their area for end October. IK advised that the Dudleys would like included for walkabout. **Action MR**

7. Environmental Wardens Update

RS presented and spoke to statistical information for July and August (attached with note of meeting). SC advised that he was working up a potential dog fouling initiative as part of a city-wide initiative covering publicity, enforcement and follow up. SC to keep Action Group advised of progress. **Action SC**

Problems with dog fouling in Granton Crescent were noted and RS advised that she currently had 4 council wards with 2 Environmental Wardens each, but that this would improve with the move of Leith NP area to City Centre, and that she was also able to deploy them flexibly if there were any particular hotspots. RD asked whether the Council would consider using volunteers or street champions, or promoting junior warden schemes which had been successful in other areas.

8. Community Safety Update

RS presented June and July's satisfaction returns (attached) and said she would check on complaint numbers. **Action RS**

9. Police Report

IG reported that there had been a number of incidents of youth disorder, anti-social behaviour and vandalism, and that these seemed opportunistic and untargeted. After a wide-ranging discussion on the criminal justice system it was agreed to put the Police report (and future Safer Neighbourhood Team prioritisation) higher up the agenda. **Action PS**

10. Victoria Park Consultation

SC presented a draft questionnaire on the use and priorities for Victoria Park. A number of additional suggestions were made and GG praised SC for the comprehensive nature of the survey. PS to present to next meeting of Trinity CC and seek further comments prior to issue. **Action PS**

It was also agreed to include a presentation on the results of the Edinburgh Parks survey at a future Action Group meeting. **Action SC**

11. Any other business

Weed treatments – SC advised that most of Forth had received 2 treatments this year, with a couple of areas around Trinity still to be completed. Because the chemicals used don't have a residual effect it is possible that some areas will re-appear after treatment, and SC asked that anyone noticing this report affected areas to him. **Action All**

West Pilton factoring – SC reported that he had attended a useful meeting with West Pilton residents who were concerned about the state of their privately owned estate. It had been established that the Council could provide a factoring service on behalf of the residents, providing they paid for it, and SC would continue discussions with the group.

Food Growing initiative – SC to provide a progress report to next Action Group meeting. **Action SC**

The group reported positive feedback from the community on street cleaning.

12. Date of next meetings

Tuesday 19 October at 6.30pm

Tuesday 30 November at 2.30pm