



**Inverleith Neighbourhood Partnership
Communications and Engagement Action Group
Minute of meeting held on 28th June 2009**

Present: Tina Woolnough (Craigleith/Blackhall Community Council), Martina McChrystal (CEC Services for Communities), Elaine Lennon (CEC Services for Communities), Anna Herriman (Services for Communities), Nicola Ross (Children and Families, CLD)

Apologies: Dave Pickering (Drylaw Telford Community Council), George Reavley (The Yard)

ITEM	ACTION
<p>1. Matters arising:</p> <p>1.1 NEN</p> <p>It was reported that the Board are looking at options to continue the project, including what projected savings might be made..</p>	
<p>2. Promotion of NPs:</p> <p>Anna reported that one major focus of the City Wide NP Convenors meetings is that they are looking at ways to make NP meetings less Council dominated including models of good practice elsewhere.</p> <p>Tina highlighted the fact that the Blackhall Community Association, for example, regularly attracts 70-80 local people to discuss issues that matter to them. Information is distributed door-to-door and keynote speakers are arranged on key issues.</p> <p>Items discussed:</p> <p>CGF - we should better promote the difference NPs have made through community grants funding (Outlook), as well as looking at the geographical spread of projects.</p> <p>NP Meetings - it was felt that the agendas did not lend themselves to allowing public questions, as these were often at end of meeting when time was tight. Martina to feed into agenda planning meeting.</p> <p>Events - it was agreed that a schedule of key local events should be</p>	<p>MM/EL</p> <p>MM</p>

<p>Martina reported that election process for CCs will start end August with notice of election, until 14th September when nomination period will close. If poll is required, this will be on 15th October.</p> <p>Nomination forms will be available from Returning Officers from end August and information will be on website soon? www.edinburghnp.org.uk/communitycouncils www.edinburghnp.org.uk</p> <p>We want to encourage individuals and groups to get involved in this, to become the voice of their community, and Elaine agreed to circulate information to mail list and to people who attended the conference including young people if age limit has been agreed. (Update from CC Liaison Officer – this decision will be made at Council meeting on 20th August)</p>	<p>EL</p>
<p>5. AOCB</p> <p>Litter picks taking place across city often used CEC equipment – need to promote this and let people know and write into local plan</p> <p>Green flag – for information Ravelston Woods part of bid with Corstorphine Hill being taken forward by Western NP.</p> <p>Battle of Bands / talent showcase in Ravelston Park? This was raised as possible idea to engage with local young people. Elaine to take to C&YP action group / CLD</p> <p>PA available for use – Anna reported that a new PA is now available for NPs to use for local events. Contact Elaine for more information.</p>	<p>EL</p>
<p>6. Date of next meetings:</p> <p>Monday 11th September 2009, 1pm, North Office</p>	