

**South West Neighbourhood Partnership
Funding Panel
4.30pm, Wednesday 13 January 2010
South West Neighbourhood Office**

In Attendance

Tom Crombie	Craiglockhart Community Council
Carol Swan	Sighthill, Parkhead & Broomhouse Community Council
Christine Doherty	CEC
Scott Neill (minutes)	CEC

Apologies

Hellen McDonough	Longstone Community Council
Bridget Stevens	Merchiston Community Council
Cllr Andrew Burns	Fountainbridge/Craiglockhart Ward
Louisa Jeffrey	Stenhouse Community Council

1. Welcome	
Scott Neill welcomed panel members and opened the meeting.	
2. Apologies	
Apologies were read out as above.	
3. Minutes/Matters Arising	
The pervious minutes were agreed.	
4. Fairer Scotland Funding	
<p>CD recapped the agreement taken at an earlier Funding Panel meeting in 2009 to continue to fund existing FSF projects in the SW area at the existing level till March 2011. However, a problem has arisen with one Employability activity agreed with the Community Empowerment Project which has now folded. This employability activity had been agreed by the funding panel to be delivered in the Calders area of the SWNP. With the loss of the CEP it was agreed to seek out an alternative service provider to deliver this work.</p> <p>The existing funding could be transferred to another similar project provider who was in receipt of FSF. The panel agreed the officers to look at alternatives. Local project Community One Stop was identified however further investigation discovered the complex commissioning rules prohibited this move. The caveat on this proposal was that any potential provider has to be already in receipt of a sum of FSF and that the level of fund being transferred must be 50% or less than the FSF award originally made. (Eg a project funded to a level of £100K could be awarded a piece of work around £46K in value).</p>	

<p>Two proposals were received Community One Stop and Chai, however only one met the exacting criteria according to the commissioning guidance, which was from CHAI. This proposal would investigate needs of unemployed young people and adults in the Calder area and set up baseline information which would deliver a piece of work in an area where no similar projects have taken place.</p> <p>The CHAI proposal would see them setting up an initiative in the community working with other providers and groups which would stand up to scrutiny and quality checks that will take place. The work and information provided would put this project in a stronger position for future developments in this area.</p> <p>Members of the funding panel questioned the commissioning criteria and the need to go out to commission if the proposal was not agreed.</p> <p>Discussion took place regarding the feeling that larger organisations are benefiting from their size and through this amount of funding (£46K). While smaller local groups who are perfectly capable of providing local services are losing out due to the commissioning legislation and when matching up the funding cannot reach the minimum funding requirement of £10K. The panel members present were reminded the FSF priority is to fund the best service delivery and outcome for the local community.</p> <p>It was agreed that since the FP had not met the Quorum of members the CHAI proposal and general issues should be moved onto the South West Business Meeting agenda for further discussion with the wider NP membership. Agreed by group</p>	
<p>5. Community Grant Fund Applications</p> <p>The draft Community Grants Fund report was discussed. The following recommendations were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. To award Craiglockhart Community Council £5,000 to finance the commission of a piece sculpture which will be sited near to the community's civic centre. Approved by Panel 	
<p>6. AOCB - None</p>	
<p>7. Date of next meeting</p> <p>The date of the next meeting to be arranged prior to the next scheduled Public meeting to be arranged.</p> <p>Venue will be the South West Neighbourhood Office.</p>	