

INVERLEITH

NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP



Inverleith Neighbourhood Partnership - Joint NEP meeting

Final minutes of meeting held on 3rd March 2009, NELO 8 West Pilton Gardens.

Present:

Thomas Brown (Drylaw / Telford Community Council),
Judy Conn (Friends of George V and Scotland Yard Parks),
Alex Dale (Drylaw Telford Open Spaces Group),
Liam Keegan (Craigleith / Blackhall Community Council),
Richard Percival (Fettes Rise Proprietors Association),
Eddie Thorn (Craigleith / Blackhall Community Council),
Mark Rodgers (CEC Services for Communities),
Elaine Lennon (CEC Services for Communities)

Apologies:

Peter Strong (CEC Services for Communities),

1. Welcome and Introductions

Mark welcomed the group.

2. Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising

TB reported that Edinburgh and Lothian's Grenspace Trust had not yet received written confirmation of the amounts (£29k and £40k) previously allocated to Drylaw Telford. MR to ensure this is rectified.

MR

Minutes were proposed by TB and seconded by ET.

3. Draft processes for discussion

Revised paper was circulated and the following changes were agreed:

It was also agreed that a guidance note should be circulated to aid proposers in submission of projects for consideration, to ensure that submissions meet eligibility criteria.

MR/EL

Project submission

Item 1.1 – add 'groups which meet full CEC funding criteria'

NEP suggestion form (appendix 1)

- Under project suggestion – include guidelines to help proposer know of criteria

etc

- Under Has there been community consultation? – add Please give evidence, for example a letter of support.'

NEP Eligibility criteria (appendix 2)

- Clarify what criteria MUST be satisfied to enable a project to move to scoring stage by moving key factors from scoring sheet where necessary.

Scoring criteria (appendix 3)

- Remove item 1 as this is in criteria for all projects
- At 2 – give general guidance as to what we mean by 'substantial'
- Expand item 4
- Reword item 5 – When did this area being identified last receive any investment?
- Item 6 – weighting 15
- Item 8 – remove cost-benefit analysis form scoring and use to make decisions once scoring has been agreed
- Item 10 – add 'or are there any potential developments you know of?'

Consultation

Items 3.2 and 3.3 – replace 'may be' with 'will be' subject to ... and add 'unless this group is satisfied that there is evidence that adequate consultation has taken place within previous 12 months'

Other

It was also agreed to add that MR would, once scoring had been completed, check with other local Managers as well as relevant Central Departments to see whether it was known if this area had been identified for future investment.

It was agreed that once the initial bank of projects had been scored, the group would agree scoring thresholds, where projects would either be recommended or put on waiting list.

It was also agreed that MR would explore option of top-slicing an agreed amount (£20k) from annual budget to enable a faster track system for smaller projects (under £2,500) from waiting list. MR to produce paper for next meeting.

MR

<p>5. Current / ongoing projects and proposals</p> <p>It was agreed that the existing list of proposals would be put through this process once agreed, and appropriate projects would be scored.</p> <p>An update on work carried out plus expenditure of the £20k top-sliced streetscape work was requested for next meeting and as regular updates from there.</p> <p>It was also agreed to request an update on NEP work in Saunders Street, with photographs of work, detail on consultation and expenditure to date. It was also agreed that future work here should be put through the above process.</p>	<p>MR</p> <p>MR</p>
<p>6. Any other business</p> <p>A number of dates were proposed for drive-around of area, to give members an overview of roads and to identify proposed project areas. 2nd May 2009 was agreed as preferred option (Saturday morning from 9am).</p> <p>EL to explore local transport opportunities. (DNC bus not available on Saturdays)</p>	<p>MR</p> <p>EL</p>
<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>The following dates are now agreed.</p> <p>21th April 2009, 6pm, North Local Office 9th June 2009, 6pm, North Local Office 28th July 2009, 6pm, North Local Office</p>	