

West End LCPP Meeting 23rd May 2024

Blackness Library

Draft Minute

1. Paul welcomed all to the meeting and apologies were noted

Present

Paul Thompson	DCC
Neil Brady	DCC
Cllr Fraser Macpherson	DCC
Cllr Michael Crichton	DCC
Christine Rea	DCC

Apologies

Cllr Nadia El-Nakla	DCC
Gary Langlands	West End Community Council
Graeme Melvin	SFRS
Anne Lesley	DWA
Stewart Steen	DCC
Fiona Reekie	DCC
Cllr Bill Campbell	DCC

2. Previous Minutes & Matters Arising

Typos noted and corrected

No further contact from Covis Memorial Garden, it was agreed that due to limited CFR funds and that Coldside may provide most funds for the project

Children & Families

Meeting with School and family development workers did not progress to any holiday provision due to staff shortages and limited hours.

However, engagement with school staff has led to the implementation of a Family After School Club in June

3. LCPP Review

Discussion about representation at the partnership, with it being suggested that all departments of DCC provide a named person and a depute to attend

Attendance has been low at meetings, and it was noted that this is often dependent on the individual and their commitment to the partnership and often, when people leave or move to another post there is no further input.

Venue and times of meeting will also require a review

Fraser will speak to someone from a sheltered housing complex for representation

Christine is planning to contact all on the mailing list to confirm they are still an appropriate contact and if they wish to remain on the list

Having a presence in the Ward was also discussed, Christine is in negotiation with the gate church to be based there one morning a week and The Friary has kindly offered a room on Wednesday afternoons. It was agreed that this will be beneficial for the partnership

Ryehill Police Station was also raised as a possible shared workspace, Fraser will speak to Police Scotland as this has previously been discussed as part of Police Scotland's property rationalisation

Christine will contact groups within key themes in the plan to ensure they are still relevant

4. Community Regeneration Funds

Currently one application submitted for the Christmas Fortnight

Steven Page is providing lighting for the event and an application is being submitted to the Festive Fund from West fest to cover this

Christmas Fortnight Committee will not be asking local businesses for donations this year, this will be done by Westfest,

5. Community Wishes

We had intended to provide a preview of the portal for the partnerships prior to the launch at the end of June unfortunately due to changes in the IT systems this will not be available, but the launch will still go ahead at the end of June

Update

Neil advised that ground maintenance are 6 weeks into the summer maintenance programme

Staff retirements have had an impact on progress and work is being prioritised to focus on hot spots at Seafeld Lane and Thompson Street

Refocusing on housing ground to improve services grass cutting and hedge trimming

6. Date and Time of Next Meeting 26th August 6pm venue to be confirmed