

Notice of meeting and agenda

Forth Neighbourhood Partnership Public Meeting

7.00 pm, Wednesday 25th May 2016

North Edinburgh Local Office – Conference Room 1*

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1. Order of business

- 1.1 Including any notices of motion and any other items of business submitted as urgent for consideration at the meeting.

2. Declaration of interests

- 2.1 Members should declare any financial and non financial interests they have in the items of business for consideration, identifying the relevant agenda item and the nature of their interest.

3. Deputations

Friends of Granton Castle Walled Garden Group

4. Minutes

- 4.1 Minutes of the Forth Neighbourhood Partnership Business Meeting of 03 February 2016 (circulated). Submitted for approval as a correct record.

5. Neighbourhood Partnership Business

- 5.1 Edinburgh People's Survey Results – Forth (Presentation)
- 5.2 North West Locality Development Update (Verbal Update)
- 5.3 Forth Neighbourhood Environment Programme 2015/16 (Verbal Update)
- 5.4 Forth Regeneration Activity Report (Report Circulated)
- 5.5 Forth Community Grants Fund 2015-16 (Report Circulated)

For Information - Referred by Police & Fire Scrutiny Committee – Scottish Fire & Rescue and Police Scotland Performance Updates ([Link to Reports](#))

6. Dates of Future Meetings

Wednesday 31st August 2016 at 7pm – Venue to be confirmed;

Wednesday 30th November 2016 at 2pm – Venue to be confirmed;

Further information

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Minutes

Forth Neighbourhood Partnership Public Meeting

2 pm Wednesday 3rd February 2016

West Pilton Neighbourhood Centre

Present

Cllr. Cammy Day	:	City of Edinburgh Council (Convener)
Cllr. Alan Jackson	:	City of Edinburgh Council
Cllr Vicki Redpath	:	City of Edinburgh Council
Richard Scott	:	Trinity Community Council
Willie Black	:	West Pilton West Granton Community Council
Liz Hair	:	West Pilton West Granton Community Council
Jen Richards	:	Voluntary Sector Representative
Stevie Sutherland	:	Police Scotland

In Attendance

Mandy Rudden	:	CEC SfC – Housing Regeneration Manager
Michelle Fraser	:	CEC SfC – Programme Manager (Regeneration)
Peter Strong	:	CEC SfC – North Neighbourhood Manager
Scott Donkin	:	CEC SfC – Partnership & Information Manager
Jim Pattison	:	CEC SfC – Partnership Development Officer
Christine Mackay	:	Total Craigroyston
Greg Cosgrave	:	CEC SfC – Housing Regeneration Officer

Apologies

Cllr. Cardownie (City of Edinburgh Council); George Gordon (Granton and District Community Council); Helen Bourquin (CEC CLD); Roy Douglas (Muirhouse & Salvesen Community Council).

1. Convener

1.1 Councillor Day convened the meeting.

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Deputations

None

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Decision:

To approve the minutes of Forth Neighbourhood Partnership Business meeting of 29 September 2015 as a correct record.

5. Neighbourhood Partnership Business

5.1 Forth Neighbourhood Environment Programme (NEP) 2014/15.

5.1.1 Update from Peter Strong – North Neighbourhood Manager.

The 2015/16 NEP programme approved by Forth Neighbourhood Partnership board on 23 June 2015 included a project at Boswall Drive/Crescent proposed by Granton & District Community Council. Although there were no objections to this project proceeding when initial consultation was carried out, residents indicating that they had not been previously consulted have raised objections, and guidance from the board was therefore sought on whether to proceed with the project in light of these objections.

5.1.2 Council staff and a representative from Granton & District Community Council visited residents in the immediate vicinity (1-27, 2-20 and 32 Boswall Crescent (see Appendix 1) to explain the proposal and seek resident's views. Of 25 residents, 14 were in favour of the proposal, 1 expressed some concerns but was cautiously supportive, and 1 was more concerned about a tree directly outside their property rather than the project itself. No specific objections were received.

5.1.4 Once the contractors started work on site, two objections were received from residents in Boswall Drive (not included in the initial consultation). These objections stated that they had not been consulted with, the area did not require any investment, and a specific concern about a bench being installed and dog walking area created.

5.1.4 Given the objections which have now been received, the decision was taken to temporarily halt the NEP project, and to refer to the NP board for a decision on whether to proceed or not.

5.1.5 Several local residents from the area of concern were in attendance and requested a local meeting – involving the community beyond the immediate vicinity of the park - to look at options. This was seen as a useful way of proceeding and Peter agreed to progress this.

Decision:

To hold a local meeting to look at options for the park and to invite attendance from the wider community.

5.2 Forth Regeneration Activity Report – Building New Futures

5.2.1 Consideration of Regeneration Activity report.

Michelle Fraser spoke to the previously circulated report that detailed activity from June 2015 – September 2015 in the three key areas of:

- Pennywell/Muirhouse
- Granton Waterfront
- Wider Forth Area.

Some of the key points outlined in the paper included:

Pennywell and Muirhouse

5.2.2 The programme of works to deliver the masterplan for this area is well underway. Points highlighted in the report included:

- Phase two of the Council's 21C Homes programme will commence in May 2016 and bring an additional 177 homes to the site behind Craigryston Community High School.
- Construction on the new NHS led partnership centre will start in Easter 2016 and bring select Council and NHS services together.
- The Council have applied for funding from the Scottish Government to redevelop parts of Muirhouse Shopping Centre.
- The Council are working in Partnership with North Edinburgh Arts and the Centipede project to develop some of the brownfield sites into areas of informal play and community growing.

Granton Waterfront

5.2.3 Regeneration activity within Granton Waterfront includes:

- EDI are reviewing their development strategy to bring forward a planning application this year on one or more sites.
- National Galleries are working with the Council to produce a development brief for their proposed National Collections Facility at Granton.
- Places for People have lodged a current planning application for the second phase of development off Waterfront Avenue.

- National Grid Property will bring forward development to the remaining plots that form the Western Villages, whilst marketing the disused Granton Gasholder for a restoring purchaser, as part of its application to demolish the structure.
- The latest masterplan for Granton Harbour was approved on the 21 December 2015 with the exception of the large retail/ leisure centre in the South East corner.
- Plot 27 on Granton Harbour has been acquired by Land Synergy Granton, a joint venture company made up of McTaggart Group Ltd and Land Synergy.
- Port of Leith Housing Association (POLHA) are hoping to lodge a planning application later this year for Plot 3 on Granton Harbour.

Physical – Wider area

5.3 Within the wider Forth area:

- The Council are progressing with their plans to deliver affordable housing through the 21st Century Homes programme on three small sites within the Forth Neighbourhood Partnership area.
- Alongside proposals to build new homes, the council are also developing a programme of improvement works to existing homes within the West Pilton area.

Economic – Access to education, training and employment

5.4 Through investment in development and regeneration in Forth, opportunities are provided to help unemployed people back into training and employment.

Decision:

To note the report circulated.

5.3 Forth Local Community Plan 2014-17

5.3.1 Consideration of Local Community Plan report.

Jim spoke to the previously circulated report.

The Partnership was reminded that progress made against the Local Community Plan priorities will be reported at each meeting.

Key points raised in the report included:

Increase Opportunities for all to live healthy lifestyles

A specific pilot project was agreed at a previous Partnership meeting to look at how to improve community use of West Pilton Park. Activity has included:

- A 'Friends of the Park' (West Pilton Park Action Group) group was established and a Facebook page set up. The group will work with strategic partners to implement changes suggested by consultation.
- A number of engagement activities took place, including a family picnic day, a sports centred family event, a Tea in the Park for older people and a Bark in the Park agility event for local dog owners
- The West Pilton Park Action Group continues to look at options to improve the park and learn from other initiatives in Edinburgh – including receiving a presentation on the work of 'Friends of Montgomery Street Park'.
- Discussions are also ongoing with a number of stakeholders to look at the re-instatement of a football pitch at West Pilton Park.
- The consultation phase has now been completed and the results fed back to the community in November/December.
- The next stage is to identify specific improvements and to look at how these can be supported and funded.

An exploratory meeting to look at establishing a health forum locally was held last year and it was agreed to set up a forum. The Forum has now met on a number of occasions and most recently hosted a presentation and discussion on the proposed Partnership Centre at Muirhouse.

The potential for dedicated voluntary sector space in the proposed Partnership Centre at Muirhouse has been raised with NHS Lothian.

The online Community Map continues to be promoted – to help raise awareness of health opportunities locally.

Improve employment opportunities – with a particular focus on young people

The Neighbourhood Partnership agreed to refer this priority to the Total Craigroyston (TC) Community Connections Group.

The Community Connections group held a session to identify good practice and where things were not working particularly well or where there were barriers.

A range of options have now been developed as specific actions and will be taken forward by the Community Connections group including:

- Focus on local mental health provision to ensure access to services is relevant and links with the employability agenda – a mental health wellbeing course is planned for July aimed at staff working with young people.
- Assist training has been run locally and a further session is being planned.

A North Edinburgh Employment and Information Fair was held in May in Muirhouse with approximately 300 job seekers attending.

Craigroyston Community High School is linking directly with Apex hotels and Urban Union in relation to courses offered in the curriculum.

An exploratory meeting to look at developing social enterprises locally was held in May.

Positively engage and support young people

The Neighbourhood Partnership agreed to refer this priority to the Total Craigroyston (TC) Guardians Group.

The Guardians Group continues to meet regularly and has agreed a number of actions specifically to support the agreed priority.

The North Edinburgh Young People's Forum continues to act as the 'Control' group for the YouthTalk initiative. The group will also act as ambassadors for the project and help promote the 'North' as a positive place for young people.

Stage 1 involved the flash poll where young people were asked to provide an opinion based on their views of local services aimed at young people and where improvements could be made. The flash poll and mapping process is now completed – having involved over 1200 young people.

A local Youth Talk event took place on Wednesday 24th June bringing together young people and adults to understand the outcomes to date and help shape future actions for improving how we best deliver a wide range of services.

A proposal to ring fence CGF funding to support youth decision making is being explored – and was referenced in the Community Grants Fund report on the agenda. It is hoped that by involving more young people in this process, there will be a greater emphasis on developing activities identified by young people - in conjunction with local agencies.

Improve the way we engage with and support our communities

A new programme of City Wide training was agreed for the coming year 2015-16 and Forth Community Councils were encouraged to attend as many of these sessions as possible. Similarly, details of training for 2016/17 will be publicised and local Community Councils encouraged to take up training opportunities.

Following consultation with local Community Councils it was planned to hold an induction event locally for new and inexperienced members of Forth Community Councils. It was hoped by holding it locally to encourage greater take up, and be more responsive to the needs of Forth Community Councils. A date for the session was set for 28 October and a programme developed, but unfortunately it had to be postponed due to low take-up. It is intended to explore with the Community Councils if they would like to set another date for local training.

DECISION:

Agreed - To note the content of the report and the progress made to date.

5.4 Forth Community Grants

5.4.1 The budget to be allocated in 2015/16 is £26,444 and grants of £24,638 have already been awarded, leaving a balance of £1,806.

5.4.2 Following discussion the NP agreed to the following awards of Community Grant:-

Polish Family Support Centre - £3,305

5.4.3 The NP noted that an application has been received from Granton Community Gardeners for consideration in respect of the 2016/17 budget and that an application is in development from the Granton Improvement Society.

5.4.5 Following these approvals the Community Grants fund budget has been fully allocated.

5.4.6 It was agreed that, on the assumption that Community Grant funding is available for 2015/16, 20% is ring fenced to support youth decision making. It is intended that by involving more young people in this process, there will be a greater emphasis on developing activities identified by young people and in conjunction with local agencies.

5.5 Referred Reports – Police Scotland & Fire Scrutiny Committee

A link to Scottish Fire & Rescue and Police Scotland Performance Updates **was provided.**(Reports at http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/meetings/meeting/3817/police_and_fire_scrutiny_committee)

DECISION:

Agreed - To note the reports.

5.6 Developing Local Green Spaces for Healthy Living – Presentations

5.6.1 **West Pilton Park** – Lianne Pipski and Clare Symonds presented on the outcomes of the consultation phase of this initiative and a look forward to some of the projects identified for development.

- During the consultation phase 140 people were interviewed on how they would like to see the park used and four themed consultation events were held that attracted 240 people. These were – a Teddy Bears Picnic for families with younger children, a ‘sporty’ event for young people, a tea in the Park for older people and a ‘Bark in the Park’ dog agility event for dog owners.
- People would like the park to be a safe welcoming place that can be used by the local community.
- The ideas put forward were realistic and a number of specific improvements/initiatives are currently in development - the group have worked closely with West Pilton Neighbourhood Centre throughout.
- They will now be calling a meeting of stakeholders to look at how to develop these ideas.
- Willie Black informed the meeting that the proposal to upgrade the astro-turf pitch at the Neighbourhood Centre is still being investigated but may involve having to source further funding.
- The Wanderers will be using the park for their home games and WPWGCC are in discussion with the Wanderers about utilising the area as a sports club - offering a range of activities – rather than just a football club.
- It was suggested that the ‘Pride’ dog fouling initiative could be re-established locally.
- Cllr Day thanked the group and highlighted that the Partnership would continue to support the initiative in any way possible to ensure positive outcomes.

5.6.2 **Forth Neighbourhood Environment Programme (NEP Fund)** – Greig Cosgrove – CEC Housing Officer presented on some of the projects developed across the Forth ward using the NEP programme.

- The budget for 2015-16 is £437K – seven projects completed; seven on site and 15 about to start.
- The community – including Community Councils and residents groups – are involved in identifying projects and local residents consulted before projects begin.
- Greig showed some before and after images to highlight the improvements created using the NEP fund.
- Willie said that in West Pilton the successful projects have been where local residents have been involved in developing the project and feel a sense of ownership.
- It was suggested that the need for ongoing commitment from local residents could be built into project criteria.

5.6.3 Granton Castle Walled Garden Group – Kirsty Sutherland presented on current and proposed activity by the group.

- Kirsty gave some background to the Garden which was originally created during the medieval period.
- The group was formed to try and bring Granton Castle's 'forgotten' Garden back into community use.
- The site is currently owned by EDI who plan to use it for housing development.
- The Friends group have had discussions with EDI about options for the Garden Group purchasing the site for community use.
- Willie Black informed the meeting that Granton Improvement Society has also had discussions with EDI about the possible purchase of the site for community use.
- The Partnership felt that there were different worthwhile community projects suggested and clarity would be helpful in terms of any commitment from EDI. Cllr Day suggested that he engage with EDI with a view to establishing a meeting with the Granton Castle Garden Group and Granton Improvement Society to look at options for developing the site for community use. Cllr Day highlighted that he was prepared to put this as a formal motion if necessary. Proposed by Cllr Day, seconded by Liz Hair and agreed by the Partnership.

- Willie also highlighted that the North Edinburgh Community Conference planned for 13 February 2016 will be looking at the issue of community land ownership. The plan is that it will become a 'standing conference' and ideas identified will be developed in coming years.

5.7 Public Questions

No formal public questions were submitted.

6. Dates of Future Meetings and Close of Business

There being no further business, the Convener closed the meeting, thanking all for their attendance.

Next meeting dates:

Wednesday 25th May 2016 at 7pm – Venue to be confirmed.

Wednesday 31st August 2016 at 7pm – Venue to be confirmed.

Wednesday 30th November 2016 at 2pm – Venue to be confirmed.

Forth Neighbourhood Partnership

Business Meeting – Wednesday 25 May 2016

Building New Futures

Regeneration in Forth – Progress Report

Item number 5.4

Report number - 7

Executive/routine - Routine

Wards 4 Forth

Executive summary

There are two large areas of housing-led regeneration currently taking place within the Forth Neighbourhood Partnership area, Pennywell/ Muirhouse and Granton Waterfront.

This report provides an update on regeneration activity within these areas, forming a standing agenda item at all Partnership meetings following agreement at the board meeting on 8 May 2014

Co-ordinating regeneration activity and reporting on progress within the key areas will help ensure that the physical, economic and social regeneration by the Council and its partners is closely aligned with community needs, helping to strengthen long term cohesion and future sustainability.

Regeneration in Forth – Progress Report

Recommendations

The Partnership is asked to note progress to date with regeneration activity across Forth.

Background

- 2.1 Due to a decline in industrial activity and port related use of land in the Waterfront, opportunity for mixed use regeneration on a large scale is available, helping to meet the city's growth needs, particularly for new housing.
- 2.2 Within the Local Development Plan, the Waterfront falls within one of the city's four strategic development zones, with Pennywell and Muirhouse identified as a large area of regeneration.
- 2.3 Masterplans and frameworks have been developed for Pennywell, Muirhouse and the Waterfront. The challenge is to achieve development that addresses physical, economic and social needs in an integrated way in order to achieve sustainable development and better outcomes for communities.
- 2.2 To date, regeneration activity across Forth is helping to create new opportunities for existing and emerging communities alongside much needed investment in the area.

Main report

- 3.1 This report provides an update within three key areas as outlined below:
 - Pennywell/ Muirhouse
 - Granton Waterfront
 - Wider Forth Neighbourhood

Pennywell and Muirhouse

- 3.2 The programme of works to deliver the masterplan for this area is well underway:
 - The first Phase of regeneration (193 homes) which will bring over 700 new homes to Pennywell/ Muirhouse is almost complete with another eleven

residents moving into their new homes this month. Phase two will commence in summer 2016 and bring an additional 177 homes to the site located behind Craigroyston Community High School.

- Construction of the new NHS led partnership centre started on the 2 May 2016 and will open its doors to the community in winter 2017. This building will be located off Pennywell Gardens and will bring together select NHS and council service. A monthly newsletter will go out to the community to keep them updated on progress and information on the centre will be displayed on the site hoarding and in local venues.
- The Council have been successful in securing around £1.5 million funding from the Scottish Government to redevelop parts of Muirhouse Shopping Centre. This money will be used to create a new civic heart within this community which will include demolition of select areas of the existing structure and the creation of new public realm. Consultation surrounding plans for this area will take place over the next few months with works commencing early next year.
- The Council are working in Partnership with North Edinburgh Arts and the Centipede project near Muirhouse Avenue to provide additional areas of informal play and soft landscaping. This work will further enhance this area for temporary community use until construction on phase three of new homes starts in 2017
- MHA has committed to an investment programme for the next three years. Their three year investment plan will enable them to invest in their stock and estates and continue to deliver and maintain a strong commitment to improving their homes and community. Their first year investment will include new boilers, kitchens, fans and smoke detectors. These will be in Muirhouse Drive, Pennywell Gardens and parts of Muirhouse Park. They will consult with their tenants throughout the investment programme.
- A development group (IMP) which brings together community representatives and those carrying our regeneration activity within Pennywell/ Muirhouse and the surrounding areas meet regularly, providing opportunity for input/ partnership working across this programme of works. The IMP is a sub group of the Forth Neighbourhood Partnership.

Granton Waterfront

3.3 The following provides a brief update on regeneration activity within Granton Waterfront:

Central Development Area

- EDI own approximately 14 hectares of land within Granton Waterfront and are preparing to carry out an extensive feasibility study and produce development plans for the autumn of this year. These plans are proposed to be used for consultation and will form the basis for a masterplan and planning application.
- At the Forth Neighbourhood Partnership meeting on 3 February 2016, concerns were raised by respective community groups regarding access to the walled garden which is within the central development area and also future plans by the current landowners EDI to develop this for housing.
- It was agreed at the NP meeting that Cllr Day would follow this up by bringing together the respective parties to help clarify current and future proposals for this site. This meeting was held on the 15 April 2016 with resulting actions currently being followed up. Reference was made at this meeting by community members to the Community Empowerment Act and the potential impact this may have going forward. The Council are currently considering the guidance associated with implementing the act and will form a response to the Scottish Government which will be shared with the partnership at a future meeting.
- Places for People are delighted to be progressing with the next phase of their development at Granton Waterfront. A Planning application has been submitted for the next phase of 100 homes off Waterfront Avenue providing a mix of family homes and apartments. Planning application is expected in the summer with a start on site thereafter.
- National Galleries carried out community consultation in March 2016 to inform a development brief for their proposed National Collections Facility at Granton. A report seeking approval of a Place Brief to guide the development of this facility will be presented to Planning Committee on Thursday 19 May, a link to the report and supporting documents can be found [here](#) or by visiting the Council's Planning Portal.

Granton Harbour

- McTaggart Construction are working towards a site start late summer on Granton Harbour, which will provide 132 homes for sale within this area.
- Port of Leith Housing Association (POLHA) are hoping to lodge a planning application later this year for Plot 3 on Granton Harbour. POLHA will be consulting with the community as part of this process.

Forth quarter

- National Grid Property are continuing to work towards bringing forward development to the remaining plots at Forthquarter. They will be marketing the disused Granton Gasholder alongside the wider site to see if an appropriate restoring purchaser is prepared to take on the wider site as a specific vehicle to restore the listed gasholder structure. Once resolved, either through restoration or demolition, this will help to unlock the wider former gasworks site for redevelopment.
- 3.4 The Granton Waterfront Development Group which brings together landowners and developers with community representatives will take place summer 2016. Further information regarding this meeting will be sent out to group members, with a date set to maximise community input into any proposals coming forward.

Physical – Wider area

- 3.5 Within the wider Forth area:

Small sites programme

- The Council are progressing with their plans to deliver affordable housing through the 21st Century Homes programme on three small sites within the Forth Neighbourhood Partnership area. Crewe Road Gardens – former depot; Royston Mains Avenue – former school site and West Pilton Grove – former children’s centre.
- A report seeking approval to place an order with a house builder to enable the redevelopment of these sites was approved on 2 February 2016 by the Finance & Resources Committee. The site at West Pilton Grove is in the first phase of the programme and a community drop in event was held on 12 April 2016. A planning application has now been submitted to build 29 affordable houses on the site.

West Pilton

- Alongside proposals to build new homes, the council are also developing a programme of improvement works to existing homes within the West Pilton area. This will build on the investment of over £7 million that has gone into improvements within existing homes within Forth over the past 7 years, aimed at improving energy efficiency and reducing fuel poverty.

Economic – Access to education, training and employment

- 3.6 Through investment in development and regeneration in Forth, opportunities are provided to help unemployed people back into training and employment. Community benefits are currently being delivered through the regeneration activity underway in Pennywell/ Muirhouse. To date through phase one of the 21C Homes programme, there have been 28 new entrant/apprentice positions, nine of which have been taken up by residents of EH4, 18 within Edinburgh as a whole and one outwith. In addition, there have been 77 work placements, 37% taken up by residents within EH4, 49% within Edinburgh as a whole and 14% outwith.
- 3.7 The delivery of new homes on the three small sites identified within section 3.5 will bring additional community benefits to the area alongside those provided through construction of the NHS led partnership centre. Progress on this will be reported through future Partnership meetings.

Measures of success

- 4.1. The regeneration in Forth is aimed at meeting the social, economic and physical needs of the area in an integrated and sustainable way. Key indicators of overall success will include:
- The completion of development as laid out in the masterplan and frameworks for the areas of focussed regeneration within Pennywell/ Muirhouse and Granton Waterfront.
 - The delivery of community benefits in line with targets set out within this and future reports.
 - The continuation of delivery of high quality affordable homes within the Forth area
 - The completion of improvements to existing homes.
 - Maintaining effective community engagement, development and delivery of plans in line with community needs and aspirations.

Financial impact

- 5.1. There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

Risk, policy, compliance and governance impact

- 6.1. Risks will be managed through the governance and project management arrangements that have been put in place for each project within the overall programme.

Equalities impact

- 7.1. There are no negative equalities or human rights impacts arising from this report.
- 7.2. The new homes will contribute to meeting the affordable housing need identified in the Lothian's Housing Need & Demand Assessment and set out in the City Housing Strategy 2012-2017 approved by Health, Social Care and Housing Committee on 13 December 2011.
- 7.3. The construction of the homes, public realm and partnership centre within Pennywell, Muirhouse and West Pilton will meet the diverse needs of people in existing and future communities and can assist in promoting social cohesion and inclusion.
- 7.4. The construction and resulting homes and services will bring custom to local businesses, supporting the local economy and securing jobs in the city

Sustainability impact

- 8.1. There are no adverse environmental implications arising from this report.
- 8.2. This project will allow for the construction of energy efficient homes which will have a lesser impact on the environment and which will increase the city's resilience to climate change.

Consultation and engagement

- 9.1. Community consultation has been key to the development of masterplans and frameworks in order to take forward regeneration plans to date.
- 9.2. Improving Muirhouse and Pennywell (IMP) is a group which brings together key stakeholders to guide future development within this area.
- 9.3. The Granton Waterfront Development Group aims to bring the community together with those that own land and those that are developing within this area. Improving communication and creating a forum where information can be shared more freely with all stakeholders involved.

9.4. It is our aim and intention to fully consult the community on any aspect where there is an opportunity to shape future plans and development, this will be supported by the North Partnership & Information Team using the recently adopted Consultation Framework.

Background reading / external references

[Forth Neighbourhood Partnership Website](#)

[Second Proposed Edinburgh Local Development Plan](#)

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Links

Coalition pledges	<p>P08 – Make sure the city’s people are well-housed, including encouraging developers to build residential communities, starting with brownfield sites</p> <p>P33 – Strengthen Neighbourhood Partnerships and further involve local people in decisions on how Council resources are used</p> <p>P36 – Develop improved partnership working across the capital and with the voluntary sector to build on the “Total Craigroyston” model</p>
Council outcomes	<p>CO7 - Edinburgh draws new investment in development and regeneration</p> <p>CO8 -Edinburgh’s economy creates and sustains job opportunities</p> <p>CO9 – Edinburgh residents are able to access job opportunities</p> <p>CO10 – Improved health and reduced inequalities</p> <p>CO16 - Well-housed – People live in a good quality home that is affordable and meets their needs in a well managed Neighbourhood</p> <p>CO17 - Continue efforts to develop the city’s gap sites and encourage regeneration</p> <p>CO19 - Attractive Places and Well Maintained – Edinburgh</p>

Single Outcome Agreement

remains an attractive city through the development of high quality buildings and places and the delivery of high standards

CO23 – Well engaged and well informed – Communities and individuals are empowered and supported to improve local outcomes and foster a sense of community

CO24 – The Council communicates effectively internally and externally and has an excellent reputation for customer care

SO1 – *Edinburgh's economy delivers increased investment, jobs and opportunities for all*

SO2 – *Edinburgh's citizens experience improved health and wellbeing, with reduced inequalities in health*

SO3 – *Edinburgh's children and young people enjoy their childhood and fulfil their potential*

SO4 – *Edinburgh's communities are safer and have improved physical and social fabric*

Forth Neighbourhood Partnership

Public meeting - 7pm, Wednesday 25th May 2016

Community Grants Fund 2016/17

Item number	5.5
Report number	
Executive/routine	
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Executive summary

This report provides details of Community Grants Fund applications made to the Forth Neighbourhood Partnership. £26,444 has been allocated to the Forth Neighbourhood Partnership for small projects progressing one or more of the local Community Plan priorities.

This report summarises applications received and makes recommendations for funding.

A total of 8 applications have been received to date and if all approved in full, would commit £24,637 Leaving a balance of £1,807 for the remainder of 2016/17.

If the recommendations are approved, this would commit £23,137 Leaving a balance of £3,307 For the remainder of 2016/17.

Links

Coalition pledges	P33
Council priorities	CP1, CP2, CP4
Single Outcome Agreement	SO2, SO3, S04

Community Grants Fund 2016/17

Recommendations

To recommend that the Forth Neighbourhood Partnership:

- 1.1 Approves the recommendations in Appendix 1
- 1.2 Notes the balance remaining 2016/17

Background

The Forth Neighbourhood Partnership Community Grants Fund exists to progress small, local projects in the Forth area that progress one or more of the outcomes in the Local Community Plan.

Grants of up to £5,000 are available to local, constituted groups for projects that meet the criteria.

The CGF budget for allocation in 2016/17 is £26,444

Main report

- 3.1 Forth Neighbourhood Partnership has a CGF budget for allocation in 2016/17 of £26,444

In order to help as many organisations as possible the Neighbourhood Partnership currently recommends that applications should normally be for a maximum of £3,000.

- 3.2 Applications totalling £24,637 are promoted for consideration in this report, as detailed below:
- 3.3 **Granton Community Gardeners (FNP/01/2016-17)** has applied for £2,650 towards supporting and resourcing two back greens in the Wardieburn area, hoping to benefit 300 local people.

Residents around these back greens are keen to develop their shared spaces and to cultivate food growing plots. They need some shared resources to help them do this – tools and storage as well as work to clear weeds and mend fencing.

They also plan at least one community event in each area to strengthen communication with local resident to raise awareness and to encourage involvement.

Granton Community Gardeners would support these groups and this grant would pay for workshop leaders and community development work (19 weeks x 6 hours x £15 = £1710), tools, plants and materials (£720) and community events and publicity (£220)

This proposal progresses the Forth NP outcome of 'increasing opportunities for all to live healthy lifestyles' and 'Improve the way we engage with and support our communities' and a grant of £2,650 is recommended.

Grant Requested: £2,650

Recommended: £2.650

CGF Activity in last 2 years: £NIL

- 3.4 **North Edinburgh Childcare (FNP/02/2016-17)** has applied for £2270 to provide physical and outdoor activities for children attending Forthview Primary Out of School Care, from 1st July to 17th August 2016.

Activities such as dance, judo and climbing would be provided to help remove barriers to families unable to access such activities, and hope to benefit 80-90 children.

This grant would pay for dance, judo and football tutor costs (6 sessions each = £780), swimming, snow tubing, ice skating and climbing sessions (9 sessions in total = £889.80) and 2 coach trips (£600). North Edinburgh Childcare would contribute £350.84 for sessional staff and transport costs.

This proposal progresses the Forth NP outcome of 'increasing opportunities for all to live healthy lifestyles' and a grant of £2,270 is recommended.

Grant Requested: £2,270

Recommended: £2,270

CGF Activity in last 2 years: £NIL

- 3.5 **Granton Youth Centre – North Edinburgh Alcohol Initiative Collaborative (NEAIC) (FNP/03/2016-17)** has applied for £5000 to provide a three pronged person centred approach for young people aged 12-18 years, built on mutual trust and respect. The NEAIC was developed in response to tackling alcohol issues amongst young people and functions as a collaborative involving Granton Youth Centre, Muirhouse Youth Development Group and Pilton Youth & Children's Project. This proposal will involve all three projects hence the NEAIC being used as the vehicle to manage the project.

The proposal aims to build on the outcomes of YouthTalk and in particular, divert young people away from risk taking behaviours. The main approaches will involve:

- a) A detached street work team of established youth workers who engage with young people on the streets and in the parks, to raise awareness of risk taking behaviours and therefore to minimise harm. This element aims to tackle the potential increase of risk taking behaviour over the summer period as young people are out of their usual routine.
- b) Diversionary outdoor education, through Streetgames programme. Focussed activities will take place during the day, usually a Saturday, finishing when the HUB is due to begin. These activities encourage young people to challenge their behaviour and keep themselves safe using informal education.
- c) The HUB, an open provision group based at PYCP which is open at times when young people are at risk of possible harmful and risk taking behaviours. The HUB provides healthy, nutritional food every evening, as well as sport and leisure opportunities for young people.

Full project costs are £14,040 for staffing (6 staff x 2 evenings per week x 6 months x £15 = £12,960) and contribution towards heat and light (£1,080) and a total of £9,040 would be funded by partner organisations. Future funding is being sought to sustain this model beyond the next 6 months. Approximately 230 young people are expected to benefit from this project, many of whom are well known to the authorities and support agencies locally.

This proposal progresses the Forth NP outcomes of 'positively engaging and supporting young people' and 'increasing opportunities for all to live healthy lifestyles' it also supports the developing outcomes from the YouthTalk initiative and a grant of £3,500 is recommended.

Grant Requested: £5,000

Recommended: £3,500

CGF Activity in last 2 years: £780 2015/16 to fund a fun day event and summer activities

3.6 Royston Wardieburn Community Centre (FNP/04/2016-17) has applied for £2,741 to provide a 6 week holiday programme for children and families on a low income.

This project would provide 1440 places for families in Royston, Wardieburn, Granton and East Pilton with a programme of sports, games, arts and trips and

aims to take the financial strain of families by removing barriers of cost and transport.

By offering family trips, parents will be able to go with their children to places they wouldn't be able to access, to spend quality time in a safe environment.

The total project would cost £7541, and match funding would be provided from CLD (£2,800), HAF (£1000) and fundraising (£1000). The grant would contribute towards youth worker costs (4 YW x 4 hrs x 18 sessions = £4467), healthy refreshments and arts materials (£624) and trips, fuel and entrance fees (£2450).

This proposal progresses the Forth NP outcomes of 'Improving the way we engage with and support our communities' and 'increasing opportunities for all to live healthy lifestyles' and a grant of £2,741 is recommended.

Grant Requested: £2,741

Recommended: £2,741

CGF Activity in last 2 years: £1000 in 2014/15 to contribute to Summer Blast

- 3.7 **Royston Wardieburn Community Centre (FNP/05/2016-17)** has applied for £3,231 to provide a six month 'Spring chickens' programme of activities for local older adults.

Following a successful pilot project that attracted 18-24 people, a programme will include transport, a light lunch, trips as well as physical, social and recreational activities in a safe environment. This project aims to reduce isolation and improve physical, emotional and mental wellbeing.

This grant would contribute towards total project costs of £4231, and would fund transport costs (£1800), Educational Support Worker (4 hrs x 20 sessions, plus 6 trips x 6 hrs = £1541), tutor costs (2 hrs x 6 sessions = £240), lunches (£40 x 26 sessions = £1040). RWCC would contribute £1500 towards this project.

This proposal progresses the Forth NP outcomes of 'Improving the way we engage with and support our communities' and 'increasing opportunities for all to live healthy lifestyles' and a grant of £2,730 is recommended.

Grant Requested: £2,730

Recommended: £2,730

CGF Activity in last 2 years: £1000 in 2014/15 to contribute to Summer Blast

- 3.8 **North West Carers Centre - (FNP/06/2016-17)** has applied for £3,400 to produce and distribute a Carers Information Pack for each carer in Forth.

The pack aims to reduce isolation, to reach more carers, to raise awareness of the support available for carers and to be simple and jargon free to ensure that

people who speak English as a second language or have literacy problems are not excluded.

This grant would pay for printing and production costs (£3,000) and postage and stationary (£400). There is no other income for this project.

This proposal progresses the Forth NP outcomes of 'Improving the way we engage with and support our communities' and a grant of £3,400 is recommended.

Grant Requested: £3,400

Recommended: £3,400

CGF Activity in last 2 years:

3.9 North Edinburgh Arts Centre (NEAC) - (FNP/07/2016-17) has applied for £2,996 towards 'Kraftworks', a recycling arts and crafts group.

The drop-in arts and crafts group for adults, aims to fill an identified gap in creative provision for local adults in the Centre, and would run for 19 weeks.

Tasters that have been offered have specifically attracted a diverse group of people including those with disabilities, mental health issues and those from ethnic backgrounds, and the aim is to raise awareness of environmental issues.

This grant would pay for Lead Artist (19 wks x 2 hrs x £45 = £1710), Volunteer costs (£4.50 = £171), Arts materials (£285), Contribution to NEAC for heating and lighting / session refreshments and marketing (£830). NEAC would contribute £572 for project management, reporting, insurance, marketing officer time.

This proposal progresses the Forth NP outcomes of 'Improving the way we engage with and support our communities' and 'increasing opportunities for all to live healthy lifestyles' and a grant of £2,996 is recommended.

Grant Requested: £2,996

Recommended: £2,996

CGF Activity in last 2 years: £996 towards set design for Pennywell Tenement Opera in 2014/15

3.10 Muirhouse Youth Development Group (MYDG) – (FNP/08/2016-17) has applied for £2,850 to support The North Edinburgh youth work games. The games brings young people from across North Edinburgh together for two days to engage in ten events which include canoeing, swimming (on Loch Tay) cross country run, tandem bike ride, tree climb, archery, obstacle course, long jump, tug of war and swamp football.

MYDG work in partnership with Granton youth centre, Pilton Youth and children's project, Spartans Community Football Academy, Fetlor, Citadel Youth Centre to ensure young people from across the neighbourhood can participate. My Adventure will also be a partner of the event and will provide all the qualified instructors from the area to lead the activities.

This event gives the young people a chance to meet other young people they would not normally mix with, gain confidence through participation, friendship, teamwork skills and try out new activities in a new environment. Support staff also work with a group of young volunteers on the run up to the event to train them in communication skills and help them to be part of the staff team at the youth work games.

The funding will support all non staffing aspects including the provision of Marquee (£200), Portaloos (£700), Coach hire (£650), T-Shirts & Medals (£750), Band hire (£300), refreshments (£250)

It is anticipated 90 young people from North Edinburgh will be attending the event, with an added volunteer group of 15 young people that have engaged with MYDG.

This proposal progresses the Forth NP outcome of 'positively engaging and supporting young people' and a grant of £2,850 is recommended.

Grant Requested: £2,850

Recommended: £2,850

CGF Activity in last 2 years:

£1,000 to support Total Craigryston Youth Employment Readiness initiative in 2014/15

£2,990 to support North Edinburgh Youth Games in 2015/16

Measures of success

- 4.1 The Community Grants Fund (CGF) aims to encourage small scale activity that benefits local communities and supports the work of the Neighbourhood Partnership (NP) and its community plan. The success of the awards will be measured through addressing NP priorities and through the NP's Performance Framework.

Financial impact

- 5.1 The Forth Neighbourhood Partnership CGF had an opening budget of £26,444 available for allocation in 2016/17.
- 5.2 If recommendations here are approved, a balance of £3,307 will remain.

Risk, policy, compliance and governance impact

- 6.1 There are no significant risk, policy, compliance and governance implications arising out of this report.

Equalities impact

- 7.1 Local community planning activity and the work of NPs contributes to the delivery of the Equality Act 2010 general duties of advancing equality of opportunity, eliminating unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and fostering good relations. This is evidenced through engagement strategies and plans which involve working with all partners and members of the community.

Sustainability impact

- 8.1 There are no adverse environmental implications arising from this report.

Consultation and engagement

- 9.1 Any constituted community or voluntary group can make a submission for a CGF award, detailing local benefits in the Forth area. Details of awards made are published on the NP website. The North Partnership and Information Team promote the award scheme through community contacts, community councils, local libraries and via social media.

Background reading / external references

More detail on the Forth Neighbourhood Community Grants Funding can be found on the Neighbourhood Partnership Website: www.edinburghnp.org.uk/Forth

Project applications in North Neighbourhood team files

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<u>Appendix 1 – CGF applications for consideration 2016/17</u> <u>Name of applicant group</u>	<u>Purpose of grant</u>	<u>Requested</u>	<u>Recommended</u>
Granton Community Gardeners (FNP/01/2016-17)	To develop and support two back greens in the Wardieburn area	£2,650	£2,650
North Edinburgh Childcare (FNP/02/2016-17)	To provide physical & outdoor activities for children attending Forthview Primary Out of School Care	£2,270	£2,270
Granton Youth Centre – North Edinburgh Alcohol Initiative Collaborative (FNP/03/2016-17)	To provide a three pronged programme of risk reducing activities for young people aged 12-18 years	£5,000	£3,500
Royston Wardieburn Community Centre (FNP/04/2016-17)	To provide a 6 week holiday programme for children and families on a low income.	£2,741	£2,741
Royston Wardieburn Community Centre (FNP/05/2016-17)	To provide a six month 'spring chickens' programme of activities for local older adults.	£3,231	£3,231
North West Carers Centre (FNP/04/2016-17)	To produce a carers information pack and a newsletter	£3,400	£3,400
North Edinburgh Arts Centre (FNP/07/2016-17)	To run an arts and crafts group with focus on environmental issues.	£2,996	£2,996
Muirhouse Youth Development Group (FNP/08/2016/17)	To support the North Edinburgh Youth Work games.	£2,850	£2,850
Balance 2016/17 as at £26,444			£23,137
Remaining balance if recommendations approved:			£3,307