Notice of meeting and agenda

Forth Neighbourhood Partnership Special Business Meeting

6.30pm, Thursday 23rd August 2018, North Local Office, 8 West Pilton Gardens, EH4 4DP

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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

None

4. Neighbourhood Partnership Business

- 4.1 Edinburgh Partnership Review Presentation and Discussion
- 4.2 Community Grants Funding Report circulated

5. Dates of Future Meetings

To be confirmed

Laurence Rockey

Head of Strategy and Insight

Committee Members

Councillors Bird, Campbell, Day and Gordon; Willie Black (West Pilton West Granton Community Council), Fred Marinello (Granton & District Community Council, Tim Parker (Trinity Community Council), Julie Smith / Dave Pickering (North Edinburgh Voluntary Sector Forum), Inspector Jonathan Elliot (Police Scotland), Mike Massaro-Mallinson (Health & Social Care) and James Melvin (Scottish Fire and Rescue Service).

Information about the Forth Neighbourhood Partnership

The Forth Neighbourhood Partnership consists of 4 Councillors representing Ward 4 (Forth). In addition, the Partnership includes representatives from the Police, NHS Lothian, the voluntary sector and four local Community Councils.

Further information

If you have any questions about the agenda or meeting arrangements, please contact: Elaine Lennon, Partnership Development Officer – Tel: 0131 529 5270 Email: elaine.lennon@edinburgh.gov.uk

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Forth Neighbourhood Partnership

Special business meeting – 6.30pm, Thursday 23rd August 2018

Community Grants Fund 2018-19

Executive summary

Item number 4.1

Report number Executive/routine

Wards Ward 4 - Forth

This report provides details of Community Grants Fund applications made to the Forth Neighbourhood Partnership. A total of £25,112 has been allocated 2018/19 to the Forth Neighbourhood Partnership for small projects progressing one or more of the Locality Improvement Plan priorities. Applications received to date have been summarised with recommendations for funding.

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Community Grants Fund Report 2018-19

Recommendations

- 1.1 Approves the recommendations in Appendix 1
- 1.2 Notes the balance remaining 2018/19 if recommendations are approved
- 1.3 Notes that all of the above recommendations will be referred to the North West Locality Committee for approval at its meeting on 11th September 2018.

Background

- 2.1 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 Locality Improvement Plan.
- 2.2 Grants of up to £5,000 are available to local, constituted groups for projects that meet the criteria.
- 2.3 The CGF budget for allocation in 2018/19 is £25,112

Main report

Current Applications

- 3.1 Forth Neighbourhood Partnership has a CGF budget for allocation in 2018/19 of £25,112. 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 One new application has been received totalling £1,963 and if recommendations are approved, this would leave a balance of £7,492.
 - Details of the applications are shown here and summarised in Appendix 1.

Friends of Granton Castle Walled Garden (NP10/9/18-19)

3.3 Friends of Granton Castle Walled Garden (NP10/9/18-19) have requested £1,963 to further develop its activities.

- 3.4 This group have hosted a range of community events in its first year of work, building a strong network of local partnerships and delivering twice weekly volunteer gardening sessions.
- 3.5 They seek to employ a sessional Project Coordinator (total £2,880, £1440 requested) to maintain and expand this programme, whilst they complete a business plan to secure longer term funding. Working alongside a Sessional Gardener, employed with separate funding, this person would develop more frequent gardening sessions, strengthen partnerships with local groups and deliver education programmes.
- 3.6 They also request funding to install a compost toilet in the garden (total £1045, £523 requested), to improve comfort and access for volunteers, as it is currently a ten minute walk to the nearest public toilet.
- 3.7 The garden is situated in Forth NP area, but the project also attracts many volunteers and members of the public from the Almond NP area. They estimate a 50/50 split, so this application, is for 50% of the costs of this project, and an equal application is being made to Almond NP.

3.8 CGF Activity in previous two years £NIL
Grant Requested £1,963
Grant recommended £1,963

Measures of success

4.1 The Community Grants Fund aims to encourage small scale activity that benefits local communities and supports the work of the NPs.

The success of the Neighbourhood Partnership Boards decision will be measured through Community Grants Fund awards addressing NP / LIP priorities and through the Locality Improvement Plan Performance Framework.

Financial impact

5.1 The Community Grants Fund for the Forth Neighbourhood Partnership amounts to £21,905 in 2018-19.

Should the recommended awards in this report be approved, grant funding allocated to date would total £17,620 and would leave a balance of £7,492.

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 the engagement strategies and plans which involve working with all partners and members of the community detail how barriers to engagement will be removed and seek to promote buy in across communities to common goals.

Sustainability impact

- 8.1 The impacts of this report have been considered in relation to the three elements of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 Public Bodies Duties and the outcomes are summarised below. Relevant Council sustainable development policies have been taken into account and are available to users online, therefore minimising the need for printing.
- 8.2 There are no adverse environmental implications arising from this report and the need to build resilience to climate change impacts is not relevant to the proposals in 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.
- 9.2 Participatory Budgeting and associated processes are specifically designed to enhance community engagement and consultation.

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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Links

Coalition pledges	P33 – Strengthen Neighbourhood Partnerships and further	
,	involve local people in decisions on how Council resources are	
	used.	
Council priorities	CP1 – Children and young people fulfil their potential	
	CP2 – Improved health and well being: reduced inequalities	
	CP4 – Safe and empowered communities	
Single outcome agreement	SO2 – Edinburgh's citizens experience improved health and well being, 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	
Appendices	1 - applications already approved 2016/17	
	2 - list of applications 2016/17	

Appendix 1	Projects approved to date 2018-19	
Edinburgh Diwali (NP10/01/18- 19)	To work with local primary schools to create Diwali lanterns	£1,500
Ama-zing Harmonies (NP10/02/18-19)	To run a community music and signing group	£3,000
Muirhouse Youth Development Group (NP10/03/18-19)	To support the Youth Work Games 2018	£1,750
Royston Wardieburn Communi Centre (NP10/04/18-19)	To organise a ten-week North Edinburgh Connections course	£788
Royston Wardieburn Communi Centre (NP10/05/18-19)	To offer summer and term time activities for older people	£3,000
Granton Hub (NP10/06/18-19)	To deliver an arts project with local organisations	£3,000
Lauriston Thistle AFC (NP10/07/18-19)	To purchase strips and equipment	£2,619
TOTAL		£15,657.00
Opening balance 2017-18		£25,112
Remaining balance:	£9,455	

Appendix 2 – CGF applications for consideration 23/08/18	Purpose of grant	Requested	Recommended
Name of applicant group			
Opening balance = £25,112			
Friends of Granton Castle Walled Garden	To employ a sessional Project Coordinator and install a compost toilet (50% costs)	£1,963	£1,963
TOTAL		£1,963.00	£1,963.00
Balance for allocation –			£9,455
Balance if recommendations are agreed -			£7,492