

Pentlands Neighbourhood Partnership (PNP) – Business Meeting 3 March 2010 Report to JGCC

Introduction

The PNP holds two kinds of meeting – the “Business” one in which the agenda covers items which are not likely to be of immediate interest to the general public and where the agenda for the next public NP is set, and the “Public” one, where matters of a more general interest to the public are presented and where the decisions taken at the business meeting are ratified in public.

3 March Meeting

1. Street Naming

We had a presentation on street naming – copies of the names in the naming “bank” for the Pentlands area available. There was a lively discussion about the rule that it would no longer be acceptable according to the Scottish Government (which I find very difficult to believe) to use area names like “Baberton Mains”, followed by the name of a street eg Avenue, Place, Crescent etc. Councillor Aitken pointed out that it was helpful to know what part of the city you were in by an area name. Our local councillors are the final arbiters unless there is a disagreement, in which case the proposed name goes to the Planning Committee of the CEC for a decision. CCs are no longer involved in the process, but they may, as anyone can, suggest names to the CEC. A link will be placed on the NP site to enable the public to do this. Judy Wightman of Ratho CC pointed out that sometimes it is necessary for there to be liaison between local councils on naming and she pointed out that “Bonnington” was about to be used in West Lothian and there are existing names in Leith. The street naming team will contact West Lothian.

2. Council Reports

- **Allotment Report** – (noted and sent to the PNP Environment and Transport Sub-Group)
- **Public Convenience Report** - (noted and remitted to PNP Environment and Transport Sub-Group)
- **TAC Outcome Report – (Tasking and co-ordinating)** – noted and to form basis of a future presentation at next public meeting)

3. Library Hub Development

Consultation event happening on 27 March.

Report from Norma McGeever – who attended on our behalf on 27 March.

Attended this meeting on the 27th March at Oxgangs library. There is a very warm friendly atmosphere at this venue. I personally would prefer this library to remain as it is. Keeping it maintained and updating computer systems. Ideal meeting room which could be used for presentations for limited numbers. Oxgangs Neighbourhood Centre, and Colinton mains community education centre, are helped by volunteers from the community. Both of them offering many activities to the local people. Oxgangs care day services for the elderly, provide support, and offer respite time for carers. This all contributes to a good sense of wellbeing in the area. NMcG.

4. SubGroup Reports

- a. **Funding Panel** – Full report available with NP papers, but it was agreed that JGCC be awarded £4000 – later upgraded to £4250.
- b. **Transport and Environment** – Actions are in place, members of the group to report as and when eg a management plan for Redford Woods and on transport, action planning still under development as most of the goals are long-term, so template is being adjusted to accommodate some short and medium term goals.
- c. **Health and Employment** – Currently focussing on mapping current mental health services in Clovenstone and Oxgangs. Liz Simpson NHS in lead. Support for carers to be publicised through Oxgangs Library Hub. Second focus is on parenting and family support to be given some funding from the Fairer Scotland Fund for research. Again publicising to be done through Oxgangs Library Hub.
- d. **Community Safety** – New group to be formed.
- e. **Area Board** - All new projects will be presented with the breakdown of the scoring system and officer comments supporting scoring/ weighting process. Key officers will be on hand to answer any questions from the Board. The Board have agreed to meet at the SWNO to encourage more buy-in from SW RTO groups and interested parties.

5. AOCB

Norman Tinlin queried whether funding was available to subgroups. For example, Balerno Community Council was used as a front to obtain funding for paths. Would the subgroup have the authority to apply for funding to assist in the running of their work.

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2 April
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