

South Neighbourhood Group Meeting

St Thomas of Aquins High School

3 September 2014

Chair: Moyra Wilson, Senior Education Officer

Minutes: Liz Leslie, Queensferry High School

Attendees:

Carol Kyle, HT, Bruntsfield Primary School
 Richard Napier, HT, Gilmerton Primary School
 Anne MacPhail, HT, Taobh na Pàirce
 Maureen Allan, HT, Preston Street Primary School
 Tommy Hughes, HT, St Thomas of Aquins RC High School
 Councillor Keith Robson, CEC
 Fiona Murray, HT, Prestonfield Primary School
 Richard Darke, Parent Council Rep, Gracemount Primary School
 Claire Wheeler, Parent Council Rep, Sciennes Primary School
 Amanda Bissett, Parent Council Rep, Gilmerton Primary School
 Lesley Gibson-Eaglesham, Parent Council Rep, Gracemount High School
 Audrey Gilmour, Parent Council Rep, James Gillespie's High School
 Craig Hilton, Parent Council Rep, South Morningside Primary
 Nicola Kehoe, Parent Council Rep, St Mary's RC Primary School
 Brenda McKenzie, Parent Council Rep, Gilmerton Primary
 Ailsa MacIntosh, Parent Council Rep, Taobh na Pàirce
 Louise Sinclair, Acting HT, Gracemount High School
 Councillor Norma Austin Hart, CEC
 Stephen Harrold, PC Rep, Gracemount High School
 Tony Giannopoulos Parent Council Rep, Bruntsfield Primary School
 Ian Willis, Parent Council Rep, Royal Mile Primary School

1	Welcome	Action
	Moyra Wilson welcomed the group to the meeting and introduced Crawford McGhie, Asset Planning Manager and Tina Sutherland, Communications Officer who were attending the meeting to present information on the Local Development Plan.	
2	Apologies received David Dempster, Boroughmuir HS Samantha Anderson, Prestonfield PS Alex Ramage, Prestonfield PS Cllr Steve Burgess, CEC Michelle Thomson, St Peters PS M. Hemmingway-Brunt, Liberton HS Juliet Harkin, St Thomas of Aquins RC HS Alison Noble, Sciennes PS	
4.	Local Development Plan It was agreed to take this item first on the agenda. Crawford McGhie from Asset Planning went through a presentation to the group on the 2 nd Proposed Local Development Plan. The key points from the presentation are as follows (presentation and documents can be accessed online) :- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local development plans are prepared every 5 years and the action programmes are updated every 2 years. • The latest review highlighted a shortfall of 8,484 units • The plan needs to be approved by the Scottish Government and is expected to be adopted in February 2016 although 	

	<p>developers will start putting in plans before this</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accompanying action plans for all infrastructure proposals are updated as frequently as required but certainly every two years • There are drop in sessions for the public at various sites and dates and these can be accessed on the website (Gilmerton on 4/9). Any representations from the public must be replied to. • The Educational Infrastructure Appraisal only applies to new sites but the Action Plan covers all LDP sites. • Asset Management work with Education colleagues to look at what educational provision will be required for the new sites and actions are then compiled grouped in contribution zones across the city. Developers will be required to contribute to the cost of the provision of adequate school accommodation In answer to a query from Cllr Austin Hart, Crawford confirmed that although developers contributions should cover costs, there is an inherent risk and it cannot be guaranteed that CEC would not be required to contribute therefore an Action Group has been set up to minimise this risk. Crawford confirmed that there is no mechanism for funding from the Scottish Government • In this neighbourhood, 2000 units have been proposed in this Local Development Plan. • The contribution zones for the South are Gilmerton and Liberton • Feasibility studies will need to take place to determine the best place for the investment of £6.5K in secondary school. It was noted that at a community meeting with developers, they had stated that they have never agreed to fund high schools with their contributions. • Cllr Robson advised the meeting that plans for development at Craighouse had been agreed that night. • Crawford confirmed that although planners have determined that these are the best sites, other plans can be put forward that are not in the LDP. • Cllr Austin Hart asked if the 260 additional secondary school pupils took into account the bounce back from non-baptised RC school pupils. The figure does not and there will be approximately 46 additional pupils in this category • The documentation has been online since June 2014 to allow for representations to be made <p>There were a number of queries about the presentation :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If developers pull out will schools still be delivered? This will be up to the Action Group to decide • How long does a feasibility study take? Will be taking place over the next six months with schools being delivered in the next 3 years • Developments of required infrastructure may be phased • Moyra was asked whether CEC supports 4 stream primary schools. Rising rolls are currently looking at this and are already moving to 2 or 3 streams. Gracemount PS has 4 streams in P1 and then move to 3 streams in P2 with a composite class. • What is the provision for Early Years? The brief for new primary schools includes nursery provision especially looking at provision now for 2 year olds. • 2 new primaries are proposed taking in roughly 480 pupils but only 260 additional places in secondary school? It is felt that 	
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	<p>this will be adequate provision and it is all that developers can be asked for at the moment. There is a difference in funding between LDP and Rising Rolls. Again, feasibility studies will look into this.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gracemount PS asked about the Broomhills development which had lots of objections. When a development plan is put in place, anyone can make representation and the planning officer can make comment before it goes to the planning committee for a final decision. In Broomhills, Gilmerton and Burdiehouse, the planning application process has started and consultation and representation can be made. • The Scottish Government has set the plan re the number of units and Edinburgh has to find 8,500 homes. Can't develop north due to the Forth so South and South West have to be developed and this can include green belt land. It is not illegal to do so. All brown field sites have been taken into consideration in trying to find land to develop these units. • The reporter can reassess re appeals. • In answer to a question from Ian Willis about the high number of brownfield sites in The Royal Mile being used for student accommodation, Cllr Robson advised that the reporter had overturned plans for more housing and as CEC doesn't own all the sites, developers are at liberty to build what they like. • The council would look at a developer's proposal to build or to give land and this could be taken off the amount of contribution owed. • Crawford advised that although boundary changes were an option, it was an unpopular and complex issue and would require statutory consultation before any changes were made. • A Rising Rolls update report will be going to Children and Families Education Committee in December. All schools identified in rising rolls has a working group set up and this will continue. (Bruntsfield, Morningside, James Gillespie's and Gilmerton) • A further meeting is being arranged by planning for the Liberton/Gilmerton area. Invites will go out to HTs and PC Chairs. 	
<p>3.</p>	<p>Minutes of Previous Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Page 1 – Change FSM to read “for P1 – P3 pupils” • Page 2 – agreed • Page 3 – Parking: a meeting was held in June with Gavin Brown and Mark Simmonds CEC and a proposal is being made to allow a change in legislation for CCTV to be used outside of schools to prosecute. • Page 3 – School Streets: 5 schools to be chosen to take part. Caroline Burwell will report back by end of September. • Page 3 – Link to Use of Smartphones still to be sent • Page 4 – Moyra to follow up on School Repairs and Maintenance • Page 5 – in section 7. LDP, change the name from Craighouse to Craigour • Page 6 – Agreed 	<p>MW/LL to update</p> <p>MW to send out link to PC Chairs MW to follow up following CCwP MW/LL to update</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Neighbourhood Issues/Good Practice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bonnington PS – issue of planning development which was 	<p>MW to contact</p>

	<p>agreed before school reopened and therefore couldn't feed in to process. As it is a dead end street there are great concerns about the increase in traffic. Moyra will check with planning about this as well as road safety as traffic management measures may need to be put in place</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gracemount HS – Traffic Road Order is taking some time to come through. Although yellow lines are there, they can't be enforced until TRO is passed. It was thought that there may be a time limit set for this but Moyra will check • Bruntsfield PS have a concern about a new Napier University development that has requested licensing • Bruntsfield PS – grounds have been developed using Sports Scotland a parental funding and Gracemount are looking for advice on leaving wild grounds as part of their playground development • Royal Mile PS have a problem with natural springs displacing the playground following the building of the parliament. Have had some community funding to help develop the playground and work with and around the bumps. Trying to raise funds for a mini assault course and astro-turf. • Bruntsfield PS parent council provide over 70 sessions of after school clubs/care and have put a huge amount of work into developing an on line pay system using PayPal. Would have been useful if they could have used WisePAY. Moyra advised that the wisePAY pilot is now being looked at as a national initiative which will go forward and Edinburgh will be in a good position to move ahead with this when the national procurement issues have been agreed. 	<p>planning and report back</p> <p>MW to check on TRO timescales</p> <p>MW will ask Margaret Westwood about the next steps for Grounds for Learning</p>
6.	<p>Directors Briefing</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Exam Results – very pleased with the results. Congratulations to pupils and thanks to teaching staff. St Thomas' attainment has raised at Nat 5 with a slight dip in Highers. Gracemount felt that the worries about Nat 5 had been unfounded and the lower end results had been helped by Nat 4 AVU's. Figures for science may be an issue nationally. 2. New Portobello High School – finally agreed and work starting immediately. 3. Anti-Bullying – documentation sent to all schools from Respectme. Can be accessed online at www.respectme.org.uk/publications.html 4. Edinburgh and the Commonwealth Games – an amazing event and great work by the Sports Unit/Active Schools. 5. Literacy Development and the Fresh Start Programme – good positive feedback, gains from the Fresh Start Programme are carried forward into the SRA programme in secondaries. Richard Napier stated that Gilmerton now had a bigger group of children at the lower end but more staff are trained and there are very positive outcomes from the programme. 6. Positive Destinations – best ever result this year at 91.4% which is higher than the national average. Lots of hard work undertaken by staff developing partnership working with colleges and employers and engaging with the business community. Early Years have appointed 11 modern apprentices. 7. Partnership with College and University – this session will see the further development of links with QMU/colleges/schools and employers where pupils will be able to study HNC courses which will give them automatic admission to year 2 of the course. The model is being developed for engineering with 	

	<p>Napier and Heriot-Watt. The aim is to broaden availability of courses, develop skills and gaining work experience. Very positive feedback from pupils.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. New Playground Developments – lots of amazing developments ongoing in conjunction with Grounds for Learning 9. 2 Hours PE - 95% primaries and 96% secondaries are now meeting the target. The 2 hours includes changing time. Generally an issue with space and facilities to provide 2 hours of PE. Billy McIntyre will be reporting back at CCwP re the impact of FSM for P1 – P3 on dining/PE accommodation. Quality PE refers to the development of skills and progression within the curriculum. May see more joining up of facilities and the use of sports hubs. 10. Developing 1:1 Digital Learning – 9000 iPad have currently been given out. Would ultimately like to develop the use of 1:1 devices from P6. Secondary schools have had matched funding. 11. Cooperative Schools Award – Broughton piloted and achieved but want all schools to be involved. 12. After Schools Club Launch and New Cooperative and Childcare Charter – launched at Murrayburn Primary School. Proposal for more breakfast and after school clubs. These don't always need to be in school and can be run by parents or organisations. Can childcare vouchers be used for after school clubs? 13. Summer Playschemes – well attended and very positive feedback 14. Achievement Awards – ceremony takes place on 11th September so there wasn't time to add a parental award nomination for this year but it will be in place for next year 15. Paolozzi Prize Ceremony – excellent event of a very high standard involving pupils across the City of Edinburgh Council 16. Education, Children and Families Committee – information on the range of reports covered can be accessed at edinburghbrightfutures.com. Next meeting 11/09/14 17. CCwP – Last meeting 15/5 focussing on Bullying and BOLD. Next meeting will focus on Local Development Plan and school estate. School Streets project – letters went out last week to interested schools who have to respond with their travel plans etc. by Friday. A decision will be made very quickly on the 30 schools to take part and it will be a range of different types of schools across the city 18. Website information 19. Schools encouraged to contribute items to Bright Futures blog <p>South Neighbourhood Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MFL – Lesley asked to put on agenda at next CCwP • Repairs and maintenance to stay on 	<p>MW to check re vouchers</p>
	<p>Next Meeting Monday 17th November at St Thomas of Aquins HS</p>	