

West Neighbourhood Group Meeting
Tuesday 19 August 2014
Tynecastle High School 6.30pm – 8.30pm

Chair: Aileen McLean, Senior Education Manager

Minutes: Catriona Gibson, Boroughmuir High School

Present:

Mark Stewart, PC Chair, Gylemuir Primary School

Gareth Oakley, PC Chair, Craiglockhart Primary School

John Campbell, HT, Craigmount High School

Alison Bowyer, PC Chair, Craigmount High School

Tony McGinley, PC Rep Fox Covert RC Primary School

Anne Purcell, HT, Fox Covert RC Primary School

Lawrence Arscott, CLD Team

Michael McGee, St Augustine's High School

Steven Budge, PC Rep, Kirkliston Primary School

Rebecca Mill, PC Chair, Cramond Primary School

Helen Donaldson, HT, Cramond Primary School

Colin Grahamslaw, Blackhall Primary School

Graeme Thomson, HT, Forrester High School

Ros Astor, PC Chair, Balgreen Primary School

Crawford McGhie from CEC, Children and Families Asset Planning and Tina Sutherland, communications.

Apologies:

Pauline Walker, HT, The Royal High School

Neil McIntosh, PC Chair, Kirkliston

Luke McCullough, PC Chair, The Royal High School/Clermiston Primary School

		Action
1.	<p>Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed as accurate record • Fox Covert PS – damp inside classroom and other outside disrepair has not been addressed (this has been ongoing issue for a few months) 	AMc to raise this concern with Jim Davidson
2.	<p>Local Development Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was a Powerpoint Presentation by Crawford McGhie, (Asset Planning Manager for Children & Families) This was the Second Proposed Local Development Plan and Educational Infrastructure Appraisal - the presentation included implications for the West of Edinburgh, with links to planning websites. Hard copies were available at the meeting. Crawford informed us that The Strategic Development Plan got knocked back as first plan did not allow for enough housing. • Thanks was given to Crawford for his time in showing the presentation. 	
3.	<p>Neighbourhood Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Craigmount HS – concern re pedestrian crossing on Drum Brae South which has been out of operation since June, this is a big concern, especially since school has resumed, as it is an extremely busy road. • Appeals Process – concern raised over panel members decisions being unfair regarding appeals incident. These decisions are difficult to manage and the concern is that they can be made for the wrong reason(s). • Cramond PS concern raised that the new school sign has not yet been erected. • Cramond PS Swimming Issues – no local pool, parents complaining as they have to pay for pupils transport to nearest pool – is there a forum for looking into this issue? • School Street Project – decision possibly to be made in September • Re-marking of exam papers under new rules this year – exams can be reassessed, but expensive process (£35 per paper); schools need clarification who pays for this. • Mobile Phones in P1 – clarification is required re IT Policy and legal situation concerning allowing 	<p>AMcL to follow up</p> <p>Action by MW</p> <p>AMcL to follow up</p> <p>AMcL to follow up</p> <p>AMcL to raise with Karen Prophet</p> <p>Discussion</p>

	<p>P1's mobile phones at school, and if so, where these should be stored – potential bullying issue is continuous challenge in this area; ie, great device but huge potential for misuse.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Concern: it is felt that not enough information is provided within the Neighbourhood Issues Report in order to make sense of points made. 	
4.	<p>Director's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Portobello High School – 2. typing error: Royal Accent, should read Royal Ascent • Question raised: why Council does not follow Sports Scotland Guidelines in connection with new sports halls being rebuilt; the council has not been consulted on this issue. • Question raised: 7. Partnership with College & University – concern re distance and cost involved for pupils in travelling to QMU. • Question raised: Is there an update for the provision of school meals? • Question raised: 14. Achievement Awards - It is too late for nominations from parents for this round; possible in next round. 	<p>AMc to raise this with Crawford McGhie</p> <p>Discussion</p>
5.	<p>AOCB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crawford's presentation to be circulated • CCWP meeting – 8th September, 6.30pm – 8.30pm, City Chambers, High Street Primary and Secondary school representatives to attend this meeting – damp spores at Fox Covert PS to be discussed. • Reps for CCWP to be Alison Bowyer from Craigmount and Steven Budge from Kirkliston 	
6.	<p>Date of next meeting To be confirmed</p>	