**Dedridge Regeneration group**

**Tuesday 17th August 2021 Zoom meeting 6.00pm**

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| **Agenda items** | **Notes** | **Actions** |
| **Presentation** – **Advice Shop –** Nahid Hanif  Main issues from the COVID-19 January 2021 community survey was increase in household bills 55.3%, reduced income at 28.4% just below mental health issues and loneliness. Ideas for improvements WIFI support with benefits, utilities, financial support, heating/food support, help for those not on benefits.  Nahid gave an overview on the Anti poverty services  Information on the antipoverty strategy can be found here: <https://www.westlothian.gov.uk/anti-poverty>  Within this link there is a Utube video that gives an overview of the strategy and what the service aims to do | | |
| **Welcome**  **Apologies** | Helen Kelly, Karon Langon, Mike Duncan, Russell Hastie, Helen Freer, Cllr McAulay, Lesley Keirnan, Nahid Hanif  Cllr Heggie, Ruth Hutchison (CoWL), Cath Purves (CowL), Cllr Shemilt, Roz, Joyce Robertson, David Liddle, |  |
| 1. **Notes of previous meeting and matters arising** | • Constitution/governance –time constraints for members   * Capital spend wish list – Can we put this on the jamboard just now? Lesley to update * Rebranding – move to next meeting | **to next meeting**  **Lesley** |
| 1. **Place based funding** | Crofthead CEC management committee are looking at repurposing the Old Dutch barn and surrounding ground into an outside covered sports area for Skating/bikes and outdoor activities along with a large sports hall that can be utilised for badminton, basketball etc as well as split into smaller areas with the use of room dividers for meetings, functions etc. Lesley to meet with mike and David to look at the potential projects including the cycle track | **Mike/Lesley/David** |
| 1. **Community council** | Community council elections are coming up. Mike has nomination packs and is happy to share and support those that wish to put themselves forward. Names suggested include: Joyce, Suzanne, Eddie and Russell expressed interest. Lesley to pass contact details to Mike to support | **Lesley/Mike** |
| 1. **Anti-poverty work** | Suggestion is there something that could be offered locally in Dedridge, People more likely to access a service if they think it is local. Dedridge Primary school have a resource hour – something that the advice shop could tap into. Lesley to link with Katherine – HT at Dedridge primary to set up an initial meeting | **Lesley /Kathryn** |
| 1. **Environ (Litterpicking/flytipping, trollies dog fouling)** | **Public bins PDSP report –** move to next meeting  **Public Bins-** Lesley has been updating the original bins report in other areas using a place-based approach – looking at the way residents use the streets and spaces whilst out and about as well as adding in location coordinates to support Solomon’s team with potential bin placement**.** Lesley to arrange to meet with Eddie to progress the Dedridge Public bins report  **Litterpicking** – This quarter from April to June . 11 group litter picks (figures of rubbish collected also includes individual litter picks)   * 332 Hrs volunteering, * 205 volunteers litter picking * 313 Bags of rubbish gathered (not including larger items of trollies, furniture, bikes, traffic cones etc).   Bankton Primary School posters are used to promote the community litter picking events on social media. All litter picks are also promoted on the wider West Lothian Litterpicking social media pages where they work collaboratively and build community capacity locally and West Lothian wide  **Dog fouling** **and stencilling** - It’s been confirmed that the Dedridge area is on a list for stencilling and it would be completed in the coming weeks. | **Lesley/Eddie** |
| 1. **Environ - community growing/gardening/hedges improvements** | **The Livingston Round Table**  Russell Hastie, Community Officer, Livingston Round Table<https://www.facebook.com/LiviTable>  Russell gave a potted history of the development of the Livingston Round Table from 1927 to date. Membership is 18-45 yrs. Worldwide organisation mainly a social group where members can learn, challenge, inspire and have a positive impact in the community, personal development and community services. Russell is keen to promote the LRT and the work LRT does and the offer of how they can support.  Recently LRT have been responsible for the:   * Soap box derby * Santa sleigh for 10-15yrs and hoping to bring to more areas * And more recently the COVID-19 crisis team with   + Delivery of over 8000 packed lunches to children   + 900 bottles of hand sanitizer distributed in key front-line areas   + Face masks in the community   + Toiletries, bread and milk to the likes of Lanthorn community food outlet and Ladywell community fridge   **Wave pond –** keen to support but would require some professional input from key services and organisations - woodland trust for advice on trees, Open space officer and possibly HYPE who could potentially bring in Oatridge College, west Lothian college and TCV. Lesley to forward HYPE Woodlands Trust and Open spacer officer details to Russell  **Gardening sub group**  Lesley, Becky and Heather from HYPE have met to look at potential partnership working within the Livingston community gardens of Craigshill, Ladywell and Dedridge.  **Nigel Rise health centre raised bed –** no update | **Lesley/Russell** |
| 1. **Facebook page and promotions- branding** | Walks are being promoted within the FB page –  can we organise more walking groups – or where are the walking groups? Can some of the organisations pick this up |  |
| 1. **Volunteering recognition** | How did volunteer week go?  What was good about it?  What was not so good/  What have we learned through this?  What can we do differently? | **Move to next meeting** |
| 1. **AOCB** | **Skaters**  A repairs report has gone out to a skater’s group to inform them of impending skatepark repairs. One of the skaters groups are not happy with the report on repairs to skatepark – including that no additional safety signage is included in the repairs. Lesley and Brendan have suggested meeting with the group in September and have emailed the group for a date to meet up. On top of this - Preliminary Consultation is planned to sound skaterpark users out – around 2nd – 3rd week in September, to explore options of extending skatepark, signage and bins.Dependent on response - more in-depth consultation in March – April 22 with the aim of having a working group/task group to take any project forward.  **Livingston South Train station signage** – 2nd draft now out for consultation. Map signage location – now linking with the Livingston South cycling strategy. Asking for comments by the end of the week. Consultation has been emailed out to main Dedridge regeneration group, The centre Engagement group, Community councils, Murieston, Dedridge, Bellsquarry and Livingston South elected members | **Lesley/Brendan**  **Lesley/all** |
| **Date and time of next meeting** | **Tuesday 21st September**  **6pm**  **Zoom** |  |