**Dedridge Regeneration group**

**Note of meeting held on**

**Tuesday 15th March 2022, virtually on Microsoft TEAMS**

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| **Agenda items** | **Notes** | **Actions** |
| 1. **Welcome** 2. **Apologies** | Scott McKillop, Jay Haston, Cllr Maria MacAulay, Cllr Peter Heggie, Jay Haston, Angela Speirs (access2employment), Helen Kelly (Crofthead Mgt Ctte, Toastmasters and Livingston Rotary)  Scott introduced himself to the group as a colleague of Lesley Keirnan – who was currently off work – and that he would be looking to keep the work on the group going in the meantime.  Cllr Lawrence Fitzpatrick, Ruth Hutchison (CoWL), Barney Todd (Dedridge PS), Chris Alcorn (Planning, WLC), Solomon Ede (Cleaner Communities, WLC), Margaret-Anne Smith, Ross Hutchison, Lawrence Fagan (community council), Glenn Marsters (Community Sports, WLC), Cllr Moira Shemilt, Nikki Buckley (Customer and Community Services, WLC) |  |
| 1. **Note of previous meeting and matters arising** | Those present considered the note of the previous and dealt with the matters arising.  Jamboard – at the last meeting it had been reported that additional community input was required to contribute towards the priorities for the group for this year. It had been suggested to use the DRG message page for obtaining other views. Scott suspected that this had not been actioned and therefore may be an outstanding matter.  Participation and involvement – There was no community council members present to advise but Scott was unaware whether the community council were sharing minutes via the regeneration network.  Funding – Scott reiterated that the Town Centre Fund was now open for applications for Dedridge and groups had until 22 April to submit applications. Groups with ideas were encouraged to contact him/ Lesley.  Crofthead Community Garden – whilst it had been intended to provide an agenda item on this at this meeting, no one from the garden was present and no update had been provided  Wave Trust – it was noted that, following Jay Haston’s presentation at the previous meeting, the group was due to consider how they could take forward some of the issues raised around mental health.  At this meeting, Jay offered to setup a peer support group but advised the group would need to help advise which type of group this would be i.e. who would be the target group – men? Young people? Etc.  Cllr MacAulay suggested the first stage of this was to establish what groups are out there already in the community. This related to the example mapping exercise that Craigshill had undertaken and Lesley had shared with the network since the last meeting.  Crofthead – Almond Housing application: Scott reported that he understood Crofthead management committee had been successful in their application to Almond Housing to provide cooked food for those struggling financially. | **Scott** to check  **Scott** to check  Any interested groups to contact Scott/Lesley.  Rollover update to future meeting. |
| 1. **Updates from groups and services** | Health Centre Garden Area  Scott shared the updates from Margaret-Anne Smith and Ross Hutchison that had received via email regarding the garden area outside the health centre.  Margaret-Anne had reported that the flower bed outside the health centre had been identified as a potential area for planting wildflower seeds previously.  That area is NHS property and NHS agreed to remove the existing shrubbery to allow for the planting of wildflower seeds.  This has been progressed and Margaret-Anne advised that Ross Hutchison has done a great deal of work to get bulbs and plants in there already.  Although there is no budget for this project, the Partners at the practice very kindly agreed to fund the bulbs, plants and seeds to contribute to this venture.  There is a little colour in there already which will develop as the seasons change.  Margaret-Anne understood that Ross will be needing some compost in the coming weeks and wondered if community compost is something which could be sourced via any of the members of the regeneration group. Scott asked at the meeting but no one present was aware of any. Scott suggested approaching colleagues in Operational Services to enquire.  Ross’ update added that he had managed to get the council to encourage the Co-op to cut down the bushes. The area now needs a wee litter pick. Ross has also asked for the trees to be cut at the side entrance to James Young which is now accessible for unreachable litter.  Ross also reported that he is going to be starting some community walks on a Tuesday. He enquired whether he can post them on the Dedridge regeneration page?  Rotary/Toastmasters – Helen reported that Rotary Club and Toastmasters are working together and are planning a fundraiser at Crofthead Community Centre in May, which they are waiting on confirmation for.  Cllr Heggie asked if this would be advertised. Helen responded that she was looking to promote through facebook.  Access2employment – Angela introduced herself to the group and advised she would be representing the service from now on at these meetings.  Angela gave an overview of the Parental Employment Support that she works on, which seeks to upskill parents and support the full family. Angela offered to provide a presentation on the wider access2employment service at the next meeting but noted that there was a current focus on promoting apprenticeships that were currently available in the council and other organisations.  Whilst everything was remote at present, it was hoped that the service may be in a position to deliver in the community again at the end of April.  WAVE Trust – Jay also offered to provide a presentation at a future meeting. | **Scott** to approach colleagues in Operational Services, WLC to enquire  **Helen** to share information with group once confirmed.  **Scott** to add these to future meeting agendas |
| 1. **Date and time of next meeting** | **Tuesday 19th April 2022**  **6pm**  **On Microsoft TEAMS** |  |