

Hope Triangle Project

Note of meeting held in Oxgangs Care Offices on 23rd April 2012.

Attendance:	Heather Levy	Firrhill community Council
	Harry Woodward	Dunedin-Canmore
	Mary McMillan	Oxgangs Lochan Tenants Association
	Heather Tullery	Art Therapist
	Fiona Tait	Resident
	Shannon Kelly	Art Designer
	Elaine Aitken	Councillor, CEC
	Karyn Stewart	Resident
	Peter Brownlee	Dunedin-Canmore
	Beth Ekman	Piershill Community Flat
Apologies:	Sharon Laidlaw	Resident
	Christine Mahonay	Oxgangs Lochan Tenants Association
	John Stewart	Resident
	Scott Neill	CEC-PNP Partnership Development Officer
	Mark Vrionides	Edinburgh Greenspace Trust
	Francesca Shaw	Art Therapist
	Jim Napier	Firrhill Community Council

Heather welcomed all especially the new people to the table

Matters arising

Oxgangs Neighbourhood Centre (ONC) have agreed to play host for workshops and opening event. Fiona Tait is a member of the ONC Management Committee and has agreed to act as a liaison between the centre and the Project Working Group. It was agreed that September 10th 2012 would be the most appropriate date as this is the start of International Suicide Awareness week.

Feedback - 3rd April Meeting

See note of meeting

Update- Re Living Triangle Design

There was some discussion around a name for the sculpture. It was agreed to name it 'The Living Triangle Space' Shannon then went on to give a detailed breakdown of the design and costs. She has secured a Joiner to construct the design and he has

agreed that community members can assist him. Karen will organise a list of volunteers once date has been confirmed. Harry expects Dunedin-Canmore to fund the sculpture as part of the Hi Rise regeneration development. Mary agreed that the Lochan Residents' Association are very supportive of the project and agreed to act as a liaison between the residents/tenants and the Project working Group.

Peter tabled an A3 plan of the area and suggested an ideal place to create a 'Pictorial Meadow Plant'. There was also some discussion around the Well Being pathways. It was agreed to monitor the area over the next year and see if there are any 'Desired Pathways' created. These pathways can be spotted by leaving the grass to grow long, but not too much and it is hoped that the visitors to the area will naturally mark the pathways. Once these pathways have been defined they can be interspaced with log seats and Well Being messages to promote reflection and Hope. Peter also highlighted the need for some pruning of trees in Hope Triangle that are over hanging property and services lines. It was agreed that due to the sensitivity of the area and in light of the upset caused by the temporary fence that had been erected the previous month to give new planting support, there would be advance warning of when this work would be carried out.

There was some discussion about vandalism of the area/planting. Many of the community members round the table agreed there had been a decrease in youths using the area as a 'gang hut' since last July 2011 and all agreed that as long as we keep the community informed and involved with the Hope Triangle activities, vandalism should be kept to a minimum. The top/north end of the triangle was also discussed where people have created an unofficial pathway from Rattery (the old City Hospital) through the back gardens of Firrhill Drive onto the triangle. It was agreed to put up fencing might incur vandalism, so consider secure by design with natural planting. All agreed that the 'pathway/route' had to be walked before any decisions were actioned.

All agreed that the project had great potential but that we, the working group, must make sure there is a sound foundation laid for future development.

The working group should concentrate on two or three small projects creating a sense of ownership within the community, monitoring and evaluating said projects will then give evidence/information to go for a larger funding, with the ultimate goal of creating a Management Group to further develop and maintain Hope Triangle.

Fiona has found some MOD land that we can access fallen trees where it is hoped we can cut into chunks and use as stools throughout the space/conceptual garden. Elaine agreed to contact MOD for further information/permission.

A Willow sculpture was discussed and it was felt that this was an ideal project for community volunteers to be involved with. There is lots of Willow growing along the burn so cuttings can be taken and temporary homes found for them and give them the summer to root with a view to planting in the autumn.

H.L will Action

Heather informed the group of 'It's Your Neighbourhood' & 'Beautiful Scotland' campaigns which are part of the Edinburgh In Bloom, although it may be too soon she felt it was worth registering our interest she will follow this up with Lyndsay Grant.

Actions

- Shannon to create a time table for The Living Triangle space
- Karen will create a list of volunteers
- Harry will secure funding for the Living Triangle Space
- Heather to meet with Art Therapists and they will plan workshops and costings
- Heather to complete PNP funding Application for Art Therapy, Counselling workshops

Projects

Hedge Laying, Willow Sculpture, Hope Triangle Sign, Meadow Planting, Workshops, Living Triangle Sculpture/Space

Date of Next Meeting

21st May at 10.00 am in Firrhill Neuk