



Our Place Our Plan Whitlawburn & Springhall
 Neighbourhood Planning
 Environmental and Community Safety
 Working Group Meeting
 19th March 2019
 Whitlawburn Community Resource Centre

Attendees:

Ashleigh McGuinness	Resident
Erika Laznova	Resident
Susannah McMurray	Resident
Susan Paton	WWHC
Stephanie McPeake	WWHC
Kirsty McLean	WWHC
Paul Patterson	Police Scotland
Anne Hopkins-Simpson	South Lanarkshire Council
Kenny Steven	Healthy n Happy
Jan Taylor	Healthy n Happy

Welcome

Anne welcomed everyone to the second meeting of the Environmental and Community Safety working group.

Small Scale Environmental Improvements

In response to issues discussed at the last meeting, members considered ideas and costed proposals

- The group discuss activities supported last summer using participatory budgeting funds (Our Place Our Plan public vote on local priorities and the allocation of £40K of funding) and looked over proposals, progress of the successful projects and the overall expenditure to date (document attached).
- **Skips:** Cost of skips approved by working group. 8 skips will be located in various locations timing, frequency and locations will be determined by residents Susan agreed to talk to the West Whitlawburn Housing committee about potential locations in Whitlawburn. The council's special uplift scheme will be promoted at the same time as the skip initiative. Fly tipping in the West Whitlawburn estate is not an issue Kenny conveyed a concern expressed by a resident concerning the amount of items that can be uplifted. Anne agreed to source and share information on the scheme.
- **SCRG launch events proposal was approved :** The resource group will host 2 launch events celebrating physical improvement developments
- **Whitlawburn Community Resource Centre:** Funding was requested to renew external cladding, repair gate, supply and fit of new signage. Potential to build in maintenance of green areas into the proposal too. The proposal was approved
- **Duke of Edinburgh Group:** Approved by working group.
- **Garden Tool Library:** Group discuss the potential of a garden tool hire scheme. Further discussion needed around cost and logistics. In the meantime it was proposed that lawnmowers be purchased

- Anne informs the group that there is potential for more funding to be made available in the new financial year to support the delivery of early actions within the Our Place Our Plan but the amount has yet to be determined
- Erika enquired about the possibility of seating areas in the community and if there are any plans for the sensory garden outside the Whitlawburn community centre to be accessible to public again.
Portable seating is currently available via WCRC for the toddlers play park. It's agreed that some promotion of this is required particularly leading up to summer months/ better weather.
Reach Lanarkshire Autism are currently responsible for the sensory garden area and will be able to update on future plans at the next meeting.

Community Safety

- The walking school bus has been going from strength to strength, with 11 adults and 17 children taking part every day. Group members were impressed by the walking bus and members stop by, at the Our Place Our Plan launch event, where participants were awarded certificates for their involvement.
- Anti-Social Behaviour:
 - The group discussed previous points made by police around the fear/ perceptions of in the area and how this relates to crime rates. The group acknowledged the importance of getting the message out that the area is not always how it is perceived and more promotion on the positive aspects are presented
 - A unit has been setup by the police to filter and respond to call more appropriately for example calls that require a police visit and warrant police action and those that require signposting or advice
 - It was felt that better promotion of available services is needed in the area, e.g. Many residents didn't know about the anti-social behavior team. The group agreed to produce Our Place Our Plan (OPOP logo) and key numbers, as a way of promoting public reassurance and reporting. Paul Patterson agree to seek approval for his email address to be on the card. Kenny's contact details could also be included Group members were asked to think of positive messages/ information that could be included on the card, the cards will be circulated via group member and the stakeholder group
 - Group members said that they feel a positive difference in the community compared to previous years where there were a lot more issues with anti-social behaviour.

A.O.C.B.

Scott Anderson has become the new Sergeant of the local problem-solving team.

It was agreed that working group meetings would now take place every two weeks with a schedule of meetings agreed (see below).

Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 2nd April, 3.30pm at Whitlawburn Community Resource Centre.

Future meetings

16th April, 3.30pm at Whitlawburn Community Resource Centre.

30th April, 3.30pm at Whitlawburn Community Resource Centre.