



## ENVIRONMENT ISSUES

## Neighbourhood Partnership Environment Forum

1. The Forum met on 14 April and discussed a range of matters - formal minutes will be issued later. The Environment Manager, Derek McGowan, has been seconded to the BOLD team and in the interim Andy Matheson will be our first port of call.
2. The proposals for funding of projects from the NP fund were firmed up. The budget is £67,500 to be shared with Craigentiny and Meadowbank CC. Those for Northfield and Willowbrae to be recommended to the NP on 2 June include:

Location	Proposal	Costs
Scone Gardens	Repairs to steps	£7,000 – recommended
Domino's/Tanz Lane	Bollards and possible raised pavement	£4,000 – recommended
Morrisons	Road safety audit and rumble strips	£4,000 – recommended
Figgate Park/Hamilton Terrace	Safe pedestrian access to park	£12,000 – recommended
<b>Total</b>		<b>£27,000</b>
<b>Pending</b>		
Baronscourt Park	Entrance via Morrisons	Awaiting Morrisons discussion
Paisley etc	Replant trees	£1,500 per tree – no decision made
Various	Community Notice Boards	Apply for Community Grant
Piershill Village/Morrisons	Planters	Await Morrisons

## Baronscourt Park

3. See note from Scott Thomson attached.

## Paisley Crescent

4. Data attached from 2014 speed surveys.

## Baronscourt Park Survey Results 2015

### **Background**

During February and March of this year a survey of park was undertaken to provide information towards the production of a development plan for the park

The initial work was to produce a map showing the kind of things that could be done.

A survey was distributed in the community centre and library, sub-group meetings and via email. We received feedback from local residents via email letters and an open meeting was held by the community council.

Some residents suggested that there was no need for change however as the park requires to be used as part of the wellbeing and health needs of the local residents no change is not an option. It also must meet the council's agenda to promote health and well being.

### **Survey Results**

43 people responded to the survey so a big thank you to you all. The majority of the feedback to the proposals was positive.

### **Ball game provision**

It was claimed by some of the residents that part of the planning permission given for the park included a ban on all ball games. I am unable to find any such agreement and can advise that this clause is not shown in the original planning conditions.

### **Football pitch**

There was a strong vote for this although there was a split opinion as to whether it should be used by an official football team.

We will not be taking this venture any further at this time however a small set of goals will be provided for local residents

### **Bio diversity**

There was a strong opinion to increase the bio diversity within the park and this ties in with the Edinburgh Living Landscape proposals being introduced by the City of Edinburgh Council.

### **Grass cutting**

During last season's grass cutting we had a major problem with one of our ride on machines. This machine has been replaced and it is anticipated the appearance of the park will be improved this coming season.

### **Breakdown of responses to the survey**

Category	Number of Comments
Lack of maintenance	7
Dog fouling	5
Lack of wildflower	22
No football pitch	5
Yes to Football pitch	11
Play area provision	5
General maintenance	4

Based on the responses the plan has been reviewed and some changes relating to the comments raised during the consultation have been addressed as follows:

- Reports of anti social behaviour are being investigated and we are working with Morrison's and the Community Safety Team to address these concerns.
- The Council Forestry Team is working on a management plan for the woodland areas in the park.
- The provision of a cycle track will not be introduced until the recommendations from the woodland management plan has been undertaken.
- The area of mixed grass and perennial flowers has been increased and soft fruit trees introduced into the plan.
- Flora will be added under and within the tree area

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