

### **Item 3.1 – Deputation Request - Granton Improvement Society in respect of the Granton on Sea Project**

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**Sent:** 17 July 2015 12:52

**To:** Richard Lewis; Norma Austin Hart

**Cc:** Jeremy Balfour; Chas Booth; Andrew Burns; Cairns Ron; Karen Doran; Fullerton Catherine; Bill Henderson (Councillor); Sandy Howat; Lesley Hinds; Richard Lewis; Veronica Macmillan; McGregor Aileen; Eric Milligan; Lindsay Paterson; Alastair Shields

**Subject:** Granton Improvement Society: Granton International Garden Festival.

Councillor Lewis,

We would like to take this opportunity to fully introduce the Granton Improvement Society(GIS) to you and the other members of the Culture and Sport Committee.

The GIS was formed in January 2013 from a previous grouping of AiA Art in Architecture, CLU Community Land Use(London) and JUMP Joined Up Master Planning. It is now a fully constituted Community Trust with a membership of almost 150 local persons and a management committee 50% of whom are local members too.

The main project for the GIS is Granton on Sea previously known as Granton sur Mer although as the emerging anchor organisation in North Edinburgh we are undertaking other regeneration projects and commissioned work for DTAS Development Trust Association Scotland and Scottish Government Regeneration unit.

The Granton on Sea project is a community regeneration project utilising land currently owned by EDI Group Scotland the CEC arms length development company.

The land has lain unused since 2003 whilst having had the benefit of a full planning approval for 54 private townhouses.

Surely the opportunity to fail would be better than land being left to fall into disrepair.

Having discovered the Walled Garden in Granton in 2009 the idea to save it was put forward as the Granton sur Mer proposal.

The proposal has evolved through the years with some small financing from the lottery over the past 6 years.

In its current form it will hopefully see the following:

1. An International Garden Festival in the Walled Garden modelled upon a similar project in central France at Chaumont sur Loire.
2. An artisans village comprising 100 work spaces and cafe/bar and gallery spaces. This will be a green roofed project thus turning the whole site over to public access green space.
3. A Lido on the Waterfront, 3 pools all heated from a heat exchanging system with water from the River Forth.

Currently we GIS have offered EDI the market valuation of £540,000 a valuation jointly requested. They have chosen to neither decline or accept that offer until some outstanding planning issues are resolved.

Attached:

is a short synopsis of the project outlining each part and the economic benefits the whole project will achieve

a business plan

and some images that make up a card brochure we use at networking events

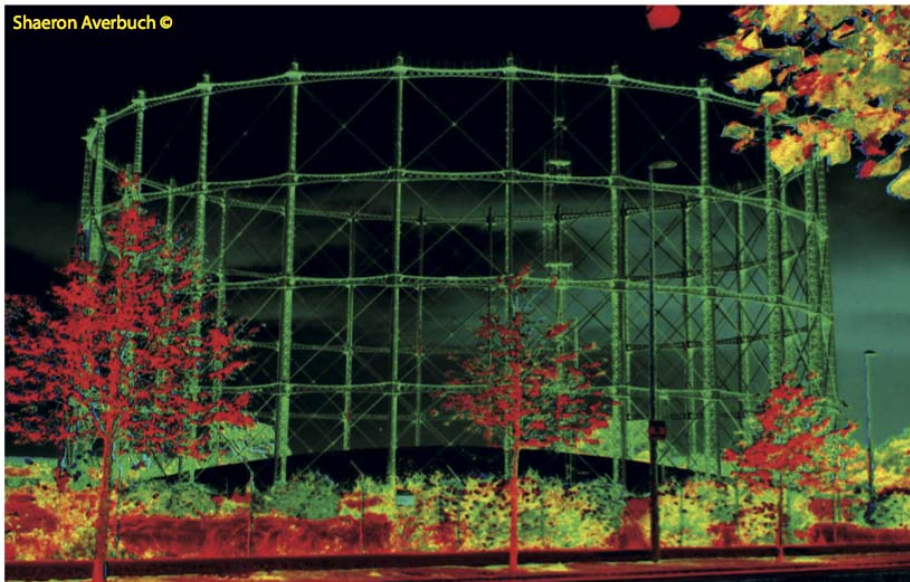
We would like to give a deputation to the next committee which I believe is in August.

We are also asking you to look at the economic benefits and cultural benefits that such a project will bring to a Waterfront that is in need of substantial creative vision.

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- 1. Garden Festival
- 2. Artisans Village
- 3. Lido

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## 1. International Garden Festival

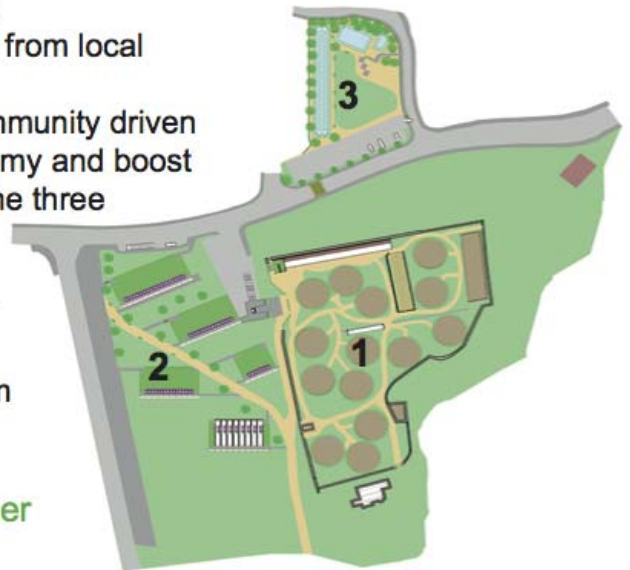


## 2. Artisans Village

100 Work Spaces, Cafe & Exhibition Space

## Granton Improvement Society

- GIS** is a Community Trust run by a board of Trustees and the membership who join the society.
- GIS** formed in 2013 with the aim of bringing into community ownership local assets such as land and buildings.
- GIS** aim to add to the cultural, recreational, natural and built identity of the area.
- GIS** aim to encourage design and creativity.
- GIS** are happy to be approached with ideas from local people.
- GIS** aim to deliver a series of ambitious community driven projects that will benefit the local economy and boost visitor interest to this area of the city. The three part project currently referred to as Granton on Sea will create a major community owned asset at the heart of a dynamic new waterfront. These projects will be grant funded from a variety of sources.



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