

COLDSIDE LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP

MINUTE OF MEETING

Tuesday 13th August 2024 3.00pm in Hilltown Community Centre

PRESENT:

C. Inspector Colin Echivarria	Locality Chairperson
Cllr Heather Anderson	DCC Councillor
Elaine Pratt	DCC Neighbourhood Services Communities
Murray Webster	Coldside Regeneration Forum
Rhea Dryden	Community Empowerment Team
Alison Goodfellow	Maxwell Centre
Margaret Edwards	Community Regeneration Forum
Lynne Isaacs	Hilltown CC Local Management Group – Hilltown Centre
Anne MacDonald	Housing, Project Officer
Anne Leslie	DVVA, Volunteering and Engagement Worker
Margaret Wemyss	Coldside Community Forum, Chairperson
Lesley Gibb	DCC Children & Families
Julie Lorimer	DCC Environment
Karren Huzzey	Community Forum
Tracie Macmillan	DCC Senior Youth Worker

APOLOGIES:

D. Weir, L. Dashwood, Cllr G. McIrvine, G. Melvin, Sgt G. Watson, Bailie H Wright,

1.	<u>Welcome and Introductions</u> Elaine welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Colin to the Partnership as the new Locality Leader. Colin indicated that he was glad to be at the meeting and was looking forward to Charing these in the future. He asked everyone to introduce themselves and say where they were from.	
2.	<u>Minute of Previous Meeting</u> Agreed as an accurate note. Proposed by Lynne and Seconded by Heather.	
3.	<u>Matters Arising</u>	
3.1	Community Voices Group Noted that the scheduled meeting for July with members of the Community and the Locality Leaders has been rescheduled and a new date is to be confirmed.	
3.2	Contaminated Land The land in the garden at the Community Centre is to be tested for potential contamination this week, as it was not envisaged that this would be a garden and that it would be hard standing only. City Development have confirmed that any remediation work required when building the Community Centre and school has been done to the adequate standard and any potential contamination would be from pre-builds. Fiona Welsh, Contaminated Land Officer will be leading on the testing.	
3.3	Parking The Community Forum organised a meeting with representatives and the police re. Parking around schools and on pavements. Police have since come out to enforce school parking zones and parking wardens attended to issue tickets. They cannot be there at all times, so it is hoped that these initial efforts	

	<p>encourage people to park sensibly. Heather updated that an average of 70 penalty notices per day in a period of 10 days were issued with a low appeal rate (mainly those with badges appealing). This accumulated £39,000 in 14 days with the majority being paid and very little issues. The group discussed the use of barriers at schools to prevent people parking where they shouldn't - no solid barriers are used but some schools have pretend pencils made of softer materials. Heather felt that a true picture of issues and needs would build once schools are back.</p>	
4.	<u>Locality Plan Updates</u>	
4.1	<p>Environment Subgroup</p> <p>The environmental action plan was tabled before the meeting and Murray provided members with an update. Hilltown Park phase 1 improvements is almost complete with new benches and artwork. It is now waiting on improvements to the play area and the nature trail. The Covid Memorial is scheduled to be opened March 2025, and it is hoped that funding could be found to create a feature entrance for this. There was some discussion on the use of pesticides and Julie has indicated that there is less used than previously but there is still work to be done on this.</p> <p>Elaine updated that the orchard has not progressed as the local person interested in this was waiting to retire but this is something that could be picked up on once there is more clarity around the CRF capital funding process. Heather suggested that this area could possibly be used to create a mini forest if suitable.</p> <p>Play area improvements are on schedule.</p>	
4.2	<p>Health and Wellbeing</p> <p>The Health and Wellbeing Action Plan was previously circulated, and Rhea provided an update on this. Noted that the Tulloch Court space is now up and running and Michael from the Full Gospel and his team are using this venue as a drop in for people with addictions. They have been conducting outreach down at the Dalfield multi's for over a year and are now able to provide tea and coffee for people. It is hoped that co-ordinated surgeries can be held in the space involving housing, community safety, and health.</p> <p>The Men's Drop-in on a Friday has 10 – 18 men coming along for socialising and other services joining including signposting, health checks and welfare rights.</p> <p>Dryve Open Mic night where 70 people came along in the evening for an alcohol-free karaoke evening. This proved popular with a very mixed audience and will be help again.</p> <p>Coldside LCPP have allocated almost all their funding from the ADP (Alcohol and Drugs Partnership). Projects include the Dundee Recovery Network, who have just celebrated their 1-year birthday, the Friday Men's drop-in and the Vaping Project at Our Lady's Primary School.</p>	
5.	<p>Community Regeneration Forum</p> <p>Murray indicated that all applications were passed at the last CRF meeting and that a format for allocating the capital funding is still to be confirmed.</p>	
6.	<u>Organisation/ Service Updates</u>	
6.1	Maxwell Centre	

	<p>Alison tabled information about Maxwell Centre's activities in the past quarter, including numbers accessing the centre and the number of volunteers at work in these activities. Themes include Youth and Other Groups, Garden and Cooking, Support and Volunteers.</p>	
6.2	<p>Housing</p> <p>Ann circulated information relating to housing improvements including, Concrete repairs and External Wall insulation programmes. It was noted that all the houses in Derby Street have been allocated. Ann gave an overview of work being done to increase uptake of empty lock-ups across the area.</p>	
6.3	<p>Tayside Fire and Rescue</p> <p>The report was circulated prior to the meeting.</p>	
6.4	<p>Police Scotland</p> <p>Colin spoke to the Police report which had previously been circulated. Downfield Policing aim to address violence through preventative and enforcement measures. This included 3 days of local action in Hilltown, including plain clothes officers, stop and search, stairwell checks in the Multi's and engaging with the public and local businesses. Colin acknowledged that a proactive approach is needed to try to reduce violence and anti-social behaviour locally. In two weeks there will be a week of action across the city to try to deal with outstanding warrants.</p>	
6.5	<p>Hilltown Management Group</p> <p>Lynn updated that partnership on the work of the Management Group including craft, Digi photography, music, and Zumba classes. The Meal and Movie night would begin again in October until March. Lynn mentioned the success of the weekly Hilltown Healthy Feet project and the busy Time for You event leading to monthly wellbeing therapies now being offered.</p>	
6.6	<p>DVVA</p> <p>Anne talked about the Community Based Adult Learning (CBAL), which is small pockets of Adult Learning Activity based in communities across Dundee that she will circulate information about in an email. She also mentioned the success of the Come Dine with Me Project which is a partnership with Maxwell Centre, involving the youth cooking group and older residents from Coldside. Anne gave an overview of the Funding Forum – the next meeting is online and really useful for finding out about funds available. Lots of changes are happening with Disclosure Scotland and training should be available on this. Games equipment is available from DVVA for events – it needs to be booked out, please contact DVVA.</p>	
6.7	<p>Youth Work</p> <p>Tracie mentioned some of the work the Central Youth Team which included the "Imagine a Man" group which has recently just begun, focussing on male positivity. Staff changes are imminent with retirements and staff moves to other teams. The team have had success with their summer programme and will be starting transition work in the schools for those moving to high school, supported by Help for Kids funding. Other work has involved Dundee University to produce a comic book through working with nurture groups and pupils with additional needs. Pupils have created stories with characters to represent themselves and digital and hard copies will be available. The mural at Dundonald Street continues to be worked on.</p>	

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Karren asked people to consider attending a debate hosted by the Pensioners Forum on Dignity in Dying which would be happening soon and the Forum were looking for a good attendance.

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Date and Time of the Next Meeting

12th November 2024 at 3.00pm in Hilltown