

Minute of the Lochee Community Planning Partnership meeting held on

20 May 2025 at 6pm in Charleston Community Centre

Present:	Cllr Wendy Scullin	Dundee City Council (DCC)
	Cllr Roisin Smith	DCC
	Michelle Harrow	Chair- DCC
	David Robertson	City Development- DCC
	Dylan Gowans	Housing Improvement team- DCC
	Alan Cunningham	Housing Service- DCC
	Elsbeth Burns-Chater	CLD Empowerment Team- DCC
	Katie Angus	Dundee Volunteer and Voluntary Action (DVVA)
	Una Milne	Community Rep- Lochee Regeneration Forum
	Angela Foote	Community Rep- Lochee Regeneration Forum
	Paula Mitchell	Community Rep- Lochee Regeneration Forum
	Lucy Wakefield	Community Rep- Lochee Regeneration Forum
	Irene Baxter	Community Rep- Lochee Regeneration Forum
	Lynne Doggart	Community Rep- Lochee Regeneration Forum
	Clare Martin	CLD Health Team- DCC
	Duncan Falconer	Lochee Library- Leisure and Culture Dundee (LACD)
	Sharon Preston	CLD Youth Team- DCC
	Dave Dickson	Lochee Baptist Chapel
	Kim Meek	CLD Health Team- DCC
	Catriona McNicol	CLD Empowerment team- DCC
	Mike Welsh	Communities officer – DCC
Apologies:	Cllr Lee Mills, Cllr Siobhan Tolland, Sarah Anderson, Jay Grant, Gillian Lamb, Bill Batchelor, Michelle Bell, Stuart Paton, Val Brown, Derek Mitchell, Mandy Cole and Stewart Steen.	

1. Minute of the last meeting- 27 August 2024

Michelle welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were complete.

2. Meeting Theme- Lochee Community Plan (LCP) Development

Michelle reported that the previous meeting had been a cafe conversation style event which had identified many aspirations and ideas. These had been factored into a draft LCP which had been circulated prior to the meeting. Michelle indicated that the purpose of the meeting was to examine the key outputs identified and discuss how we implement action over the next year. Those in attendance were divided into small groups and discussed the following challenge outputs from the LCP (agreed lead organisations and follow up actions identified in brackets);

2.1- Organise meetings of stakeholders to consider, and then to undertake local initiatives aimed at mitigating the effects of increased energy, food and living costs for residents in Lochee.

(DVVA- Lochee Hub, CLD Empowerment team, Local churches (Westgait and St Marys), Lochee Larder, Charleston CC LMG, Menzieshill CH LMG, Taught By Muhammed, DEAPP and CONNECT team. Additional actions include establish a tea-time Community Cafe in Lochee, Advice drop-ins to be continued at local facilities)

2.2- Organise tasters and programmes that target improvements in people's mental health.

(Hillcrest Futures, Nursing Support Team, CLD Health Team, Penumbra, LACD. Additional actions- Summer Health Week to be organised by Community Health Team, walking groups created in central Lochee).

2.3- Establish a working group which will pilot measures appropriate for supporting those contemplating suicide. This will include identifying key stakeholders like shops or staff who can provide front line and immediate support.

(Pilot has started in central Lochee led by CLD Community Health team, Community Empowerment team with input from Lochee Library)

2.4- Arrange activities which tackle isolation and poor mental well-being for Older People.

(CLD Community Health team, Community Nursing team, Lochee United, Local Churches, Lochee Community Hub- Additional actions- develop older people's supper club, create activity groups based on interest and need e.g. chair-based exercise class).

2.5- Investigate the opportunities for inter- generational work for tackling stigma and concentrating on positive actions taken by young people.

(CLD Youth Team, Young People, CLD Health team, CLD Empowerment team, Lochee Community Hub- Additional actions- develop intergenerational work at Friendship group in Lochee Hub over the summer, young people supporting initiatives like the proposed supper club.)

2.6- Establish services and lifestyle courses in central Lochee, Menzieshill and Charleston that build connections, resilience and skills for those in recovery e.g. cooking course. Link to 2.2

(Community Health Team & Recovery services)

<p>2.7- Establish an outreach engagement programme in central Lochee that targets those disconnected from services to signpost them better and divert them from their chaotic lifestyle.</p> <p>2.8- Investigate a preventative project around visiting and supporting new tenants who might need information or support from services e.g. families or young people- 16+. (CLD youth team, Tenancy Officers- DCC, CLD Empowerment team- Additional actions- Information packs to be created and joint visits to be arranged, A young people's visiting team already operates in multi-story blocks)</p> <p>2.9- Support local community groups/ stakeholders, interested in maintenance and improvement of green spaces in the Lochee area, to discuss improving local green spaces eg walkabouts or meetings (Led by resident groups in each area)</p> <p>2.10- Establish community improvement/ litter initiatives in the neighbourhoods around the ward. (Environment team, Housing Service, CLD Empowerment team, Local community groups- Additional actions- Amnesty skips to be provided in key communities- DCC Housing service, Litter initiatives in central Lochee between community groups and local schools)</p> <p>2.11- Organise annual stakeholder events to identify improvement programmes relevant to the High St/ District centre area.</p> <p>2.12- Test out new ways of building resilience by working with families struggling to cope with lives challenges. (CLD Empowerment team, CLD Health team, Lochee Community Hub, local community centres and parent groups. Actions- Continue the three existing family groups in Lochee)</p> <p>2.13- Any other activity that needs to be considered for the Local Community Plan for Lochee? Additional actions identified include;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More evening activities for all ages. (Lochee Community Hub) • Investigate programmes and events with new Scots in the Lochee ward. • Create local ESOL (English for Speakers of other languages) classes for families in Lochee. • Plan out further community engagement to identify the voice of those missing from previous consultations. • Instal outdoor exercise equipment in local open spaces. <p>It was agreed that short-life task groups would be established to trial some work on these topics. Reports will be fed back to a cafe conversation event in November instead of the usual LCPP meeting at that time of the year.</p>	<p>Katie</p>
<p><u>6. Service Updates</u></p>	<p>Katie</p>

<p><u>6.1 - Voluntary Sector Report</u> – Katie reported that the last few months had been difficult for the Lochee Community Hub, but funding had now been secured for the future operation of the facility. She added that an Oversight board and Engagement forum were planned to discuss what the community and strategic partners would like to see operate, and from which a responsive programme will operate.</p> <p>Katie added that the numbers attending the facility are expanding through the range of activities run by staff and in partnership with other agencies. In addition, a new flexible use of Hub staff is planned to expand the range of times available to operate in evenings and at weekends. Katie agreed to feed more information into the partnership in future.</p>	<p>Dylan</p>
<p><u>6.2 Housing (DCC) report-</u> Dylan reported on planned improvement works to the car parks for Adamson and Elder Courts. He explained that re-surfacing of the car park, removal of walls and renewal of planting areas to manage water from the car park run-off was planned. Drawings were shared and points raised included instal outdoor exercise equipment, improved pathways leading up to Ancrum Road and to the rear of Atholl Street/ Kirk Street/ Yeaman’s Lane. Dylan agreed to gather local comments and ensure the plans recognised the points raised. He indicated that works to the rear of the adjacent streets may be done in a different phase and that consultation would be held in advance of this.</p>	<p>Sharon</p>
<p><u>6.3- Young People’s involvement with the LCPP-</u> Sharon reported that young people had reported they were impressed by the fact the LCPPP listened to their views through the cafe conversation and that they were keen to participate further in future. During discussion, it was agreed to invite young people and other community reps to another LCPP meeting. It was agreed that the November LCPP meeting would act as such with the August meeting being a normal meeting. Sharon agreed to make arrangements to encourage young people to attend the November meeting.</p>	
<p><u>6.4 Planet Youth-</u> Report circulated with notes.</p>	
<p><u>7. Date of next meeting-</u> Michelle indicated that the next meeting was planned for Tuesday 26 August at 6pm in the Community Lounge of the West District Housing Office in Sinclair Street.</p>	