

MARYFIELD COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP

20 August 2024 at Morgan Academy

MINUTE

1. **Attendance:**

Johnny Lothian, Cllr Lynn, David MacDougall, Mo Saunders, Sarah Paterson, Julie Lorimer, Cllr Georgia Cruickshank, Sgt Kirsten Kiddie

2. **In attendance:** Elaine Pratt

3. **Apologies;** Jim Gordon, Sheila Alan, Sheena Wellington, Colin Clement, Carrie Reid

4. **Previous Minutes**

Agreed as an accurate note.

Members of the Partnership wanted to convey thanks to Stuart for all his work on behalf of the LCPP and wish him every success in his new role.

5. **Matters Arising**

5.3 Johnny to follow up on getting someone from the libraries section in Leisure and Culture to be a Representative on the LCPP. **Action J Lothian.**

6. **Environmental Walkabouts**

A Walkabout was carried out in July, with Julie and two others. The main concerns focussed on litter and rubbish. Cllr Lynn raised the issue of the planters and railing in Park Ave needing attention. It was suggested that the Community Wishes programme and Community Payback could be a solution. D MacDougall suggested that the Stobswell Forum could submit a Community Wishes application and that Lesley Thom from the Community Payback Team should be contacted to see if there was an opportunity for them to be involved.

Walkabouts to continue when the new Communities Officer is in place.

7. **Updates on Working Groups:**

7.1 Cost of Living / Stobswell West

The first phase of Stobswell West has included; a dedicated worker based at DIWC who has completed a 10 week drop in for residents, a Financial Inclusion Worker based in Morgan who has maximised over £500k in income for residents, this post is to be extended for another year but will be split between Morgan and Baldragon. Stuart and Keira have carried out a substantial amount of work in the north end of Stobswell and it is acknowledged that this is a diverse and deprived area.

The second phase will be put on hold until the new Community Officer is in place but will include Columba 1400 training which focusses on partnership working and solution focussed outcomes.

It was noted that interviews for the Communities Officer Posts are to be held on 22nd August and these are internal vacancies so it is hoped that someone will be in post quickly.

7.2 Albert Street Working Group

The V&A have offered a Design and Innovation engagement exercise for traders and residents in Albert Street. This involves a 3-day commitment from participants. There are concerns at asking traders to commit to this, but V&A are going to check and see if they can offer an incentive by way of some money. The content obtained from this exercise will hopefully compliment the information that has already been gathered for the Local Place Plan. This event has been put back to October/November. Noted that it is important that there is a vehicle for the voice of young people to be included in this.

D MacDougall raised a concern that the Local Place Plan and Local Community Plan should be co-ordinated by the LCPP, and that City Development would be key to this. **Action:** M Saunders agreed to take this back to City Development.

7.3 Children, Young People and Families.

The main development from this Working Group is the Virtual Information Pack on Sway which has currently had 1000+ hits. This and the extensive holiday provision by the Youth Team and Community Empowerment Team will be evaluated when the group meet again.

7.4 Recovery and Community

A recovery and Community Action was tabled at the meeting and included; health checks, training, showcase events Community Guider training and the Maryfield ADP spend. Some of the project's funding through the ADP funding included £1200 to Boomerang for their LGBTQIA+ group, £3487 to Boots Hub for one-to-one support and funding for Just Bee for training.

8. Partner Reports

8.1 Police Service

The Police report had been circulated and Kirsten gave an update on this which focussed on prevention, schools, and violence reduction. Kirsten also thanked the Stobswell Forum for the 50 food parcels which so far 30 have been given out. She highlighted how much these are appreciated by some of the people the Police come across during their evening and night shifts. She also indicated that she still had food vouchers too.

8.2 Fire Service, No Update

8.3 Health Update, No Update

9. AOCB

Councillor Lynn raised a concern about the boundary for the permit parking at the football stadiums. He has been approached by residents in Arklay Terrace and surrounding streets to ask why their streets were not included. Action; Councillor Lynn to bring the first year of operation report to the next meeting.

10. Date Time and Venue of Next Meeting

Tuesday 19th November at 6pm in Arthurstone Community Library