

Meeting of North East Local Community Planning Partnership

Thursday 13th February 2025

Finmill Centre

Present: Paul Fleming (locality leader), David Gray, Joanne Kelly, Wilma Barbour, Bailie Sawyers, Jack Brennan (Fairfield), Alison Mackenzie, Gareth Daily, Gordon Laidlaw, Johnny Lothian, Lydia Banks, Shambhavi Mayur, Sarah Barham, Natalie Mackland

Item 1

Consultation on the Closure of St Pius RC Primary School and Nursery and Expansion of St Francis RC Primary School boundary - Gordon Laidlaw –

In December 2024, DCC Children, Families and Communities Committee approved the consultation which would see the permanent closure of St Pius at the end of academic session 2025/26.

Period of consultation started 6th January and will close on 19th February.

2 viewing of proposals/drop in sessions/public meetings were held 27/28th January giving an opportunity for stakeholders to hear about the proposal in detail, provide feedback and ask questions.

Over a period of 3 weeks in March, Education Scotland will consider all consultation materials and meet with the affected schools. DCC will produce an outcome report in April and take a report to Committee in June with recommendations. Following a decision to close, there would be a period of 8 weeks within which the Scottish Government can call in the proposal for further consideration.

Reasons for proposed closure:

- The St Pius building is in an extremely poor condition
- The school roll has been declining over the last 5 academic years
- Capacity has been demonstrated within other local schools in the vicinity to accommodate pupil numbers

Consultation so far has highlighted some concerns around travel and parking in the vicinity of St Francis's PS and the need to ensure adequate support for ASN pupils (assumptions being made by some that ASN is better supported in a smaller school setting).

Angus Housing Association have a development site opposite St Francis PS which will be on stream withing the same timescale if the closure were to proceed. Worth being aware of for potential traffic management issues.

Action: Any observations during the consultation period should be made via the DCC website or directly to children.families@dundeecity.gov.uk or via post to Audrey May, Exec Director of Children and Families, 5 City Square, Floor 3, East Wing Dundee, DD13BA

Item 2

Active schools – Gareth Dailly and Alison MacKenzie

Presentation attached.

Gareth also shared info about the pump track which is to be created south of the new campus. Johnny Lothian identified great opportunity to strengthen and upscale some of the work that has been done across the ward(s) with a focus on the facilities at the east end community campus.

Item 3

Minute of last meeting

Matters arising – Repair to NE campus pitch now complete and youth staff accessing again.

Item 4

May LCPP cafe conversation

Cafe Conversation engagement / structure is reaping benefits in other wards. The new approach is less formal than the current LCPP meeting format with the agenda more community led and informed.

It is proposed to host the May LCPP meeting in a cafe conversation format, will need to revisit the date/time and venue to ensure accessibility.

Discussion was had around what theme/topic the cafe conversation should consider.

Generally, it was felt that a broad discussion around what would improve / make a difference for those living in the ward, to help identify any gaps that could be addressed through community planning processes.

Action: David Gray offered to establish if the consultation material from the recent land use planning consultations can be interrogated by ward and share with Natalie.

Action: All asked to give this some further consideration and confirm any alternative themed suggestions with Natalie by mid March.

Item 5

What Matters 2 You update and DP Imagination Library

Family empowerment sessions continue on a Monday in the Crescent with parents/carers taking greater ownership of tasks. Values Based Leadership Experience, bringing together parents/carers from both Whitfield WM2U group and Finmill Family Fun Cub, 26-28th Feb. Hoped that all will benefit greatly from the experience both personally and with ideas for the groups going forward.

Best Foot Forward, a free family healthy lifestyle programme which supports children to work towards a healthy weight in partnership with Active Schools and NHS Tayside, is being delivered to WM2Y Whitfield group starting on 24th February, to plan a 10 week programme.

Action: support required from other practitioners at Monday night sessions.

Dolly Parton Imagination Library has launched, simple sign up and those with children under the age of 5 receive a book each month in the post through to the age of 5. Sign up has been slower than expected, a plan has been developed to target families with children under 5 within specific data zones across Whitfield.

Action: all to share info about it and encourage sign up.

Item 6

Social Bite Recovery Village

The Community Empowerment Team have had dialogue with Social Bite who asked that the following information be shared.

There is a proposal to develop a 20 bed recovery village (10 beds communal living, 10 beds independent living). With significant support on site and a focus on integration into community life including volunteering and employability.

The North East ward has been identified as the potential area for the village, north of the Dighty in the vicinity of Mill o' Mains/Dalclaverhouse. Engagement will be carried out within the local community, likely taking the format of information sharing, answering queries and being responsive to any concerns that are raised.

If the theme of the May cafe conversation allows, the Social Bite engagement workers will attend.

David Gray confirmed that no planning application has been submitted, when that happens, people will have a formal opportunity to raise any planning concerns.

Item 7

Funding Update

Community Regeneration Fund

December 2024

NEY 2411	Active Schools	North East	After school Dance Club - To provide 11 weeks of free dance classes to MOM PS pupils, 50% of spaces will be targeted and allowing 50% of wider school pupils to prevent stigma with dance show at end of year.	£275	£275	£275	Forum agreed to fully fund this application.
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NEY 2412	DCC Youth Work	Nort h East	Christmas support for families - Money for meals/cooking ingredients at provision and money towards panto tickets.	£157 1.50*	1571 .50*	£189 0**	*Original application reduced by £2000, as DP will not fund food hamper element of application due to investment in local larders. **Error in figure contained in application, actual quote for panto is £990. Forum agreed to fund full cost of food for provision and panto.
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February 2025 (No meeting January)

NE2 420	Finmill LMG	North East	6 Week Yoga class for up to 12 local people	£150	150	£150	**This was originally £200 but 8 weeks could not be funded due to date money would be released and need spent by – 6 weeks' worth can be considered
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£3500 to date still available. 3 applications submitted for March Forum which if allocated would use up almost all of the underspend.

Cos of Living Crisis £5,000 ring fenced funding fully allocated:

£1,000 to Abertay HA for food vouchers

£926 to Lifegate /resolve and evolve for cosy items

£500 to Community Empowerment Team for cosy items for a pop up advice event and clothing rails for a freecycle clothing offer in Finmill

£168 to Fintry Library for hot drinks/refreshments for cosy space offer

£405 to Fintry Church for a Xmas cooking demonstration and lunch

£357 to Community Health Team for budget cooking classes

£1466 to Fairfield to install heating in their creative rooms

Neighbourhood Capital Fund

Community ideas generation stage underway to help identify possible options for the allocation of £50,100.

Timescales and exact process still being ironed out but will involve the need to identify lead organisations to take proposals forward and a public vote (those living in the community age 12 and over).

Item 8

DVVA shared info about the Mental Health and Well-being fund for Adults - [Communities Mental Health & Wellbeing Fund for Adults 2024 -2025 – Dundee Volunteer & Voluntary Action](#). The application and the guidance form for the same can be found at the end of the page on the website. The applications are open till the 9th of March 2025. It is essential to book for a session with the funding team member – Sarah Maybourne, and the link to book the appointment is available on the page. Applications can be forwarded to funding@dvva.scot

Community wishes, Paul Fleming stated that not many wishes are showing on the system for the NE ward.

Action: further push required in the area, all to share info and encourage groups/organisations to submit.

Item 9

DONM

Should be 6 May at 2pm in Crescent although that will be revisited in light of cafe conversation format.