

Minute of the Lochee Community Planning Partnership (LCPP) meeting held on

26 August 2025 at 6pm in West District Housing Lounge

Present:	Cllr Lee Mills	Dundee City Council (DCC)
	Cllr Siobhan Tolland	DCC
	Michelle Harrow	Chair- DCC
	Robin Falconer	Suicide Prevention Officer- DHSCP
	Michael Robertson	Housing Service- DCC
	Elsbeth Burns- Chater	CLD Empowerment Team- DCC
	Katie Angus	Dundee Volunteer and Voluntary Action (DVVA)
	Shelby Douglas	Dundee Volunteer and Voluntary Action (DVVA)
	Una Milne	Lochee Regeneration Forum
	Pamela Drysdale	Menzieshill CC Local Management Group
	Ruth Goto	National African and Black Assoc
	Kelechi Raphael	Hope for Families in Need
	Heather Henry	Lochee Residents and Tenants Assoc
	Robert Law	Lochee Residents and Tenants Assoc
	Clare Martin	CLD Health Team- DCC
	Lynn Menzies	Active Dundee- Leisure and Culture Dundee (LACD)
	Megan Reid	CLD Youth Team- DCC
	Chris Seaton	CLD Youth Team- DCC
	Sheila McMahon	CLD Health Team- DCC
	Kim Meek	CLD Health Team- DCC
	Catrina Boal	NHS Health Inclusion Team
	Linda Bulle	Shelter Scotland
	Remy Scott- Flynn	NHS Improvement Service
	Mike Welsh	Communities officer – DCC

Apologies: Cllr Wendy Scullin, Cllr Roisin Smith, Sarah Anderson, Jay Grant, Gillian Lamb, Bill Batchelor, Alan Lowe, Derek Mitchell, Paula Mitchell, Pamela Nesbitt, Michael Colgan, Mark Wilson, Nicky Taylor and Stewart Steen.

1. Minute of the last meeting- 20 May 2025

Michelle welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were complete. The minute of the meeting was agreed as correct

2. Matters Arising for the minute

Michelle reported that the previous meeting had concentrated on key tests of change from the draft LCP which had been circulated prior to the meeting. Mike provided an update on each;

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.

A meeting has not been arranged yet, but a fund has been established by the Lochee Regeneration Forum to support small initiatives up to the value of £500. Meeting to be planned later in 2025.

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

This is the theme for the meeting.

2.3- Establish a working group which will pilot measures appropriate for supporting those contemplating suicide.

A pilot has started in central Lochee led by CLD Community Health team and the Community Empowerment team, with support from the Suicide Prevention officer.

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

A range of activities are planned to include a supper club (Come Dine with Me) and activity classes.

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

A pilot was organised through Lochee Community Hub and the CLD youth team over the summer. However, this wasn't successful and will need to be planned again.

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

This is linked to today's themed discussion.

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.

Hillcrest Futures is operating a successful weekly drop-in facility at Burnside Court sheltered housing lounge.

2.8- Investigate a preventative project around visiting and supporting new tenants who might need information or support from services eg families or young people - 16+.

A meeting between CLD Empowerment team and Housing will be organised.

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

This to be started when the new Lochee area Environment manager is in post.

2.10- Establish community improvement/ litter initiatives in the neighbourhoods around the ward.

As 2.9, although area-based clean-ups are planned soon.

2.11- Organise annual stakeholder events to identify improvement programmes relevant to the High St/ District centre area.

Dialogue has been held with the Lochee Residents and Tenants assoc and representatives of the fledgling traders group on planned operations in Lochee High St over the next six months.

2.12- Test out new ways of building resilience by working with families struggling to cope with lives challenges.

Family support groups will continue in Charleston, Menzieshill and Lochee.

Michelle reported that these tests of change would be considered at the November meeting.

3.Meeting theme- Recent incident and impact on community safety

Michelle indicated that all residents and LCPP partners were shocked at the recent murder of Dr Fortune Gomo. She added that lots of work has been done by the local community to show their support for the family and black community in Lochee. Many meetings have been held including the public meetings in St Marys primary school, however she added, this only goes a short way towards reflecting the level of grief felt in the community. Ruth indicated that she and Kelechi welcomed the opportunity to attend the meeting and discuss the black community's feelings.

Michelle indicated that the LCPP and partners were committed to action in response to the incident and the following points were raised in the following discussion;

- Multi-cultural events can be established,
- An invitation was provided to participate in the Lochee Christmas celebration on the evening of 26 November (5-9pm approx),
- A women's group can be created for everyone interested (CLD service to meet and discuss this and other aspirations ideas with Ruth/ Kelechi),
- Food based activities- participants can share the preparation of their own regional meals.
- Mental Health support for all- it was pointed out that there is a lack of counselling support for those struggling with trauma,
- Development work with young people can be initiated- Lochee Utd, Lochee Hub, CLD Youth team,
- Publicise the ladies only swimming and exercise on Tuesdays at Lochee Leisure centre.
- Share the programmes for existing activities in Charleston and Menzieshill Community centre.
- Local people can participate in the Hope for Families in Need activities,

- LACD operate an active moves class for primary aged children in Lochee, Charleston and Menzieshill which is free for all participating children.

It was agreed that an invitation would be provided to future cafe conversations for local representatives and that CLD Empowerment team will meet with Ruth and Kelechi to investigate potential opportunities for co-produced work.

4. Meeting theme- Mental Health and Well-Being

Michelle reported that there are several actions in the LCP relating to this topic. In addition, this was discussed at the recent cafe conversation that identified the need for new activities and interventions around improving mental well-being. Michelle introduced Sheila McMahon who provided some contextual data as follows;

Public Health Scotland- mental health emergency admission data was shared as well as admissions to hospital on topics such as alcohol/ substance use.

Engage Dundee- the last survey concentrated on the impact of the cost of living on residents of Dundee. The conclusions were shared eg identified that people had struggled with their mental health due to factors associated with the cost of utilities and food.

Strang Report- this report identified the conditions that led to the establishment of Hope Point in the city centre. In addition, the Health and Well-being commissioning group (DHSC Partnership) is looking to create services to plug gaps in service provision.

Some examples of successful projects were shared by those in attendance such as Sources of Support, money advice support workers, listening services & Community link workers (in GP practices). Others at the meeting talked about services/ tools they were aware of such as; third sector providers (Penumbra, Well-being Works) Decider skills package, Together to thrive, Togetherall.

Robin Falconer talked about the Suicide Prevention Framework and the plans stakeholders have to challenge Dundee's position as the area with the highest rate of suicides in Scotland. He outlined that 30 people died in the last year, 73% of whom were men. He indicated that there is a four times higher rate of suicide in more deprived communities, and more women attempt suicide but are less successful than men.

A discussion was held on how in Lochee partners can develop services. It was agreed to investigate the following;

Support people with transitions eg Contact with new tenants in Lochee - Information visits 4-8 weeks after moving in, support for young tenants (CLD Youth Team provide this with DCC Housing service)- Mike and Stewart Steen to discuss.

Take information to areas of high footfall eg Farmfoods, lidl, sheltered housing lounges

Referral to Street Soccer at the Change Centre.

5. Alcohol and Drug Partnership Funding- Lochee

Mike reported on the use of £12,000 worth of locally delivered projects that fitted into the ADP criteria of protecting people through a preventative approach. Mike offered to circulate the report on local impact with the minute.

Mike/
Stewart

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In addition, £5714 is to be distributed to the Lochee ward over the next 8 months and a stakeholder group meeting is planned for 3 September to discuss local priorities for the use of the funding. All in attendance were invited to attend.

A report will be brought to the next LCPP on the conclusions of the stakeholders.

6. Neighbourhood Capital Fund (NCF)

Mike reported that a NCF had been established in the city utilising Dundee City Council capital resources. The fund would be utilised in a participatory budgeting manner and he outlined the process involved in establishing projects through the identification of local priority themes by the community. Local organisations had submitted bids based on how they will achieve these priorities and voting was live until 19 September. Una indicated that the voting system was clunky and did not encourage people to continue to vote. This point to be fed back to the organisers.

7. Service Updates

7.1 - Voluntary Sector Report – Katie reported that the Lochee Community Hub is in the process of creating an Oversight board and Engagement forum. These structures are planned to discuss what the community and strategic partners would like to see operate, and from which a responsive programme will operate in the Hub.

7.2-Lochee Residents and Tenants Association- Heather reported on the success of the recent Street Art project by Douglas Roulston and plans for another project on the High Street. In addition,

7.3- Heritage Trail- Una reported that the Lochee Heritage Trail will be launched soon with 8 information plaques planned for installation around Lochee High Street in the autumn.

8. Date of next meeting- Michelle indicated that the next meeting would be a cafe conversation and was planned for Tuesday 11 November from 5-7pm in Menzieshill Community Hub.