

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

24 February 2026 at 1pm in Menzieshill Community Hub

Present:	Cllr Lee Mills	Dundee City Council (DCC)
	Cllr Wendy Scullin	DCC
	Cllr Roisin Smith	DCC
	Stewart Steen	Housing Service- DCC
	Elsbeth Burns- Chater	CLD Empowerment Team- DCC
	Katie Angus	Dundee Volunteer and Voluntary Action (DVVA)
	Andrew Reid	City Development- City Engineers
	Stephen Page	City Development- Planning
	Dylan Gowans	Housing Improvement Service-DCC
	Mark Wilson	City Development- Roads
	Kevin Donald	City Development- Roads
	Kelechi Raphael	Hope for Families
	Heather Henry	Lochee Residents and Tenants Assoc
	Irene Baxter	Lochee Residents and Tenants Assoc
	Sharon Preston	CLD Youth Team- DCC
	Shelly Szpak	CLD Youth Team- DCC
	Chris Seaton	CLD Youth Team- DCC
	Jane Duthie	CLD Youth Team- DCC
	Nicky Taylor	NHS Health Inclusion Team
	Blair Brown	NHS Health Inclusion Team
	Sarah (Student)	NHS Health Inclusion Team
	Dr Kevin McConville	NHS Tayside (Lochee Health Centre)
	Donna Taylor	NHS Improvement Service
	Mike Welsh	Communities officer – DCC (Chairperson)
Apologies:	Cllr Siobhan Tolland, Gillian Lamb, Bill Batchelor, Alan Lowe, Angela Foote, Kiera O'Rourke and Clare Martin.	

1. Meeting Theme – Lochee Improvements

Mike welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were complete.

Mike introduced Stephen Page from Planning and Andrew Reid from the City Engineer's section to the meeting. Andrew and Stephen provided an insight into the development of Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems and the plan for a new drainage system in Lochee High Street. Andrew detailed the likely disruption and the impact of the improvements on the possibility of opening development sites in the central Lochee area. He indicated that due to investment in managing surface water removal, the sites to the west of the shop called "Poshnosh", the burned out Lochee church and the area that once housed the child and family centre could be opened up to developers. Members viewed the plans for the site on Bank Street.

Stephen added that the Pocket park would be complete once the SUDS drainage pond is complete as part of the first phase of development. He added that the plans for this space include a living tree and one part of the 12 planned heritage trail boards that will be installed throughout the Lochee area. Questions were asked on the expectation of planning gain from the sites involved, but Stephen thought the building sites were too small to incur significant planning gains through planning conditions.

Dylan was then introduced to all present. He provided an input into the plan to improve the area around the base of Adamson & Elders Courts and Kirk Street. He outlined improvements to the carparking, planting and removal of walls to open up the environment in this area. In addition, a piece of public art is planned for the district heating centre positioned to the west of the site. He indicated that the likely three-month contract would start on 16 March. Questions were asked of any potential changes to the multi-story blocks going into the future. Stewart added that improvements to the operation of the facilities are planned to include improved cleaning in the blocks and a new method of managing any anti-social behaviour. He added that a very small number of tenants cause a lot of problems and a multi-agency response has been planned to manage this.

In addition, Stewart reported that the ex-community lounge in Adamson's Court is now available for community use and the partnership agreed that this would offer necessary facilities to the area. It was pointed out that a weekly multi-agency engagement team used to operate successfully from this location and it was agreed to investigate if this is a possibility in future. Nicky and the youth team members indicated an interest.

Other developments reported included the building of a new shared use pathway and cycle route which is being constructed along the old railway line from Peel Street to Sharp's Lane.

2. Minute of the last meeting- 26 August 2025

The minute of the meeting of 26 August 2025 was agreed as correct.

3. Last meeting notes from the Cafe Conversation

Mike

Mike indicated that the meeting notes had been circulated for information. The partnership went through the potential actions arising from the conversations held. The following actions were reported;

Cost of living- Food larders are investigating opening at weekends and evenings, but capacity is challenging as the three local larders operate using a limited group of volunteers.

Mental Health and isolation- A woman's group has been initiated by the CLD service in central Lochee. Community centres are investigating the development of evening activities although there is very little capacity.

Resilient Families-Lochee United has an improved facility with a new training kitchen. There is a plan to operate cooking classes.

Lochee High Street- further street art installations currently being pursued by Lochee Residents and Tenants association and Lochee History group.

Green and open space- Residents led improvements currently being considered in areas such as Charleston and Western Gateway.

Substance Misuse recovery- Men's group being sustained in central Lochee and a women's group is being trialled at present in the hope people in recovery can be identified.

Community Safety- New streetlights are being installed in South Road Park to enhance the illuminated footpath.

Mike asked the partnership if they thought the cafe conversation style of approach was preferred over formal meetings. A lengthy discussion was held and it was agreed that these type of meetings should continue to be organised as they encourage more discussion and input from people new to the local community planning process, particularly young people.

The paper on proposed meetings was shared and discussed. The partnership agreed that hosting three geographical cafe conversation style meetings was in keeping with the encouragement of informal approaches to engage with a wide variety of stakeholders and residents. It was also agreed to hold a formal "executive" meeting before the proposed LCPP round table on 19 May to review the Local Community Plan. It was agreed that Mike would liaise with the new chair, when announced, and agree those who should be on the core group and invite them to a meeting in early May. Other than that, the programme of meetings was agreed.

3. Lochee Community Hub

Katie provided a report on the imminent closure of the Hub in Lochee High Street. She indicated that DVVA and partners had discussed the potential of funding to fill a gap in available revenue, but no obvious money or support had been identified, apart from the support for free accommodation from DCC and grants from NHS and the Northwood Trust. Katie agreed to share the DVVA Communication with Mike who would circulate this around partners.

A lengthy discussion was held on this topic. A focus of the discussion was the future of all the stakeholders who use the facility at present. Katie indicated that a meeting was planned with relevant stakeholders on Wednesday 4 March at 10am in the Hub. She also added that many offers of support had come from lots of partners in the Lochee area including Costa, St Marys church hall, the Library and the health centre. Stewart pointed out that community lounges are available ie the Adamson's Court

and also Burnside Court. Dr McConville indicated that a meeting room was available in the health centre and encouraged contact with the practice manager.

It was agreed that a programme of where everything would end up would be shared around the partnership and residents in the area.

4. Walk-in GP appointments at Lochee Health centre

Dr McConville reported, in reaction to a question, that the Lochee health centre would be available every day from 12-8pm for walk-in appointments. He indicated that he was unsure of the detail, but was sure this was for those registered with Lochee practice through NHS Tayside. Further details would be shared when available.

All
members

5. Alcohol and Drug Partnership Funding- Lochee

A report on the use of £5714 had been distributed to the partnership. Mike reported that a stakeholder group had met regularly to discuss local priorities for the use of the funding. Partners agreed on the appropriateness of the projects funded. It was agreed to forward impact reports when the trials are complete. The projects funded are; a Men's group in Charleston, a mindfulness initiative for those living in Menzieshill, an arts based series of recovery workshops in Lochee Community Hub and a vaping preventative comic focussed on those aged 10—15 years of age.

6. Neighbourhood Capital Fund (NCF)

A report shared on the use of the funding in Lochee was welcomed. The progress of projects was awaited but it was acknowledged that most of the projects are in construction. It was agreed to review this at the May meeting.

7. Service Updates

7.1- Suicide Prevention pilot- Robin Falconer had circulated a report on the suicide prevention partnership work in the Lochee ward. He requested that members of the partnership put themselves forward for a facilitated workshop to be held in March. All interested members to connect with Mike.

7.2- Housing update- Stewart reported that a pilot in Charleston offering weekly drop-in surgeries was proving to be very successful. This surgery is offered in partnership with Charleston Matters at the community centre and was attracting good numbers of those who would normally not raise complaints or make suggestions. He added that a walkabout is planned soon to focus on areas of concern. It was suggested the results could be reported on at the planned cafe conversation.

7.3- Youth Team update- Shelly indicated that numbers are good at present with up to 65 young people attending the Tuesday and Thursday evening sessions at Menzieshill Community Hub (MCH). In addition, Shelly added that the primary seven transition sessions will be operating at MCH soon and the Easter holiday programme is being planned with young people.

7.4-Lochee Residents and Tenants Association- Irene and Heather reported that plans have already started for the area's Christmas event this November. In addition, LRTA is planning to raise funds for ongoing Street Art projects, similar to the one completed by Douglas Roulston at Bank St in Lochee.

7.5- Hope for Families- Cake Event- Kelechi reported that a multi-cultural event was planned for Charleston Community Centre on Saturday 28 February. The concept of everyone bringing a cake which was then shared encouraging conversation and connection between all in attendance was explained.

7.6-NHS Inclusion team- Blair reported that the team is undertaking good engagement in Lochee now with lots of sessions planned. He indicated they are keen to see an appropriate place to meet residents in the Lochee area once the Hub closes. He indicated they will engage with any planned stakeholder meetings.

7.7- Police representation- It was announced that a reorganisation of the local community policing teams has been completed and the new Inspector is Susan Cook with the Sergeant being Ryan Gallagher.

8. Date of next meeting- Next core group meeting to be confirmed. The Charleston Cafe Conversation/ Round Table event will be held on 19 May at 5.30pm in Charleston Community Centre.