

MARYFIELD AND COLDSIDE LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP

Wednesday 20th August 2025 3.30pm Cake or Dice,

Commercial Street, Dundee

Minutes

Attendance

CI Rachael Burns – Locality Leader & Police Scotland	Jennifer Kincaid – Communities Officer
Vicky Higgins – Community Empowerment Team	Val Kane - Community Empowerment Team
Kirsten Brownlie - Community Empowerment Team	Sarah Hunter - Community Empowerment Team
Colin Clement – Stobswell Forum	Lindsey Eppy – Hilltown Management Group
Cllr Lynne Short – Elected Member	David McDougall – Stobswell Forum
Lynne Isaacs – Hilltown Management Group	Fionn Stevenson – Stobswell Forum
Cllr Georgia Cruickshank – Elected Member	Fiona Reekie – DCC Housing
Karren Huzzey – Coldside Forum	Nidhi Sharma - Employability
Nancy Finnie – Employability	Nicky Taylor – NHS
Alison Connor – Community Health Team	PS Kirsten Kiddie – Police Scotland
Irene Shearer – Friends of Baxter Park	Alan Lowe -
Fiona Bisset – Sheltered Housing DCC	Alison Goodfellow – Maxwell Centre
Michael Holloway – Full Gospel Church	Kim Meek – Community Health Team
Vhairi Lawson – CLD Youth Team	Sarah Flynn – CLD Youth Team
Anne Leslie - DVVA	Holly Anderson – Community Safety
Errol Johnston – Community Safety	Gillian Lamb – Community Safety
Tracie MacMillan – CLD Youth Team	Jay Grant – Environment
Jordanne Imrie – DCC Housing	Norma Barber – Coldside Forum
Murray Cochrane – DCC Housing.	Cllr Heather Anderson – Elected Member
Gaynor Sullivan – City Centre Manager	

1. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies – CI Rachael Burns

Rachael opened this meeting

Apologies: Murray Webster; Margaret Wemyss; John Milligan, City centre and Harbour Community Council, Cllr George McIrvine, Bailie Helen Wright, Cllr Mark Flynn.

2. Oor People Group Exercise – CET

Jennifer presented an activity to look at examples of people in our communities to facilitate some discussion.

Challenges identified in communities were:

- Fly tipping/Eurobins/bins
- Loneliness
- Employment
- Financial Difficulties
- Family break ups
- Domestic abuse
- Feeling unsafe

Actions

- Accessibility
- Unsettled due to regular changes in neighbours
- Anti-social neighbours
- Hilly terrain (walking up Hilltown)
- Lack of public transport
- No garden to grow food in
- Lack of support services
- Unstable lifestyle
- Drug use
- Lack of enforcement powers for safety officers
- Litter
- Environment maintenance
- Traffic around schools/football traffic
- Commuter parking
- HGV's on Albert Street

Idea's for LCPP to make the community fairer:

- Try to promote everything that's going on.
- Share information
- Provide local services.
- Communication
- Effective Networking
- Team around the adult
- Ensuring the commitment of officers
- Continuity of services.
- Listen and support communities.
- Equality and inclusion
- Share what's happening locally
- Facilitate strong partnerships
- Influence and understand policies and procedures in DCC and police
- Targeted approaches for more people to receive help.
- Hold events in different locations – raise awareness e.g. Gp surgeries, parks, library, cafe, sheltered housing, health visitors.

3. Minutes of the previous meetings approval

Amendment to Maryfield – Add Fionn

Adopted Maryfield

Fraser agreed to pull together subgroup of council officers

Adopted Coldside

4. Setting Commitments and Expectations between Communities and Services

1. What are the preferred methods of communication between partners and community? Emails but awareness that not all community groups have access to this.
 - a. *Face to face*
 - b. *Paper copies*
 - c. *consideration for those who have literacy, speakers of other languages.*
 - d. *Literacies, ESOL and libraries involved in communication.*
 - e. *Pick up papers at the libraries.*
 - f. *Expand the invites.*
 - g. *Getting communities not involved already.*
 - h. *Key people from council departments but it needs to be constructive and not critical only.*
 - i. *WhatsApp, different methods of communicating.*

Challenges to this were mainly who is responsible for manning the communication channels? How much can this be expected? Response communications and non-response channels are both useful.

2. What happens if communications break down?
 - a. *Lost trust,*
 - b. *lack of council officers coming to the right meetings.*
 - c. *Noted that there is nobody from the roads department attended today.*

We need to focus on rebuilding trust. It must be mutually constructive. Recognition of coproduction of projects.

3. What is a reasonable Partnership Commitment?
 - a. *People being involved in the decision-making process, not just listening.*
 - b. *Multiple groups – some services are city wide and not local.*
 - c. *Officers committing to sub groups if they can't attend the LCPP group.*

5. Action Groups (previously sub groups)

1. Identify existing subgroups and decide if they are still effective/needed.

- a. Health and Well Being Network – Led by Health Team, focus on health and wellbeing activities in the community.
 - b. Alcohol and Drug Partnership Group – Led by CET, focus on funding being spent on local initiatives to address impact of Drug and Alcohol.
 - c. Albert Street Action Group – Led by local people with a focus on delivering the Albert Street Place Plan in Stobswell.
 - d. Cost of Living Network – Was led by CET but not met for a few years.
 - e. TBC Community Safety group – Specific to areas e.g. multis
 - f. TBC Youth Involvement – To target more youth voices. This could also include families.
2. Discuss gaps/new action groups/need to reactivate stagnant sub groups.
- a. *Short life working groups task focussed – this would be a more reasonable commitment for all.*
 - i. *DCC Locality plans actions need to be delivered.*
 - ii. *Sub group to each action is what was happening.*
 - b. *Sub groups need to pick out achievable actions as the plans are very wide and optimistic.*

6. Comments/ Questions about Tabled Updates

Sheltered housing updates. Complexes are available for community use.

Add in Contacts to the updates for future updates

7. Plan Walkabouts and other Community Actions

- 1. What are priority areas?
 - a. The Glens and Law area
 - b. Multis
 - c. Hot spot walk about planning.
 - d. Feeding back to residents is important and advertise in advance to give residents to chance to join in.
 - e. Make sure walkabouts are visible to the community.
- 2. When suits for walk abouts? Daytime and weekdays for DCC reps. Depends on the issue(s) we are trying to address.
- 3. What partners are needed for these? Depends on the walkabouts.

8. AOCB

Feedback – Ensure people can sit with relevant officers to the work they are doing.

9. Date, time and venue of next meetings.

Wednesday 19th November 2025 and Wednesday 18th February 2026

TBC