

MARYFIELD AND COLDSIDE LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP
Tuesday 18th November 2025 6pm Fleming Gardens Sheltered Lounge
Minutes

Attendance:

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| CI Rachael Burns – Locality Leader & Police Scotland | Jennifer Kincaid – Communities Officer |
| Kirsten Brownlie – Community Empowerment | Sarah Hunter - Community Empowerment |
| Val Kane- Community Empowerment | Vicky Higgins - Community Empowerment |
| Cllr Ken Lynn – Elected Member | Margaret Wemyss – Coldsides Forum |
| Murray Webster – Coldsides Regeneration Forum | Cllr Lynne Short – Elected Member |
| PS Garrie Watson – Police Scotland | Natalie Hocking – Clepington Primary |
| Bailie Helen Wright – Elected Member | Cllr Georgia Cruickshank – Elected Member |
| Tammy Williamson – Hilltown Management Group | Roddy Williamson - Hilltown Management |
| Anne Leslie – DVVA | Bev Ross – NHS HINT team |
| Colin Clement – Stobswell Forum | Gloria McHugh – Maryfield Matters |
| Leia McKenzie - Maryfield Matters | Cllr Heather Anderson – Elected Member |
| Gail Smith – Maryfield Matters | Alison Goodfellow – Maxwell Centre |
| Laura McKenzie – St Peter and Pauls PS | Kristal Anderson – CLD Youth Volunteer |
| Gray Murray – CLD Youth Volunteer | Kim Meek – Community Health Team |
| Ann Coull – Coldsides Bright Futures | Hajara – Maryfield Matters |
| David McDougall – Stobswell Forum | Stuart Cochrane – Environment Department |
| Helen Keith – Local person Group | Norma Barber – Hilltown Management |
| Denise Gormley – Dens Road Primary | Remy Scott- Flynn – NHS Public Health |
| PS Elise Wilson – Police Scotland | Holly Anderson – Antisocial Behaviour Team |
| CI Jamie Allan – Police Scotland | |

1. Welcome, Introductions & Apologies

Rachael welcomed attendees and noted the agenda change to address recent protests in Maryfield and Coldsides.

Chief Inspector Jamie Allan (Operation Lest) provided an update on the police response:

- Police facilitate peaceful protest as a protected Human Right.
- Community concerns acknowledged; report intimidation or unsafe incidents via **101** or Police Scotland's online form.
- Protesters are not required to notify police; intelligence often comes from public reports/social media.
- Arrests usually occur after tensions ease; resources and safety are key considerations.
- Coordination is challenging due to opposing protests; engagement with protesters remains difficult.
- Police aim to set up safe sites and reduce tension; numbers now ~10 protesters and double counter-protesters.
- Police remain impartial; criminality addressed proportionally.

- Police cannot prevent protests but explore sanctions where possible.

Questions:

- *What can we do?* → Consistent reporting needed; Dundee response robust compared to other cities.
 - *Why outside a children's home?* → No legislation prevents this; buffer zones only apply to abortion clinics.
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2. Introductions

Attendees introduced themselves.

3. Previous Minutes

Approved.

4. Matters Arising

Partners asked to sign up to subgroups at tables that are relevant to them; Noted ADP group met in October to allocate funding.

5. Community Updates

- **Neighbourhood Capital Funding** – Jen updated on the results of the votes for this project and thanked all who took part in the process.
 - **Community Regeneration Funding** – Group agreed an update on how CRF is spent in communities would be helpful in advance of meetings.
 - **Christmas Plans:**
 - Stobswell Forum: Christmas shop (4 Saturdays before Xmas), events with Santa, hot chocolate (2nd Morgan, 11th Baxter Park, 18th Malcolm St, 6–6:45).
 - Stobswell Light Nights in Morgan Academy, Baxter Park and Malcom Street Park.
 - Hilltown Community Centre: Xmas event 10 Dec (rides, grotto, carols, glee club).
 - Hilltown Management Group, Dundee Federation of Tenants Association & Community Empowerment Team: Tulloch Court event for Multi's (6 Dec).
 - Coldside Forum: CRF grant for lamp post lights and family vouchers.
 - Hilltown: Christmas Fayre 12 Dec.
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6. Presentation – Community Safety / Police Scotland

PS Elise Wilson & Holly Anderson (DCC) outlined:

- Intelligence gathering; action may not be immediate.
 - Community Safety Wardens & ASB teams now co-located for better info sharing.
 - Mediation offered; focus on root causes of ASB.
 - Education: S1 sessions on ASB; Safety Roadshow for P7s.
 - Partnership with schools, health, PSYV for wider support.
 - Roles: Police (criminality), ASB team (persistent low-level behaviour), Wardens (visible patrols 1–10pm).
 - Contacts to be shared by Jennifer.
 - Stats: 22 ASBOs in Coldsides (20 breaches), 10 in Maryfield (1 breach), 110 citywide; busiest wards – Coldsides, East End, Lochee (noise nuisance).
 - CCTV in City Centre; SARC update (Safety & Alarm Response Centre).
 - Drug dealing: report via 101 or 999.
 - Partnership exploring SARC escalation to police.
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7. Community Safety Focus

Current concerns making people feel unsafe:

- Loitering groups, speeding cars, poor lighting, e-scooters/bikes, fear of crime, dangerous dogs.
- Traffic issues at football matches and outside schools; accidents reported.
- Drug dealing in open areas, vandalism, hate crime, racism, discrimination, intimidation.
- Youth-related issues: large groups, fireworks, bus disruption.
- Environmental factors: lack of lighting, drop kerbs, misinformation on social media.
- Protests targeting vulnerable groups; gender-based safety concerns.

Current actions improving safety:

- Traffic cones, HIT car scheme for older people, playground access, personal alarms, Kanzen Karate self-defence.
- ASBO team safety plans, intelligence sharing, reporting via 101/online.
- Visible policing, partnership working, mental health care initiatives, councillor surgeries.

Suggestions for improvement:

- More police, wardens, lighting in parks; speed/camera enforcement.
- Traffic management at schools; park-and-ride for football traffic.

- Neighbourhood watch schemes, WhatsApp groups, more CCTV.
- Reintroduce community officers, blended meetings for accessibility.
- Address accessibility issues (drop kerbs, parking).
- Open local police stations; joint referrals for follow-up support.
- Review youth bus pass policy to reduce ASB.

8. Action Groups Agreed:

- Hilltown Multi's & City Centre Community Safety
- Stobswell West LFI
- Albert Street Action Group
- Health and Wellbeing Network
- Alcohol and Drug Partnership
- Youth Inclusion

Next step: Each Action Group to organise a walkabout and meeting next quarter.

9. AOCB

None noted.

10. Next Meeting

Tuesday 17th February 2026, 3:30 PM – Venue TBC (Maryfield)