

Strathmartine LCPP – Cafe Conversation

1st December 2025 – Baldragon Academy

Present:

Glyn Lloyd – Locality Leader	Mark MacDonald – Communities Officer
Jacky Nicoll – Community Member	Mel Kiyani – Community Member
Tracey Kerrigan - Public Health	Niamh Kiyani – Community Member
Shambhavi Mayur - DVVA	Taylor Burness – DCC Housing
Alix Dolan – DCC Housing	Caroline Thomson – Community Member
Davie Beveridge – Downfield Juniors	George Thomson – Downfield Juniors
Justine Campbell - St Marys Eng Worker	Amanda Ogilvie – Community Member
James Mullen - DCC City Dev	Hugh McAninch – HT Baldragon
Alessia Aresu – DCC, Com Safety & Protection	Kelly Barnes – Community Member
Nichola Taylor – Health Inclusion Service	Jemma Kiernan – Planet Youth
Sharon Preston – Senior CLD Youth Worker	Colin Christie – CLD Worker
Hazel Feilder – CLD Worker	Claire Ramsay – CLD Worker
Cllr Jimmy Black	Becca Morton – Community Member
Cheryl Simpson – Community Member	Robert Ogilvie – Community Member
Fiona Mack – CLD Youth Worker	Geoff Leask – What Matters to You
Jacqueline Ogilvie – Community Member	

Welcome & Introductions

Glyn Lloyd, Locality Leader welcomed everyone to the Cafe Conversation.

Housekeeping

Hugh McAninch, HT Baldragon Academy welcomed everyone to Baldragon and explained housekeeping.

Roundtable Discussions - Number One

Community Assets

Mark introduced the first theme for roundtable discussion and then asked the attendees to discuss the following questions.

- **What Community Assets do we have in Strathmartine?**

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Six Primary Schools	Ardler Complex	Camperdown / Caird Park	Trottick Ponds
Two secondary schools – St Pauls RC and Baldragon	St Mary Community Centre	Charlotte Street	Two libraries
Five Nurseries	Two supermarkets	Convenience shops	Ardler Medical Clinic
2 Swimming Pools	1 Hydro Pool	Sanctuary Housing	Sheltered Housing – Com Lounges
D & A College	Ryze	Soccer World	McTaggart Gymnastics Centre
Strathmartine Larder	Community Fridge	Take Aways	3 Post Offices

- **How can we improve these assets and make better use of them?**

- Have more activities for young people
- Improved paths for safe cycling
- Make things easier to access
- Include Local Businesses in support initiatives
- More family evening meals at community cafes
- Increase community activities from Downfield Juniors in the future
- Meeting place for young people indoors
- Improve lighting of greenspace
- Membership for schools / facilities – possible discount or free membership

Following the discussions and short feedback, Mark gave a short presentation highlighting some of the constituted community groups currently supported by his team (Strathmartine Community Empowerment Team).

Roundtable Discussions - Number 2

Mark introduced the theme for the second-round table discussion by giving a short presentation on Community Wealth Building. Then, the two key questions below were asked:

- **What & where are the opportunities for community wealth building in Strathmartine?**

- Hold large functions & community events (Bingo, Xmas, quiz nights, movie nights spooky nights)
 - Festivals
 - Hold pop up shops in empty retail spaces, schools & Churches
 - Hold fayres, car boot sales in community centres.
 - Make better use of outdoor space to generate income – jet wash, EV charging points, laundry, online locker space.
 - Promote use of space in community centres for pop up businesses.
 - Local charities providing fair employment opportunities for local people.
 - Better use of land
 - Local gyms
 - More volunteering opportunities / flexible employment opportunities.
 - Make better use of community benefits from major contracts.
 - Dog Wash Machines
 - Community Washing Machines
- **How can you support projects in Strathmartine to generate an income / wealth to go back into the community?**
 - Volunteer time & expertise
 - Partnership working
 - Buy and donate to local charity shops
 - Use community cafes
 - Promote local charities using a community wealth building approach.
 - Learn from other communities across Scotland and abroad.
 - By learning more about community wealth building – support & training – communication – establish why work together – see who can get involved with different skills which can help build capacity in the community.

Next Steps suggested:

- **Create a working group to look at supporting community wealth building across Strathmartine.**

Closing thoughts

The session highlighted the number of community assets across Strathmartine including community organisations which can be harnessed to improve the lives of the Strathmartine community. The session also demonstrated how community wealth

building at a local level has the potential to bring transformative change and reduce inequalities.

The next LCPP cafe conversation will be held on 25th February at 10am.