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**Minute of the Building Stronger Communities Group
held on Thursday, 19th July 2018
Arthurstone Library**

Present:	Alice Bovill	-	Strathmartine Forum
	Alison Anderson	-	Neighbourhood Services - Environment
	Angie Ballantyne	-	Dundee Voluntary Action / TSI
	David MacDougall	-	Maryfield Forum
	Elaine Zwirlein	-	Neighbourhood Services (chair)
	Iain Leith	-	City Development - Sustainable Transport
	Paul Davies	-	Community Planning
	Peter Allan	-	Community Planning
	Robin Shields	-	Neighbourhood Services – Housing
	Ron Neave	-	North East Forum
	Stella Carrington	-	Lochee Forum
	Wendy Scullin	-	Coldside Forum

In Attendance

Stuart Fairweather	-	Neighbourhood Services – Communities – Maryfield
Viola Marx	-	Neighbourhood Services - Environment

Apologies:

Gordon Reid	-	City Development
John Berry	-	City Development - Sustainable Transport
John Hosie	-	Neighbourhood Services – Communities
Joyce Barclay	-	Health & Social Care Partnership

- Action**
- 1. Introductions & Apologies**
Elaine welcomed everyone to the meeting and a round of introductions were made for new attendees. Apologies received are listed above.
 - 2. Minute of June Meeting**
Agreed as accurate with the addition of reference to the 'Take Pride in Your City' initiative and UNESCO City of Design within David's comments in item 6.3. Paul to amend to reflect this. **PAD**
 - Alison commented that placing Eurobins on pavements is part of the direction from the Scottish Government. DCC is aiming to recess bins into garden spaces, but this will take time and is not always possible, especially where there are many tenements
 - Elaine commented that the Take Pride in Your City initiative is wider than the aesthetics, and also includes maximising recycling which necessitates additional bins
 - 3. Matters Arising**
 - 3.1 Community Engagement & British Sign Language (BSL) (item 8)**
One of the difficulties encountered within community engagement activity is the availability and cost of BSL translators. Christina Cooper (ChristinaCooper@number10.org) is part of a TSI led group that is seeking volunteer signers to help alleviate this issue.
 - 3.2 Community Membership at the ADP (item 3)**
Peter indicated that the ADP is yet to meet since this was raised, but he will raise this at their next meeting. **PA**

3.3 Dundee Drug Commission

Peter circulated a summary document and Commission membership list. The summary highlighted the reasons behind the formation of the Commission, the latest news and details of the next meeting.

The Commission hope to engage with as many people as possible and have a second survey online at the moment. This will remain open until Friday 7th September and can be found at:

www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/DundeeDrugsCommissionDDs

The Commission's next meeting is being held at DCA and a booking system is in operation (details are at the end of the attached update). Two evidence sessions are being held as part of the meeting;

- The Alcohol & Drug Partnership will cover the work they have coordinated in recent years
- Professor John Dillon and Ann Eriksen (NHS Tayside) will give evidence on what has worked in drastically reducing the incidence of Hepatitis C in Dundee

Stella, a long term campaigner around drug misuse commented that;

- There is a general lack of awareness on how to get involved with the Commission
- On average there are two drug related deaths a week in Dundee
- Residential care costs are very high for those trying to break the cycle of drug misuse (£2-4k per week was mentioned)
- The Commission need to hear the message from local residents

3.4 Local Third Sector Networks

Angie highlighted that Local Third Sector Networks are being developed in order to increase awareness and effectiveness of the Third Sector, and in particular the local aspects of work that is carried out.

This has been piloted in the North East, where twelve local agencies were identified and they came together with an additional 32 citywide agencies with connections to the Ward. This has helped to start building;

- Better strategic links with other groups
- Better representation of the Third Sector
- Better links with LCPPs and Local Community Plans. Representation at LCPPs is determined by the local agencies, based on relevance to the agenda

Networks are next to be developed in Strathmartine, Lochee and the West End during September to December.

The local networks will feed into existing citywide Third Sector networks.

Discussion followed which included;

- These networks meeting six-monthly is helpful
- Each network can also come together as needed for community engagement work to fit with the broader efforts from all partners
- Equalities is incorporated into the overall Third Sector structure through the Equalities Forum, chaired by Scott Mands (DCC, Equality & Diversity Coordinator)

4 Maryfield LCPP Update

Stuart presented on the actions being undertaken through the Maryfield Local Community Plan (see attached presentation). This has twelve key areas of work across the five strategic themes from the City Plan and included;

BSC

- Work on green and open spaces, identified through joint walkabouts
- Development of community growing spaces, with the aim of linking with other agendas such as food poverty
 - Tayview Gardens has 25 plots and will appear on the Beechgrove

Garden on 26th July

- A calendar of community engagement events is in development and promoted via the Stobswell's Voice magazine
- The OpenClose project which helps to raise the appearance and profile of the area through a range of styles of art in doorways across Maryfield (and linked to a previous project in the city centre). A movie focussing on the project has also been shown at DCA and Arthurstone Library
- Work done on improving the communal area behind Baffin Street tenements despite much of this being under private ownership
- The Blether Bus route has helped people to access services
- A plan is being developed for Albert Street around street furniture, commerce, housing, social spaces, etc.

Fair Work & Enterprise

- Two events to be held each year at Morgan Academy. One focussed on work and opportunities, and the other on celebrating achievement

Children & Families

- National Play Day activities in Baxter Park
- Establishment of a young parents group
- Family learning activities, including picnics in the park, which also aim to reduce isolation

Health, Care & Wellbeing

- Work to consolidate work between various activities including the Advice Café, job shop, and social prescribing, into an overall 'community hub' within Stobswell

Community Safety & Justice

- Establish two campaigns, 'Safe Stobswell' and 'Living in the City' to ensure people feel safe and are safe, and more able to contribute to community life

Discussion highlighted that the format for the Local Community Plan is helpful as it keeps the number of actions at a manageable level when discussing them with community members and others.

5. Chairs Group – Issues & Information Sharing

The meeting only had two community representatives in attendance and so no decisions were taken. Wendy passed on an update from Ian Kinsey who was at the meeting. This highlighted that several areas have Physical & Environmental funds left but some of the projects may not reach the £6k minimum required to be eligible for capital funding. From this a query was raised as to whether two Forums could joint fund a broader project across two areas (or perhaps on a border between the two) which in total exceeded £6k.

- Paul is to discuss this with the DP Team

PAD

Paul added that the group would also like to be kept informed of developments around future Dundee Decides / Participatory Budgeting plans.

6 Priority Updates

6.1 Strategic Housing

Robin talked to an update on the Local Housing Strategy that was tabled at the meeting (attached). Key points included that;

- The strategy covers all tenures and provides a wide contribution to priorities in the City Plan
- A draft will be out for consultation in early August until mid-September, in preparation for the finalised plan to be with the Scottish Government by 17th November
 - The consultation document will be circulated along with a number of questions
 - LCPPs were approached to contribute to the initial draft and their ideas have been incorporated. They will also be included in those receiving this consultation

- The Strategic Housing Investment Plan (SHIP) is also being updated
- Outcomes are highlighted, including meeting the Scottish Housing Quality Standards, numbers of new builds, and reducing poverty
- Some potential activities are also highlighted, including 1,000 new builds for the social rented sector, 119 for 'particular needs' housing, and 2,400 for the private housing sector
- A useful list of all the key documents was also included

Discussion followed, which included;

- The private sector is a big challenge, especially in Maryfield (36% of tenancies are private rented). 'Absentee landlords' and the condition of tenements are both issues
 - There will be a section on this in the strategy, including a range of suggested actions
 - It was also noted that there are some grants available to private sector landlords who wish to make improvements
- Some work is being done in conjunction with the Health & Social Care Partnership around the impact of poor health / mental health. This includes some units with 24 hour care available
- Some confusion over ground on Findcastle Terrace which was earmarked for 20 disability friendly units. Recent talk mentions only twelve units.
 - Robin indicated that the SHIP only highlights potential uses for sites and the actual plans may change based on what Housing Association bids comprise. New sites such as this one have not had a final decision on them made yet

6.2 Fairness

Peter highlighted two areas of work in relation to Fairness.

Dundee City Council has received a national (UK) award as being a Living Wage Champion. Ongoing work on this is needed, with the aim for Dundee to become the UK's first 'Living Wage City' by November. We need to identify priorities and opportunities, especially around sectors where pay is traditionally lower i.e. retail, hospitality and care.

The Dundee Fairness Commission has recently put out a survey on mental health services for people making use of them to complete. Anyone interested in receiving a copy should email Danielle Hinton, who coordinates the Commission via danielle@faithincommunitydundee.org.

6.3 Travel Networks

Iain provided an update that focussed on four areas of work;

Air Quality

- There are a range of targets to be met by December 2019
- Improvements will be helped by the planned addition of hydrogen fuelled buses to the fleet from January 2019. This is being facilitated with £1.5m EU funding
- New electric charging hubs being put in place will also contribute to reduced emissions from cars

Public Transport Network

- Few changes have been made recently due to a change in the management team in February, but some might be expected later this year
- Currently some services are running on their summer timetable, which means several services run every 10-12 minutes rather than the 8-9 minutes seen at other times of year

Active Travel Projects

- Dundee has been awarded funds under the Community Links Plus banner to develop active transport plans for north-south routes within the city

Community Transport

- This has been a big focus at the Transport Forum
- Blether Bus routes have received positive feedback despite some timing issues. The bus helps people to get out of their houses
 - There is potential for two additional buses for the scheme after August, though it is likely that the focus will be enabling day trips with one, and providing NHS appointment related transport with the other

Discussion followed that included;

- Blether Bus
 - Noted that some people are getting on the Blether Bus just to talk to other people
 - It has been identified that drivers need to be poverty aware and also dementia aware
 - It may be possible to rota additional staff from different agencies to the bus to help increase engagement
 - On the shopper service, volunteers are required to help bus users. Recruitment is to be done through Volunteer Dundee
 - New publicity is due out soon to reflect changes in the timetable
- Bus fares aren't displayed at bus stops.
 - Doing so would be difficult due to the different fare structures in operation
 - The 'dundeetravelinfo' website is changing over the next 12-18 months, and provides an opportunity to update this sort of information
- Xplore Dundee are looking at running a city centre service for tourists
- Accessing the Green Circular Route in the docks area is difficult, and will be looked at as part of the Community Links Plus project
- Technological developments are set to be implemented in future which will enable contactless payments to be made for bus travel
- David asked if the results of the air quality study on Forfar Road were available. Iain to send these to David IL
- Consultation on changes to services are required, and will be coordinated through the Transport Forum in a way that reaches the bus companies prior to them having made a decision
- Consultation on the route for the NE/NW cycleway is sought as it will pass through Maryfield. John Berry to make contact to arrange this once back from annual leave JB

7. Dundee Community Regeneration Fund:

7.1 Grant Applications

All applications were approved. Paul noted that at least two Wards have now allocated all of their small grant and youth inclusion funding, leaving only funds for capital works of over £6k.

7.2 Projects Failing to Report

The following projects make up the current list that are ineligible for funding due to not having reported on funded activity:

- C1607 – Soul Garden – Expansion of Community Kitchen
- F1602 – St Margaret's Barnhill Play Group – Pre-school Play Group (*note: this group has since ceased operating*)
- NEP1608 – Fintry Community Council – Powrie Park Open Day Event
- SY1608 – FMGM Monarchs Hockey Club – Hockey Junior Activity
- EE1713 – Art Social Midlin – Art for All Event
- EE1730 – St. Pius X Church – Community Café
- F1706 – Broughty Ferry & District Men's Shed – Shed Development & Start Up
- L1705 – Lochee Parish Church – The Drop Inn Café
- L1708 – Lochee Community Group – Hillwalking Skills
- L1719 – Lochee United Junior FC – Arts Project
- L1727 – Dundee & Angus Recycling Group CIC – Equipment
- L1729 – Lochee Parish Church Café – Stress Management Group
- NE1709 – Mill O'Mains Community Pavilion – Summer Programme
- NEY1708 – Mill O'Mains Community Pavilion – Youth Project
- SP1702 – Kirkton Community Safety Partnership – Kirkton Graffiti Wall Project

8. Local Community Planning

No update this month as John was unavailable.

9. AOCB

9.1 Support for Summer Festivals

Some areas have been let down shortly before an event by the army cadets and are now struggling to get Ancrum to attend with their climbing wall (which is always popular) to replace the activity. Ron to contact Stewart Murdoch to see if any assistance with this is possible.

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It was also noted that costs for hiring activities has noticeably increased this year.

10. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 23rd August, Strathmartine – St. Mary's Community Facility

Attachments:

Dundee Drug Commission Update

Maryfield LCPP Presentation

Strategic Housing Update