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**Minute of the Building Stronger Communities Group
held on Thursday, 13th December 2018
Committee Room 4, 14 City Square**

Present:

Alice Bovill	-	Strathmartine Forum
Ben Gibson	-	Hillcrest Housing
Christine Humphrey	-	Strathmartine Forum
Corrie Wood	-	Hillcrest Housing
David MacDougall	-	Maryfield Forum
Gary Knox	-	City Development
Jim Campbell	-	East End Forum
John Hosie	-	Neighbourhood Services – Communities
Joyce Barclay	-	Health & Social Care Partnership
Paul Davies	-	Community Planning (chair)
Robin Shields	-	Neighbourhood Services – Housing
Stella Carrington	-	Lochee Forum
Wendy Scullin	-	Coldside Forum

In Attendance

Angela Robb	-	Neighbourhood Services – Environment
Alison Colgan	-	Community Planning

Apologies:

Alison Anderson	-	Neighbourhood Services - Environment
Angie Ballantyne	-	Dundee Voluntary Action / TSI
John Berry	-	City Development – Sustainable Transport
Elaine Zwirlein	-	Neighbourhood Services
Peter Allan	-	Chief Executive's
Ron Neave	-	North East Forum

Action

1. Introductions & Apologies

Paul welcomed everyone to the meeting and a round of introductions was made. Apologies received are listed above.

2. Minute of November Meeting

Agreed as accurate.

3. Matters Arising

3.1 Road Closure Charges (*item 3.2*)

Gary discussed this with the relevant team and will circulate the email which explains any charges made are based on actual costs incurred for man hours of putting closures in place and removing them, but no profit made from this. There is no longer a budget for road closures which is why there is a need to charge.

Stella informed the group that Coldside and the Ferry did not incur charges for their recent road closures and wants to know why only certain groups are required to pay. There was already roadworks and closures in place in the Hilltown which explained this one, but Gary agreed to find out why this was the case in the Ferry.

GK

Since the meeting Gary has forwarded a response regarding the Ferry, which explains that group members involved in the event collected the cones, signs and barriers from the Fairmuir Depot, take responsibility for the road closure,

and return the equipment back to the depot afterwards. As there was no plant or labour service required there was no charge (see attached).

3.2 Financial Inclusion (item 5.1)

Derek had asked for information on Christmas opening hours to be emailed out to all relevant agencies as wide as possible and this has been circulated. Paul has the list and will circulate to this group (see attached).

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3.3 Food Poverty (item 5.1.1)

- Marie Dailly or a member of her team has been invited to provide a presentation on links to Literacy and Numeracy provision at the January or February meeting. She has been given dates and this will be timetabled in for a suitable date.
- Peter and Derek were to meet with Samantha regarding Food for Thought project but no update has been given.

PAD

PA/DM

4 Chairs Group – Issues & Information Sharing

The main discussion at the meeting was around the Gathering which is to be held in Committee Room 1 in May, exact date to be confirmed. May was agreed to be the best time as CRF elections are due in late February and new members can then benefit.

There was also discussion on funding decisions and that a number of forums have already fully allocated all funds for the year.

5 Priority Updates

5.1 Community Empowerment

Carole did not attend the meeting as she had no additional information following John's comprehensive update on this at the November meeting.

5.2 Environment and Open Spaces

Angela gave an overview of the attached update provided by Alison Anderson.

Discussion followed which included;

- This shows a good range of works being done across the city by DCC Environment .
- Are there any plans to add the 22 other parks to Green Flag? Angela explained that they are looking at adding Riverside Nature Park in the coming year or so but that applying for Green Flag status has attached costs which limits increasing the number. Dundee already having six parks with this status is excellent, with lots of community involvement.
- David asked that it be passed on to the Participation Involvement Officer at the Law that he has done excellent work in the area and also gained Green Flag for the site. Angela will pass this on, and also updated the group that he will now become a full-time Community Ranger.

5.3 Local Development Plan

Gary discussed the progression with the Local Development Plan (LDP) since the last update.

- A process to review and replace the current LDP has been in development since January 2015 as it has to be updated every 5 years.
- It has been through public consultation in August/September 2017 and examination by Scottish Government concluded in October 2018.
 - There were 200 representations from 80 different contributors, mostly for housebuilders or homeowners.
 - 36 modifications have been proposed to the plan but none are significant – it's largely tweaks to policies that DCC are happy to make.
 - City Development Committee agreed these modifications on 10th December and approved moving to adopt this new plan.
 - All relevant paperwork has been sent to Scottish Government who have 28 days to review it, allowing formal adoption of the plan by late January or early February.

- A planning review is proposing a move to ten year plans, with the potential for some updates during the life of the plan and is also looking at requiring closer links between community planning and land use planning.

Discussion followed which included;

- Paul wondered if the shift to 10 years was to bring it in line with the Local Outcome Improvement Plan.
- David asked how the council will ensure the plan is fulfilled in Wards, and Gary explained the LDP is the main strategic focus for the council but frameworks are being reviewed in the regeneration areas to look at traffic and buses, land use planning issues. Paul suggested the LCPP could be a good place to cover this, which was agreed.

6. Dundee Community Regeneration Fund:

6.1 Grant Applications

All applications were approved.

Stella noted that the description provided by the DP Team for L1832 – Charleston Community Centre Local Management Group for the Burns Night Ceilidh was inaccurate. The whole event will not be free for participants, the food will be free but ticket costs for entry are £5 each. Alison apologised for this error and the attached tables have been amended.

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6.2 Projects Failing to Report

No groups have been added to the list this month as the deadline allowed for interim reports is 20th December. However, most reports have been received and only 6 interim reports are outstanding currently.

The following projects are ineligible for funding due to not having reported on funded activity from 2017-18:

- EE1730 – St. Pius X Church – Community Café
- F1706 – Broughty Ferry & District Men’s Shed – Shed Development & Start Up
- L1719 – Lochee United Junior FC – Arts Project
- L1727 – Dundee & Angus Recycling Group CIC – Equipment
- NE1709 – Mill O’Mains Community Pavilion – Summer Programme
- NEY1708 – Mill O’Mains Community Pavilion – Youth Project

7. Local Community Planning

John provided an update on a range of items including;

- Forum elections are being arranged for the last two weeks in February, so that the first meeting will be held in early March where decisions will be made for funding for the year ahead, as the 2019/20 budget will be confirmed by then.
- Participatory Budgeting.
 - Plans are still being put in place for the next round of Dundee Decides which will take place in 2021.
 - Community Involvement in the whole process will begin within the next year
 - Amounts of funding are still to be identified and confirmed
 - City Development and Environment are working together to ensure that all projects approved last year are done and an update on this will be provided in January.
- The World Community Development Conference will take place in Dundee in June 2019
 - Practice exchanges will also be taking place out in local areas. Any suggestions should be sent to John
 - 160 summaries have been received from all over the world of what people would present on at the conference, feedback has been very positive.

Discussion followed which included;

David asked where the PB money will be found and should it be 1% of the council budget?

- John informed the group he can't confirm the 1% requirement at the moment, as councils across Scotland are struggling to come up with that level of budget but DCC are looking at sources of where they can find budget to fund the next phase. They are looking at securing where the budget will come from before talks begin with Planning.
- Paul noted that DCC are already ahead of most councils as the PB process here has already started and is only required to be in place by 2021.
- John also informed the group that a three year evaluation report looking at this is being prepared for the Scottish Government by the Scottish Poverty & Inequality Research Unit University of Strathclyde. As soon as it's finalised and available John will share it with the group.

JH

8. AOCB

8.1

- Alice asked when recruitment for a new Communities Officer in Strathmartine would take place?
 - John explained that the post has been internally advertised and closed last week, someone should be in the post within a couple of months but Nicky will continue to work 2 days per week in this post until then
- Stella wanted to know why Wardens in Charleston who have always dressed up and helped organise and run the Christmas parties have now been told that unless they wear their uniforms they will not be authorised to claim the time back. She felt this was unfair and would have a big impact on the parties.
 - She was informed Stewart Stein is the person in charge of Wardens and has agreed to discuss that with him herself.
- Joyce is due to give an update in February but has said there is a variety of topics from DHSCP she can update on depending on what the group are interested in.
 - She can update on; the MacMillan Project, Mental Health, what the DHSCP and Integration Board do, Protecting People, and care to avoid hospital admission.
 - It was agreed that in February if she can share with the group the broad definition of what the HSCP is, what it does and how it helps. After that this group can decide which areas they would like more information on so that Joyce can organise future presentations/updates. Paul suggested that as mental health impacts on so many other areas of work, this could be the most beneficial
 - Paul also noted that LCPPs have HSCP involvement but little from NHS, so it would be useful for everyone to have a better understanding.
 - John suggested a structured diagram of themes and planning groups would be useful. Joyce is working on a mind map which may help and will share that once it's complete.
- Paul made the Fairness Commission 2 recommendations booklets from the launch on 29th November available for anyone wishing to take a copy, otherwise a copy is available on the Dundee Partnership page of the council website.

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9. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 24th January, Committee Room 2, 14 City Square

Attachments: