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Minute of the Building Stronger Communities Group held on Thursday, 18th April 2019 The Crescent

Present:

Alice Bovill	-	Strathmartine Forum
Gary Knox	-	City Development
Jim Gordon	-	Maryfield Forum
John Hosie	-	Neighbourhood Services – Communities
Joyce Barclay	-	Health & Social Care Partnership
Paul Davies	-	Community Planning
Peter Allan	-	Chief Executive’s (chair)
Robin Shields	-	Neighbourhood Services – Housing
Ron Neave	-	North East Forum
Stella Carrington	-	Lochee Forum

In Attendance:

Angela Robb	-	Neighbourhood Services – Environment
Angus Greenshields	-	Dundee Social Enterprise Network
Carole Jenkins	-	Neighbourhood Services – Communities
Esther Reekie	-	Volunteer
Jill Brash	-	Information & Research Team
Nicky Maccrimmon	-	Neighbourhood Services - Communities

Apologies:

Alison Anderson	-	Neighbourhood Services - Environment
Angie Ballantyne	-	Dundee Voluntary Action / TSI
Christine Humphrey	-	Strathmartine Forum
David MacDougall	-	Maryfield Forum
Elaine Zwirlein	-	Neighbourhood Services
Marie Dailly	-	Neighbourhood Services
Wendy Scullin	-	Coldside Forum

Action

1. Introductions & Apologies

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

2. Minute of March Meeting

Agreed as accurate.

3. Matters Arising

- Information on private sector housing not yet received by Peter from Vanessa. (*item 4*) Paul to chase up **PAD**
- PEF briefing to be arranged for Chairs Group (*item 5*). Paul suggested this be after the Forum’s Gathering in mid-May, so will arrange for the June group **PAD**
- HSCP topic for May suggested as being ‘Frailty’, which the group agreed (*item 9*). Joyce to invite Christina Cooper to deliver this **JB**

4 North East LCPP Update

Carole gave a presentation on the work of the LCPP (attached), the main points of which are summarised below;

Achievements included

- An extensive holiday programme. Feedback is being gathered on recent Easter work, and planning going ahead for the summer

- Most of the Dundee Decides infrastructure projects are on track
- Physical regeneration is progressing, particularly in Whitfield, Fintry and Mill O'Mains
- A new school campus has been opened
- Community Safety events have been held to try and reduce the local issue with fire raising. A big event was held in December which included consultation with young people
- Two community asset transfer requests are underway, at Fintry Nursery, and Bowling Green
- Test of change are being carried out around;
 - Recovery
 - P7 to S1 transitions. This included a survey, and the results, including practical solutions, may be rolled out across the city
- The local Community Regeneration Forum have created a criteria sheet to help them decide on funding applications. The DPCRF monies are seen to have a noticeable influence on the area

Ongoing Challenges

- Welfare reform
- Access to community buildings. This is particularly sensitive around 'work areas' in The Crescent where staff may be accessing sensitive data. As a result some community groups may start to seek alternative venues
- Anti-social behaviour, particularly fire raising. Targeted work is being carried out at schools, and work with parents is also under consideration
- Tight budgets

Ongoing Priorities

- Consultation with communities to develop solutions and services that make a difference
- Following up on Dundee Decides – what next?
- Ongoing housing regeneration and maintaining links with communities
- Training and skills development for local people
- Review of the Local Community Plan

Discussion followed, the main points of which included;

- Whitfield Development Group is working towards asset transfer of the bowling green
 - The site includes a large pavilion and the green
 - Community Infrastructure Funding is being sought for a full survey
 - Community engagement work is ongoing regarding potential uses for the building
- Community Groups are seeking to use the empty units at The Crescent, but it is not clear how they can go about this
- The lack of an ATM at The Crescent has been noted
- Fintry Nursery has been empty since 2009, but some progress is being made with regard to asset transfer. This is in the planning stages at the moment, but will move on to community consultation once more is known
- The next North East LCPP will be focussing on youth diversionary work and community safety
 - There are big safety issues at Middleton Woods (fires) and Fintry Park (vandalism)
 - CCTV is a consideration for Fintry Park but there are hurdles in the way of doing this
 - There is also a lack of clarity regarding who is responsible for maintenance / repair which limits what community groups can do to help. Ron has spoken to Rachel Higgins in the past. Paul to try and get more clarity from Rachel

PAD

5 Chairs Group – Issues & Information Sharing

The main discussion at the meeting was around the Gathering which is to be held in Committee Room 1 on the 14th May, and focus on increasing the diversity within Forums.

6 Priority Updates

6.1 Fairness / Financial Inclusion

Peter provided an update on two current areas of work;

- Dundee Fairness Commission 3
 - Recruitment of members is still ongoing. Any suggestions of people to approach to be sent to Peter
 - The first meeting of the Commission will take place in late May
- Fairness Action Plan
 - The next version is being worked on, and will incorporate our Child Poverty Action Plan
 - The Plan needs to be written by June, and will be brought to BSC

All

6.2 Community Empowerment

Nicky provided an update, the main points of which were;

- Nicky's new role as CLD Manager, Community Partnerships incorporates much of the Community Empowerment post that Carole used to undertake, plus responsibility for support to Community Centre Local Management Groups
- There are a lot of other people involved in community empowerment, including LCPPs and the Community Regeneration Team. It also incorporates work around the Local Community Plans and participatory budgeting
- Two examples of asset transfer are almost at the 'go ahead' stage, but this comes out of 60 organisations expressing an interest. Of those, 40 submitted pre-application forms
- In addition to transfer of ownership, asset transfer can incorporate long lease of a building by the community
- Participation Requests are another vehicle communities can use to work with public bodies (not just the council) on a collaborative 'outcome improvement process'
 - We have not yet seen any in Dundee, most likely as we have existing forums for communities to have their say and be involved
- A report on community empowerment is to go to the Scottish Government in June, and will be brought to BSC once agreed

Discussion followed, which included;

- Participation requests can come from groups or individuals who can show what group they represent
- LMGs experienced a decline in support available with the removal of Centre Managers, but the Regeneration Team has picked this up
 - Exchange visits between LMGs might be useful
- Training is to take place for Community Workers to be able to support charitable groups with becoming a SCIO
- Community centres are to be used more cohesively to help move Local Community Plans forward
- Coldside Community Centre opened last year. The new Menzieshill Community Centre is due to open in October
- Ardler Complex hosts a Macmillan Café, at which those experiencing cancer or supporting someone with cancer can get additional help and advice
- Some ATMs in communities have introduced a 95p charge for use, which will predominantly affect those already on a lower income
 - This has been noted as a national issue, including issues with the rateable value of ATMs in shops
 - Anyone who sees this in their local area should inform Nicky
 - Nicky to liaise with Derek Miller on this

**All
NM / DM**

6.3 Annual Citizen Survey

Jill circulated two documents (attached) and provided an update on the Citizen Survey the main points of which included;

- 2018 was the 21st year in which the survey was carried out. It is carried out in October each year and includes ~1,300 doorstep surveys. Approximately 100 are undertaken in each CRA
- Each year sees encouraging results, and these are analysed by the Information & Research Team in order to promote further positive developments
 - This analysis also highlights anomalies within the results – see the attached document for more information
- Two main reports are written, one for the whole city and one focussing on individual CRAs
- The final report on the 2018 Citizen Survey can be found [here](#)

Discussion followed which included;

- Query over whether a postcode breakdown is available, as some of the Survey results appear to be at odds with consultation on the Local Community Plan
 - The survey is able to identify areas requiring further research, based on particular topics or demographics
- Information is not available on those approached who decline to take part, but effort is made by the researchers to try and get a balanced sample
- Noted that it would be useful for other consultations to use the same wording as this survey where applicable. This would potentially enable useful comparisons to be made at neighbourhood, city and national levels
 - Jill to provide the list of questions used in the survey

JB

7. Dundee Community Regeneration Fund

7.1 Grant Applications

All applications were approved.

7.2 Projects Failing to Report

The following projects have become ineligible for funding due to not having reported on funded activity (older late reports are not listed here, but remain ineligible):

- EE1805, St. Pious Church – Community Café
- L1809, Lochee Community Group – Lochee Community Shop
- L1829, Village of Lochee Community Partnership – Lochee Santa’s Grotto
- WE1806, West End Community Council – West End Christmas Fortnight

Two other groups were verbally reported at the meeting, but have since submitted their reports, restoring eligibility.

8. Local Community Planning

John gave an update which included;

- Strathmartine Staffing
 - After some initial difficulties, internal advertisement of the post up to 31st March 2020 was allowed, with applications closing on 19th April
 - Regeneration staff do cover across Wards where there are pressures e.g. the May LCPP meeting will be covered by either another Communities Officer or Marie Dailly
 - The main gap has been in covering the strategic work with partners, as Hazel Feilder has continued provision of support to local groups
 - In the longer term, it is not known what the solution will be, but efforts will be made to ensure continued support across the city
 - It was suggested that discussion be held at the Chairs Group around how best to campaign together on items like this. Any response needs to go to the appropriate manager, at a high enough level.
 - It is important that communities know what they are seeking, and why
- Dundee Decides 2
 - David Simpson is leading a group looking at the next steps with regards to participatory budgeting

- It will be different to Dundee Decides as there will be inclusion of an 'idea generation' phase
- The sources of funding are not yet confirmed, but are likely to be from Environment and the Housing Revenue Account
- The overall methodology will be put to community members for feedback once it has been drafted. This could include some allocations on a citywide basis and some in specific local areas, leading to a dual voting system
- The Scottish Government and COSLA are promoting use of CONSUL as a platform, as this enables idea generation to take place as well as hosting discussions
 - A presentation on CONSUL could be scheduled at a future BSC
- The current timescale are for idea generation to take place in late 2019, and for these ideas to be developed in 2020
- A paper is being submitted to the working group in early May and will also be brought to BSC next month
- International Community Development Conference
 - The programme for this is looking good
 - There are ten places for community representatives which will be offered up for people soon, via the Community Regeneration Team. These can be for full three-day attendance, or split into single days for more people to be able to attend parts of the conference
- Democracy Matters
 - This was an extensive Scottish Government consultation carried out in 2018, aiming to improve how public bodies carry out community engagement and give people the influence that they want
 - A report on the consultation is due out soon and an event for key stakeholders is in planning for later in 2019

JH

9. AOCB

Joyce informed the group that free personal care for some under 65's had become available. More details are available via the below links;

- [News article – Free Personal Care](#)
- [Free Personal Nursing Care](#)
- [Questions & Answers](#)

Peter informed the group that Annie Marr is seeking sites for posters to be placed as part of Dundee Design Festival 2019. See attached file for details.

10. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 23rd May, Committee Room 3, 14 City Square.

Attachments:

- North East LCPP Presentation
- Citizens Survey – briefing note and infographic
- Dundee Design Festival – Poster Site Request