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Minute of the Building Stronger Communities Group held on Thursday, 18th July 2019 Arthurstone Library

Present:	Alice Bovill	-	Strathmartine Forum
	Ben Gibson	-	Hillcrest Housing Association
	David MacDougall	-	Maryfield Forum
	Elaine Zwirlein	-	Neighbourhood Services (chair)
	Gary Knox	-	City Development
	Joyce Barclay	-	Health & Social Care Partnership
	Marie Dailly	-	Neighbourhood Services - Communities
	Paul Davies	-	Dundee Partnership Team (minute)
	Peter Allan	-	Chief Executive's
	Robin Shields	-	Neighbourhood Services - Housing
	Ron Neave	-	North East Forum
	Stella Carrington	-	Lochee Forum
	Wendy Scullin	-	Coldside Forum

In Attendance:

Christina Cooper	-	Dundee Voluntary Action
Colin Clement	-	Stobswell Forum
Stuart Fairweather	-	Neighbourhood Services – Communities

Apologies:	Alison Anderson	-	Neighbourhood Services – Environment
	Andrew Radley	-	Public Health, NHS

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1. Introductions & Apologies

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

2. Minute of June Meeting

Agreed as accurate.

3. Matters Arising

- Peter has received information from Vanessa regarding private rented housing, and a meeting to discuss this has been arranged
- Natalie has sent information on ATMs to Peter
- Paul had not received a response from John Berry regarding future meetings of the Transport Forum. Paul to follow up with John
- Robin confirmed that the Local Housing Strategy consultation was sent out to all relevant groups
- The Community Development Conference went very well, with an impressive range of speakers and content. Thanks were given to the organisers and to those who assisted with the practice visits
 - In particular regard to the practice visits, delegates were impressed with the level of involvement of community members and dialogue with public sector services
 - Comment was made that the press coverage could have been better. This was not for a lack of sharing information with the press. Positively, a big social media presence was achieved
- Feedback had been received on the walkabouts in response to Stella's query (see June minute). A paper on this prepared a few years ago is to be circulated for review
 - Comment made that the walkabouts work well in both North East and Maryfield Wards

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4 Maryfield LCPP Update

Stuart talked to a presentation that he circulated to the group (copy attached). The main points included;

- Celebration in the Park planning is very much community led, and has been for the past few years
- Tayview Gardens and the Foxglove Garden (Arklay Street) are both doing well
- The Friends of Swannie Ponds group has picked up in membership from a point at which it could have folded
- Stobfest, a local ten day festival, was again a big success
- Work on community improvements on Dundonald Street is ongoing. This street has a high incidence of private rented accommodation, drug issues, and anti-social behaviour
 - Progress on installing security doors is slow despite joint work by the Police, Stobswell Forum, and Housing's Private Sector Unit, with four closes still needing signed agreements completed
- Dundee Decides projects have led to bollards, dropped kerbs and improved paths being put in place
- Planning is underway for development of the 'business district' on Albert Street
 - Work is being done with Morgan Academy to increase the level of work experience / volunteering in local businesses by pupils
- Picnics in the Park are held during school holidays and regularly attended by over 150 people
- Efforts are being made to re-establish the Health Network in the area, in conjunction with the Coldside Health Network
- Coffee with a Cop is taking place at various locations around the Ward on a regular basis and proving popular and useful

Discussion followed which included;

- Praise is due to all the volunteers carrying out a lot of the work around the Ward
 - When projects are applying for funding they should remember to include volunteer time as an in-kind aspect of their bid
- There is a need to get to grips with private sector housing issues. Elaine to see if work on Dundonald Street can be sped up in any way
- The Stobswell Forum hosted an open meeting on the 17th July, with John Alexander taking questions from residents, which was well received
- The Scottie Centre, relatively new and based in an ex-GP surgery hosts a range of services including Brooksbank's Money Advice, Funeral Link, Dundee Money Action, and a young people's mental health project
 - There are issues with long term funding and business planning that need to be addressed
 - Makes good use of what was a vacant business property on Albert Street. Peter, Colin and City Development representatives are to meet to discuss this topic in August
- The Albert Street Hub, based in Boots is providing essential provision and doing it in a way that appears to be avoiding issues being raised
 - Staff and volunteers are very good at diffusing things when needed
 - It connects to other work, e.g. drug issues in Dundonald Street and the network of support for people with drug related issues

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5 Chairs Group – Issues & Information Sharing

No update as the Chairs Group has shifted to a quarterly meeting schedule. Their next planned meeting is in early September.

6 Priority Updates

6.1 Strategic Housing

Robin provided an update, the main points of which included;

- Consultation on the Local Housing Strategy closed on the 14th June with many comments received from both individuals and groups (LCPPs,

homelessness groups, travelling people, etc.) and a better overall response than previous consultations

- It will take time to act on most of the comments
- Climate change featured in many responses and is somewhat beyond Housing's scope, but feedback will be passed on to relevant agencies. One aspect where Housing can make a difference is via an ongoing boiler repair programme
- Action on comment received on private sector housing will be taken forward by a working group
- New technology e.g. WiFi points are being included in new builds
- Community Growing is also being taken into account for new developments and work being done with Kate Treharne
- Homelessness and Housing Options and also taking into account links between community growing and mental health in relation to tenant wellbeing

Discussion followed that included;

- Building work should start on site at South Road in September, after some delays. A clean-up is needed before that - Robin to arrange this
- Gary was asked to pass information to Stella regarding work on Aldi near Asda

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6.2 Fairness / Financial Inclusion

Peter provided an update, the main points of which included;

- The third Fairness Commission has now had two meetings
- The recommendations from the second Fairness Commission have been incorporated into the Fairness Action Plan that was agreed back in June. It can be found [here](#)
- Challenge Poverty Week takes place in October. We're looking for information on what groups are planning for this. Information to be sent to Peter for collation
- Living Wage Week is shortly after this, in November. As the UK's first Living Wage City a range of events and publicity are being planned

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Discussion followed that included;

- While action on the 800% increase in breakfast club fees is not included in the Fairness Action Plan, it does take into account the Cost of the School Day project. Where concerns such as these fees arise, they need to be raised in order for them to be examined, and where possible addressed
 - This topic is relevant to BSC, as some grant applications are received relating to breakfast clubs
- A Young Carers National Entitlement Card (NEC) has started to be issued. This gives concessions to those identified as young carers. For more information, contact [Dundee Carers Centre](#)

6.3 Health & Social Care - Frailty

Christina provided an update. the main points of which included;

- Frailty is defined as having a higher risk of deterioration of physical and/or mental health and/or living with a long term limiting condition
- In Dundee, 9% of our population are 65-74, and 6.8% are 75 or over
- The things that matter to people are; participating in social and domestic activities, and outdoor activities such as gardening
- The Change Fund (was the Reshaping Care Fund) supports services such as Community Cars, Helping Older People Engage (HOPE), and Community Companions
- Overall, we need to look at what services people need and want
- There are a lot of different outcomes to be worked towards and the strategy for doing this is currently under review. It will move from a medical model to a community led model, and the aim is for it to be readily understandable by everyone
- Community engagement around frailty is strong, and a recent event at the Steeple Church looked at social isolation

- A researcher at St. Andrews University has developed a tool for identifying loneliness and this is being piloted by some projects in Dundee at present
- Teams are now working together in an integrated way, and with existing groups, where possible, e.g. Frailty Teams in hospitals
- Care at home is aimed for where possible, as this both generates savings and is preferred by most people
- Where services are needed, the aim is to get the person to the right service within 72 hours

Discussion followed that included;

- Strategic Planning Groups (SPGs) are to be accountable to an Integrated SPG. The latter has a communications sub-group to help streamline broader SPG activity
- The CLD Strategy Group is coordinating engagement activity where possible. Marie to discuss with Peter / Allison Fannin
- Paul is undertaking some work on social isolation and will liaise with Christina on this

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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. Pius Church – Community Café
- L1809, Lochee Community Group – Lochee Community Shop
- M1803, Stobswell Forum, Newsletter
- M1809, Maryfield Men’s Shed, Running Costs

8. Local Community Planning

Marie provided an update, the main points of which included;

- Clarification of last month’s discussion around an LCPP review. The review will include;
 - Engagement mechanisms
 - Looking at what is new / different, e.g. the Local Governance Review, and what more we can do to take these into account
- Discussion and links with Community Regeneration Forums is needed in relation to Participatory Budgeting (PB) and the follow up to Dundee Decides
 - The next PB cycle will start later in 2019 and carry on into 2020
 - We need to involve communities, and ask what involvement Forums want in developing the process
 - Funding is being looked at with regard to environmental / infrastructure projects being supported. Housing, Environment and City Development are all to contribute funds
 - The current DPCR Physical and Environmental Improvement allocation is also to be discussed, and whether there is any willingness to include this Capital funding in the bigger pot too
 - In return, Forums will have a say in the processes for the larger overall amount through the steering group. This could also;
 - Help increase the visibility of the Forums
 - Enable the support of bigger projects
 - Forum representatives are to take this back to their next local meetings and the views of Forums brought to a special meeting of the Forum Chairs Group with Marie and Peter, which will be arranged for early August

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Discussion followed, that included;

- Lochee Forum have carried out a lot of community engagement and identified physical works for future years. There is an aim for PB to be carried out over a longer period and so future project ideas should not be

lost, and in fact could take advantage of the larger pot to be carried out sooner

- The PB process will be led by ideas from the community, and the next iteration will act as a blueprint for the future. We hope to include as many community groups as possible in the ideas generation
- Areas have different profiles that might be impacted on differently by the types of funding contributing to the overall PB pot. The aim would be to avoid 'financial red tape' in order to make the right contribution in each community

9. AOCB

9.1 Communication

- Changes of CBSS staff at the Finmill Centre haven't been communicated well to other staff or the LMG, including a lack of consultation with them. This has happened partially due to a H&S requirement
- CBSS have been informed of the breakdown in communications
- Marie to set up a meeting with the Finmill LMG to discuss this, and the need for new staff to be familiar with how a community centre operates
- Additional issues around Resource Assistant availability were also raised. Marie and Ron to discuss
- A Building User Group is also taking place on 29th July, which will cover some of these issues

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9.2 Lochee Clock

- Request made for Gary to chase up work on the Lochee Clock, which still has not been installed

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9.3 Youth Worker Relocation

- Local residents are unhappy that their long time youth worker is moving to a different area of Dundee
- Marie is working with Children & Families on a review of youth work. This has identified the need to rebalance teams across the city to share experience and increase each team's overall capabilities / fill identified gaps

9.4 Local Lottery

- Paul outlined some early work on a possible Local Lottery for Dundee, alongside several other Scottish Local Authorities, and asked for views from the group, in particular community representatives
- Forum representatives asked to be able to consult with their Forums at their next meetings. Paul agreed, and asked for feedback to be sent to him ASAP afterwards
- Views expressed by those present included;
 - There are already too many lotteries
 - How would we stop children accessing the lottery online?
 - Unsupportive of DCC promoting gambling
 - Is there a way to raise a similar amount via another route?
 - Is it possible to limit the number of tickets a person can buy?
- Noted that an Impact Assessment will be needed before any progress towards this going ahead is made
- Query regarding what information is available on how these lotteries work in England, where some Local Authorities already operate them. This is currently being looked into by Paul Carroll

10. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 22nd August, St. Mary's Community Facility, St. Kilda Road

Attachments:

- Maryfield Presentation