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**Minute of the Building Stronger Communities Group
held on Thursday, 22nd August 2019
St. Mary's Community Facility, St. Kilda Road**

Present:	Alice Bovill	-	Strathmartine Forum
	Alison Anderson	-	Neighbourhood Services – Environment
	David Gardener	-	Dundee Voluntary Action
	Gary Knox	-	City Development
	Jim Gordon	-	Maryfield Forum
	Lesley Reekie	-	East End Forum
	Marie Dailly	-	Neighbourhood Services - Communities
	Paul Davies	-	Dundee Partnership Team (chair / minute)
	Robin Shields	-	Neighbourhood Services - Housing
	Ron Neave	-	North East Forum
	Stella Carrington	-	Lochee Forum
	Wendy Scullin	-	Coldside Forum

In Attendance:

Mark Macdonald	-	Neighbourhood Services – Communities
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Apologies:

Elaine Zwirlein	-	Neighbourhood Services
Joyce Barclay	-	Health & Social Care Partnership
Peter Allan	-	Chief Executive's

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 July Meeting

Agreed as accurate.

3. Matters Arising

- Transport Forum (*item 3*). Paul had not received a reply from John Berry regarding the next Transport Forum meeting
- Walkabouts (*item 3*). Paper on walkabouts still to be circulated (*note: attached with this minute*)
- Dundonald Street Secure Entries (*item 4*). Update received from Tom Stirling. Lead owners have been appointed for each close. The Private Sector Services Unit are supporting them. Works to be completed at one close this week, with the other two also progressing towards completion
- South Road Clean Up (*item 6.1*). This has been completed (though Stella indicated more could be done), with building work to start in October
- Aldi opening (*item 6.1*). Gary to pass information to Stella today
- Community Engagement coordination (*item 6.3*). Peter and Marie have met with colleagues from the Health & Social Care Partnership on this topic
- Social Isolation (*item 6.3*). Paul attended the second meeting of the Social Isolation Network and is to meet with Christina and others regarding strategic plans
 - Copy of the loneliness assessment tool requested (see attached, which has been modified for generic use in the Dundee pilot)
- Participatory Budgeting (PB) and Community Regeneration Forums (*item 8*). A meeting was held with representatives from most Forums regarding PB. All Forums to discuss at their September meetings and decide whether

they wish to add their PEI allocation to the PB pot for their Ward and nominate a representative to the PB Steering Group

- Finmill LMG Communication (*item 9.1*). Marie has met with the Building users Group. Some issues have been resolved while some staffing issues are still outstanding
 - There is a lack of clarity over first aid requirements – Marie to look into
 - Marie explained that all Health & Safety arrangements have had to be reviewed, and the Building Manager needs to be the highest graded person in the building

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4 Strathmartine LCPP Update

Mark gave a presentation (attached) looking at progress and future priorities for Strathmartine.

Some of the local groups highlighted included;

- Family Food & Fun event, which was attended by over a hundred people
- Community Larder, a new project in partnership with Fairshare that recently helped seventy people in its third week. This is collocated with the community café and the two complement each other well
- Friends of Clatto, a newly constituted group
- Dundee Decides projects have all been completed
- A range of festivals and fun days have helped to bring community members together
- A Big Lunch event was held in the Ardler Complex as part of Volunteer Week
- Walkabouts have identified a range of local improvements required
- The St. Mary's Social sub-group have been active in raising funds for the centre and organising events
- The St. Mary's Men's Group has been working to decrease social isolation

Future Priorities included;

- Developing LCPP sub-groups and the Local Learning Partnership
- Ensuring that young people are heard
- Asset mapping in Kirkton
- Developing the partnership around youth and sports work in order to develop a midnight league
- Develop a consistent approach to holiday provision
- Participatory Budgeting

Discussion followed which included;

- There is no foodbank in Ardler which can make access awkward for older people, who have to travel to Kirkton. Some discussions have taken place regarding replicating the café / larder to alleviate this
- Issues that have been identified as priorities are;
 - Misuse of motorbikes, which has been ongoing for some time
 - Substance misuse, and how best to tackle this at a local level. This will be influenced by the recent report from the Dundee Drug Commission and discussions to take place at the next Dundee Partnership Forum on 23rd October
- Better communication at a community level is needed

5 Forum Representatives – Issues & Information Sharing

Paul noted that the Chairs Group has moved to quarterly meetings, with the next meeting taking place on 10th September.

Feedback from Forums confirmed the views expressed at the August BSC, in that they would not be supportive of development of a Community Lottery for Dundee. Paul indicated that this feedback was useful in senior management taking the decision not to pursue this.

Queries around PB were raised e.g. where will funds for it be coming from, will it utilise DPCR Physical & Environmental monies. Marie to ask Natalie Mackland

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to circulate a Q&A style information document ASAP to help inform CRF meetings.

6 Priority Updates

6.1 Community Empowerment

Marie provided a brief update, that included;

- The annual Community Empowerment report is available online [here](#)
- Eight applications for Community Asset Transfer are currently at the pre-application phase. None are yet able to complete a full application due to funding or governance queries. Of these, two are expected to progress in the near future

6.2 Public Health

Andrew Radley was unavailable to provide a briefing on this.

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
- M1809, Maryfield Men’s Shed, Running Costs

8. Local Community Planning

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

- Participatory Budgeting
 - We’re working towards finalizing budgets
 - The funding will have a focus on environment (physical improvements, green space, etc.)
 - Forums will be invited to be part of this, with a hope that they are able to make decisions regarding their PEI allocations at their September meetings
- Community Council elections are to be held in November, and work has started with planning these
 - This will include work in areas with no Community Council at present, with a view to helping new ones to form
- As part of the meeting with HSCP managers, linking better with local communities was discussed
 - Localities are important for some issues across Dundee and there is a need to link with LCPPs regarding local information and work e.g. higher hospital admission rates, why they occur and how to deal with them at a community level
- Third Sector representation within Local Community Planning is also being developed, with meetings having been arranged
- A ‘soft relaunch’ of LCPPs may be held, to increase awareness of them and highlight their relevance
 - Alongside this, local community conferences may be planned
 - Marie will bring a paper to a future BSC meeting
 - Alice noted that we should identify all the local groups that we should be consulting with via our Communities Officers, and ask these groups how they want to be involved

9. AOCB

- ### **9.1**
- Tayside Child Healthy Weight Plan. This is out for consultation up to the end of September and can be found [here](#).

- 9.2 • Contact details for Jacky Close were requested in relation to the Dundee Drop In (DDI) Network. These are: jacky@faithincommunitydundee.org or 01382 825351
- 9.3 • Robin's last meeting. Robin informed the group that this would be his last meeting as he is retiring at the end of September. The group expressed their thanks for his involvement in the group, and his clear updates on a complex topic
 - Note: since the meeting, John Wolstencroft has been identified as the Housing representative on the group

10. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 19th September, Hilltown Community Centre, Alexander Street

Attachments:

- Community Walkabouts Report
- Loneliness Assessment Tool
- Strathmartine Presentation