



**Minute of the Building Stronger Communities Group  
held on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> September 2019  
Hilltown Community Centre, Alexander Street**

<b>Present:</b>	Alice Bovill	-	Strathmartine Forum
	Alison Anderson	-	Neighbourhood Services – Environment
	Andrew Radley	-	NHS, Public Health
	David Gardener	-	Dundee Voluntary Action
	David MacDougall	-	Maryfield Forum
	Gary Knox	-	City Development
	John Wolstencroft	-	Neighbourhood Services - Housing
	Marie Dailly	-	Neighbourhood Services - Communities
	Paul Davies	-	Dundee Partnership Team (minute)
	Peter Allan	-	Chief Executive's (chair)
	Ron Neave	-	North East Forum
	Stella Carrington	-	Lochee Forum
	Wendy Scullin	-	Coldside Forum

**In Attendance:**

Allison Fannin	-	Health & Social Care Partnership
Elaine Pratt	-	Neighbourhood Services – Communities

**Apologies:**

Elaine Zwirlein	-	Neighbourhood Services
John Lannon	-	Children & Families
Joyce Barclay	-	Health & Social Care Partnership

**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 August Meeting**

Agreed as accurate.

**3. Matters Arising**

- A Transport Forum meeting has been scheduled for 4<sup>th</sup> October, 9:30 (*item 3*)
- Information on Participatory Budgeting was circulated (*item 5*)
- South Road clean up (*item 3*). Stella noted that tyres, cans, etc. are still on the periphery of the site, having been moved there so the grass could be cut. John and Ron to follow up on this

**JW/RN**

**4. Coldside LCPP Update**

Elaine presented on the activity and priorities of the LCPP in the Coldside Ward. A copy of the presentation is attached. Highlights included;

- With a definite link existing between housing and health & wellbeing, it is positive that there are two new housing developments underway in the ward
- Isolation is seen as an issue across all age groups
- The ward has a lot of private rented tenancies, and these lead to issues, especially where there is a lack of a factor
- The area has a lot of green spaces and well used benches
- Of the 11,549 parcels issued by Dundee Foodbank last year, 2,419 of them were from Coldside
- Lots of consultation has been undertaken with community members and groups e.g. Bottom of the Hill group where there are 300 flats in the multis,

a monthly surgery is held with various services in attendance (health, police, councillors, regeneration, etc.)

- Walkabouts are targeted based on intelligence received from the community
- Lots of suggestions have been received regarding use of empty units in the Hilltown shopping district, including as a studio for displaying locally generated art
- Coldside Library has recently been refurbished
- There had been fears that the new community centre would draw participants away from other pre-existing venues, but despite the community centre being busy, this has not been the case
- A recent Graffiti Jam involved over 80 different artists
- We need to continue to share information with people on what is available in the areas
- We need to target those needing help the most, including via IYN, community Facebook pages, etc.
- It was noted that drug deaths can also relate to prescription drugs, and information was shared on RAPID (Remove All Prescription & Illegal Drugs) which is to be trialled in Coldside and Maryfield using funds from Community Safety and the DPCRF. This is based on a project from Northern Ireland – for more information, click [here](#). Locations for bins to be determined
  - On the basis of this, Andrew offered to present to the group on poly-drug use and over prescription. Paul to schedule this for a future meeting (*arranged for 21<sup>st</sup> November*)

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## 5 Forum Representatives – Issues & Information Sharing

Several items were shared with the group;

- Baldragon Academy are sharing £3k with the St. Mary's Community Facility
- Parking is due to be discussed at a public meeting in Maryfield, with a view to consultation being held
- Phone boxes are being scheduled for closure across the city. Stella requested the group's support in keeping two of the three in Lochee in use (see attached)
  - The Community Safety Group are already giving their support to this
  - a 90 day consultation is ongoing, but ends on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October
  - City Development have a remit to respond, and have circulated the information to Communities Officers
  - A formal response from BSC in support of keeping them is to be written
  - Within the consultation is included the option of local communities adopting the boxes once they have been disconnected
  - Information from community representatives from other areas indicated that priorities vary across the city

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## 6 Priority Updates

### 6.1 Dundee Drug Commission Report

Peter provided an update on this report, which included;

- The Commission membership comprised a good mix of experts who met over an eighteen month period
- They looked at what is different in Dundee
- Some of this group's members were amongst the 1,000+ who gave evidence. People listened to included service users, carers groups, services, and experts from elsewhere. Online research provided additional material too
- The Commission identified that services have not been as effective as they need to be and made a number of recommendations on this basis. These are based around four main topics;
  - Leadership. In the Dundee Partnership, HSCP, NHS and DCC
  - Stigma. Within the press and public attitudes; use of language is an important influence
  - Service Delivery. Addressing the current imbalance of provision; including people with lived experience in service design; paying more attention to 'near misses' (non-fatal overdoses); having a wider range

- of services that work better together; better treatment of people accessing services (avoiding stigma)
- Mental Health. This area of work overlaps with substance misuse and so the two systems need to be joined up
- The root causes of substance misuse need to be addressed. These include poverty, adverse childhood experiences (ACEs), trauma, domestic violence, poor mental health. The Commission noted that many of these affect women more than men, which also needs to be taken into account
- Some Scotland-wide recommendations were also made including inspections of services and tackling substance misuse as a public health emergency
- Information in response to drug deaths needs to be disseminated more swiftly, to enable services to react better to future situations
- What Next?
  - The ADP has a new chair (Simon Little) and is looking to strengthen its membership
  - The next DP Forum, on 23<sup>rd</sup> October at West Park, will focus on immediate and definite actions. Representation will include the recovery community, kinship carers, as well as a wide range of workers
  - We need to ensure that other areas learn from us, as they experience the issues to a similar scale as Dundee

Discussion followed which included;

- These issues have been known about in communities for ten years. More input from the general public is needed to deal with these issues
- The ADP hasn't been fit for purpose to date
- Hopefully the report will prompt actions that make a difference
- In Strathmartine, there were attempts made to gather service user experience in a non-stigmatising way
- Based on public attitudes, this may be the hardest group to help
- Community links to strategic groups (including LCPPs) are needed. This would enable conversation leading to change

The full report can be found [here](#).

## **6.2 Children & Families**

John Lannon has sent his apologies for the meeting and indicated that he would be able to provide an update for Children & families at the October meeting.

**JL**

## **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 informed the group that the overall structure for the next round of Participatory Budgeting (PB) in Dundee is still under development.

Paul added that the latest meeting of the PB Working Group on the 18<sup>th</sup> September included four community members and was largely used to bring them up to speed on developments to date. Funding is still to be confirmed, but contributions totalling £600k from Neighbourhood Services and £100k from City Development are hoped for.

Each individual Forum is also able to decide whether to contribute its Physical & Environmental Improvement allocation. To date Coldside have agreed to do this, while Lochee and North East have declined. Decisions from the other Forums will be needed ASAP after their October meetings due to time constraints in Committee reporting. The PB Working Group took the view that any Forum undecided at their October meeting would be taken as a 'No' for PB in 2020-21.

Stella prompted discussion of the walkabouts document previously circulated

- Marie would welcome comments on this to be fed back to her
- It would be useful for it to state more clearly that each group needs to agree on the parameters of walkabouts in future
- Generally, two per year was deemed to be okay but one was too few
- John agreed with comments that the walkabouts should cover everything, including housing related items. He also noted that District Housing Offices may carry out additional walkabouts, and they should invite local people to participate in these. Communication of the findings from all walkabouts should be shared to avoid duplication

**All**

## **9. AOCB**

### **9.1 Additional Discussion Topics.**

- As part of discussion during the meeting, Allison suggested that a summary of the new HSCP Mental Health Strategy would be useful. The group agreed, with the summary to focus on the parts most relevant to this group. Allison to liaise with Joyce to arrange this
- The future of the five district shopping centres and what could happen to them in the future
- Private Sector Housing, as this is a growing issue

**AF/JB**

### **9.2 DUNCAN Scheme – it was noted that this is no longer operational**

### **9.3 David Gardener confirmed that an update on the Third Sector has been scheduled for the November meeting of this group, and will include what has changed following the merger of Dundee Voluntary Action and Volunteer Dundee at the start of October.**

## **10. Date of Next Meeting**

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October, East End – venue tbc

### **Attachments:**

- Coldside LCPP Presentation
- Telephone Box Closure Consultation