

# DUNDEE

## PARTNERSHIP

### Minute of the Building Stronger Communities Group held on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> December 2019 Conference Room 2, 14 City Square

<b>Present:</b>	Alice Bovill	-	Strathmartine Forum
	Alison Colgan	-	Dundee Partnership Team (minute)
	Andrew Radley	-	NHS, Public Health
	David MacDougall	-	Maryfield Forum
	Gary Knox	-	City Development
	John Wolstencroft	-	Neighbourhood Services
	Nicky MacCrimmon	-	Neighbourhood Services - Communities
	Peter Allan	-	Chief Executive's (chair)
	Stella Carrington	-	Lochee Forum
	Wendy Scullin	-	Coldside Forum

#### In Attendance:

Christine Dallas	-	Community Health Team
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#### Apologies:

Elaine Zwirlein	-	Neighbourhood Services
Joyce Barclay	-	Health & Social Care Partnership
Marie Dailly	-	Neighbourhood Services - Communities
Paul Davies	-	Dundee Partnership Team
Ron Neave	-	North East 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 November Meeting

The minute of the previous meeting was agreed.

#### 3. Matters Arising

- Private Sector Housing (item 3) Peter has spoken to John regarding Private Sector Housing and the quality of life of residents and are looking at arranging discussions on how involved DCC can be. This sits within Community Safety and Protection, Colin McRae will be meeting with John and Tom Stirling to look at what is required, the best way to deal with the issues and what DCC can do to help.
  - David highlighted the issues in Dundonald Street with broken communal windows and residents finding drug paraphernalia. The door entry systems are now almost complete, however people are finding other ways into the blocks, such as climbing in through the back gardens. It worked well at first with housing and some landlords taking part but has now slowed down, but there is still lots of encouragement ongoing to engage more landlords. Peter suggested gathering a small group to discuss the main issues and what is needed in order to feed into higher meetings.
- County Lines (item 5.2) Marie to pass contact details of Communities Officers and LCPP chairs to DS Rice.
- Community Regeneration Team (CRT) access to all CRF grant reports (item 8) Alison set-up access for Marie and any new CRT staff to this folder.

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#### **4 Forum Representatives – Issues & Information Sharing**

The main discussion at the Chairs Group was that wards across Dundee are struggling to spend Physical & Environment Improvements funds due to the Capital restrictions.

- Nicky informed the group that the 2019 walkabout across the city is complete and findings of what was highlighted in each ward should be shared if they've not been already by Community Officers.

#### **5 Priority Updates**

##### **5.1 Community Empowerment**

Nicky provided an update on Community Empowerment and Community Asset Transfer.

- There is currently 1 live Asset Transfer project in progress at the moment for flexible childcare at the old Fintry Nursery.
- The CRT have attended training on Community Asset Transfer to upskill them on the communities' rights to buy on private land, as they can now register an interest for first refusal. This allows for derelict or neglected land which has a negative impact on the community to force a release of the land in order to try to improve the area. There are two sites which are being looked at within Dundee, however none have been approved as yet within Scotland.
- There has been discussion regarding derelict areas within Dundee and thoughts of how to take this forward.
- To date there have been no participation requests in Dundee, however local groups can take part in these where it is felt that a public body isn't performing.

##### **5.2 Recovery Friendly Pledge**

Christine explained that Robin delivered a presentation at the Dundee Partnership Forum highlighting the Recovery Friendly Pledge (see attached) which came about from the Lochee Pathfinder project in 2016. The priorities being;

- challenging stigma and language used
- increasing positive visibility of recovery
- a commitment to supporting and building ongoing relationships with groups and organisations.
  - 29 organisations have signed up to the pledge since April 2019.
  - Recovery Friendly Ambassadors have 9 volunteers, mainly in North East at present who are going around community areas and shops and educating workers on stigma and language used and is challenging to keep going. Some of the shops or employees are eventually signing up. There is a need to educate every one of the pledge, making Heads of Departments and Head Teachers aware, signing up and speaking out to staff with the publicity helping raise awareness.
  - The group are hoping to increase the volunteers within the New Year.
  - 116 sessions have been delivered to raise awareness Since January 2018
- Having spoken to prisoners in Perth it was found there needs to be instantly accessible groups or services.
- An engagement event is to be held in 2020.
- A Health and Wellbeing subgroup meet quarterly, with officers and people with lived experience meeting weekly.
- Healthy cooking classes are held within Addaction.

A discussion followed, the main points were;

- Stella raised that Jobshops being closed down has not helped, and clients need detox and immediate access to methadone and rehabilitation. Peter informed the group that following the DP Forum

event an action plan will be taken to Policy and Resources Committee on 13<sup>th</sup> January which can be discussed at next month's meeting.

- The Scottish Drugs consortium is making the right steps and only employs people with lived experience.
- Andrew is very active on the Hep C programme, with twice as many people engaged within pharmacies and they have delivered stigma training to 55 out of 90 pharmacies. He would like to help with the pledge approach to pharmacies as they need to be challenged and stop structural discrimination, such as time restrictions on dispensing methadone and their shouldn't be signed agreements as it's not legal.
- Wendy stated she has a friend on a treatment programme in Aberdeen who has stated Dundee provides a significantly better service than those in Aberdeen.
- Alice pointed out that removing the stigma is happening in St Mary's, as within a community group a recovering substance user is now volunteering and helping at children's groups and parties.

### 5.3 **Best Value Audit**

Peter informed the group that the council are going to be audited in relation to Best Value in 2020 as part of Audit Scotland's ongoing programme, having been last audited back in 2009 with the process having changed since then. As part of the process, auditors will be 'on site' in Dundee between March and May and the final audit report is due to be published in autumn 2020.

As part of the process they will be holding one to one interviews and focus groups and this may include community representatives. If you are interested in participating we may recommend that they talk to members of this group.

## 6. **Dundee Community Regeneration Fund**

### 6.1 **Grant Applications**

Alison explained that following the receipt of a late report to the Dundee Partnership Team an additional grant has been added to the table for Downfield Primary School (SP1904) and another grant has been withdrawn by School & Family Development Team (NEY1913) due to the lack of time for the group to make their purchase and distribute tickets before Christmas. A revised table was distributed.

All applications were approved.

### 6.2 **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):

- EE1908, Douglas Community Centre LMG – Tai Chi
- C1908, Friends of Dundee Law – Art Work on the Law
- EEP1901, Craigiebank Sheltered Housing – Improved Access
- NEP1901, Finmill Centre LMG – Refurbishment of Ladies Toilets & Flooring

Outstanding Interim Reports:

- EEY1909, Under 12s Project – Holiday Programme
- L1912, Bethany Christian Trust – Connect Café
- LY1904, Charleston Community Centre LMG - Children and Family Club
- LY1908, Charleston Community Centre LMG - Children and Family Club
- SY1908, Kirkton Community Centre LMG – Kirkton Kids Holiday Programme

It was noted that Kirkton Community Centre LMG is also in this month's list for approved applications, therefore the DP Team will withhold sending the offer of grant to the applicant until the outstanding report is received. *(NB. This report was received that morning and the offer of grant was sent.)*

It was also stated by David and Nicky at the meeting that projects C1908 and NEP1901 were not yet complete and Alison asked them to inform the applicant

to email the DP Team with details of a revised completion date in order to remove these projects from the ineligible list.

## **7. Local Community Planning**

Nicky gave a brief update which included;

- Participatory budgeting is moving away from a separate dedicated fund. They're now looking to embed across all areas of the council. For example, children and parents being able to have a say in education. A paper is due to go to Council Management Team (CMT) early next year around giving the public more say on budgets.
  - Peter suggested that this needs to be discussed with the community at an early stage, which is the plan once it's been approved by CMT.
- Local Community Planning - looking at improvements and participation, and increasing the participation base. Identifying new methods of community need and voice. A paper is due to go to CMT in early 2020 which will then be passed to communities, LCPP and forums for discussion.
- LCPP – there is no new chair as yet for Lochee but someone will be in the position before the next meeting in February.

## **8. AOCB**

- The Lochee Clock is in place and will be unveiled on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

## **9. Date of Next Meeting**

10am on Thursday 24th January, Scotsraig Room, Ardler Complex, Turnberry Avenue.

### **Attachments:**

- Recovery Friendly Pledge
- Recovery Friendly Dundee Leaflet