

# DUNDEE

## PARTNERSHIP

### Minute of the Building Stronger Communities Group held on Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2020 Ardler Complex

<b>Present:</b>	Alice Bovill	-	Strathmartine Forum
	David Gardener	-	Dundee Volunteer & Voluntary Action
	David MacDougall	-	Maryfield Forum
	John Wolstencroft	-	Neighbourhood Services - Housing
	Joyce Barclay	-	Health & Social Care Partnership
	Paul Davies	-	Dundee Partnership Team (minute)
	Peter Allan	-	Chief Executive's (chair)
	Ron Neave	-	North East Forum
	Stella Carrington	-	Lochee Forum
	Philip Washbourne	-	Coldside Forum

#### **In Attendance:**

Angela Robb	-	Neighbourhood Services – Environment
John Berry	-	City Development – Transportation
Mark Devine	-	City Development - Transportation
Mike Welsh	-	Neighbourhood Services - Communities

<b>Apologies:</b>	Alison Anderson	-	Neighbourhood Services - Environment
	Andrew Radley	-	NHS, Public Health
	Elaine Zwirlein	-	Neighbourhood Services
	Gary Knox	-	City Development
	Marie Dailly	-	Neighbourhood Services – Communities
	Nicky Maccrimmon	-	Neighbourhood Services – Communities

#### **Action**

#### **1. Introductions & Apologies**

Peter welcomed everyone to the meeting and a round of introductions was made. Philip was welcomed as the new representative for Coldside Forum. Apologies received are listed above.

#### **2. Minute of December Meeting**

The minute of the previous meeting was agreed.

#### **3. Matters Arising**

Private Sector Housing

- Various internal discussions have been held, involving Peter and John. There is a need to get the right people around the table. John and Peter to progress this
- How private housing is covered in the Housing Strategy sits with Colin McCrae. It does go wider than housing though, so we need to find out what else is happening on this
- The group was made aware that tribunals can take place with regard to landlords (including owner occupiers) action / inaction towards their tenants. We also need to determine what BSC can do to help address the vulnerabilities of private tenants
  - They need to have someone to turn to in a similar manner to DCC / housing Association tenants

**JW / PA**

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

Philip flagged up that parking is an issue within Coldside that needs to be resolved. *See also the second bullet point under 5.1 below*

## 5 Priority Updates

### 5.1 Travel Networks

John gave an update to the group, the main points of which included;

- There is lots of complexity to travel issues due to the different views over what needs to be done
- A recent Coldside Forum meeting focussed around parking and was attended by approximately thirty local residents concerned with parking in the area around the lower part of Hilltown. Discussions around a residents parking scheme are with councillors at present
- Mark was introduced as having knowledge of services such as Out & About, and the Blether Bus. The group agreed that receiving updates alternately from John and Mark would be useful
- Bus routes have remained mostly stable with a few changes e.g. new buses are now on the Outer Circle and Broughty Ferry to Ninewells routes
- New low emission buses will need to be invested in to adhere to the planned Low Emission Zone in the city centre. This is due to come into force in late 2020
- In April there will be changes to some routes. Details of these are sent to John and have a short consultation period. John will aim to have a sub-group of the Transport Forum discuss the changes
- In February, the Dobbies to Dundee route will be cut due to lack of use
- The recent Transport Act still requires secondary legislation to be shaped e.g. around the level of any fines relating to Low Emission Zones, what area these zones cover, and pavement parking, etc.
- The Scottish Government has allocated £250k to Dundee to spend on 'passenger waiting facilities' by the end of March. An extension to this time is being sought, and any who have ideas should contact John
  - This can include footpaths leading to bus stops
  - At present, Dundee has approximately 80 polycarbonate shelters and 250 glass shelters. The latter clean well, but are also more easily broken
- The next Dundee Transport Forum will be held on the 13<sup>th</sup> February, 10am at DVVA, 10 Constitution Road

Discussion followed which included;

- Bus companies have to hold a formal 28 day consultation period on changes to services. This starts when the proposals are released into the public domain (including to DCC). Due to the focus on profits, and based on previous experience, where larger changes are proposed the bus company is unlikely to change its mind
- We need to have a formal process in place for circulation of information on changes even though it is not DCC's responsibility to lead on consultation (it is the bus company's)
- We need better representation from across the city on the Transport Forum to help collate thoughts for inclusion in a single council response
  - Community representatives have a role in spreading the word too
  - Communications should include the Access Group
- Information should be distributed via Communities Officers as they have the relevant local contacts
- As this happens every year, LCPPs should have arrangements in place to ensure proposed changes and the consultation are well communicated
- LCPPs should be informed as soon as possible when funding becomes available locally in order to identify relevant work that needs to be done
- The cost of a bus shelter is approximately £5k, plus £2-3k to install plus any nearby groundwork that is needed
- The Community Engagement Strategy may help us with how we engage with more people
- Mark will attend the May meeting to provide an update on the various transport services that we have in Dundee
- Parking at schools is an issue at most schools, and a range of solutions are currently being looked at

**JB / PA**

**MD**

- With two of Dundee's roads being amongst the most polluted in Scotland (Seagate is 3<sup>rd</sup>, Lochee Road 5<sup>th</sup>), can this be discussed at the Transport Forum?

## 5.2 Fairness / Financial Inclusion

Peter provided an update that included;

- The 2020 SIMD data is being released on the 28<sup>th</sup> January. Any changes will be analysed and communicated via various routes
  - We can expect some reports in the press on any changes, statistics, etc.
- More work is to be done on the Fairness Strategy and Action Plan through the Dundee Partnership and Fairness Commission
- The next DP Forum is to be held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> April, on the topic of Life Expectancy. A recent Committee Report highlighted the link between life expectancy and poverty, deprivation & life circumstances

## 5.3 Dundee Alcohol & Drug Partnership Action Plan

This document was circulated with the papers for the meeting. Peter commented on it and recent developments;

- The number of drug deaths impacts on the city's life expectancy
- The ADP has a new independent chair, and is focused on change around;
  - Access to services
  - Same day prescription of methadone
  - Providing more services via GPs
  - Involving people with lived experience in service development
- The National Task Force came to Dundee in mid-January and saw that Dundee understands the issues faced and is making a start on change to address them
- Community Hubs are trying to provide support and expand what they do

Discussion followed that included;

- Who are the ADP accountable to?
  - A follow-up conference is planned for Autumn 2020
  - The ADP are required to report to DCC Committee, the Independent Joint Board, and the Dundee Partnership
  - There is more scrutiny than in the past, and Simon Little (ADP Chair) is to ensure that reporting takes place
- The number of drug deaths in Dundee is currently 50-60 per year. This is a higher rate per head of population than anywhere else

## 6. Dundee Community Regeneration Fund

### 6.1 Grant Applications

All applications were approved.

Discussion took place regarding the length of time taken for grant applications to be processed and approved. There was general agreement that the process was fairly quick compared to most other funding sources, and was as short as feasible given the need to allow Forums to make their recommendations and BSC to ratify them.

### 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
- SY1908, Kirkton Community Centre LMG – Kirkton Kids Holiday Programme

Note: the DP Team are still awaiting confirmation from the applicants for C1908 and NEP1901 that work on these has been delayed in order that reporting dates can be amended appropriately.

## **7. Local Community Planning**

Mike provided an update that included;

- A review of Local Community Planning identified the need to increase engagement and to do it in a systematic way;
  - Hold more community conferences on what will make a difference in their area
  - Re-run Engage Dundee
  - Deliver Dundee Decides at a community level
  - Effectively handling Community Asset Transfer and Participation Requests
- Nicky will provide a more detailed update on plans for 2020 at April's BSC

## **8. AOCB**

### **8.1 Funding**

DVVA and Al-Maktoum College are partnering on allocation of a pot of funding that has become available. David to provide information to Paul for circulation (follows below minute)

**DG**

### **8.2 Health & Social Care Partnership**

A new Chief Officer, Vicky Irons, starts on the 1<sup>st</sup> February

Joyce asked the group what topic they would like the next update to cover. Mental Health or development of services were mentioned as possibilities. Any suggestions to Paul ASAP. Whichever topic is chosen, it needs to be linked to delivering change in our communities

**All**

### **8.3 DCC Budget Decision Delay – Impact on Forums**

Due to the Westminster election in mid-December, the budget process has been delayed. DCC's budget meeting is being scheduled for the 5<sup>th</sup> March instead of mid-February. As a result, Forum meetings should be held after this so that they are aware of the level of funding available to them for 2020-21.

The DP Team will circulate papers for the March BSC, including a list of all projects submitted to Forums. Any that are not supported / partially supported by Forums will be noted at the March meeting.

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

10am on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February, Room 1.1, Dundee House

### **Additional Information for Item 8.1**

Applications are now welcomed for the [Al-Maktoum Community Grants Fund](#), which aims to build the capacity of communities to address local issues which impact on people's ability to look after and improve their own health and wellbeing and live the best life possible. Further information about the purpose and scope of the fund is detailed in the Guidance Notes. 2020 Application deadlines are Friday 29<sup>th</sup> February and Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

Further details can be found by click on the link above.