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Minute of the Building Stronger Communities Group held on Thursday, 20th February 2020 Room 1.1, Dundee House

Present:	Alice Bovill	-	Strathmartine Forum
	Alison Anderson	-	Neighbourhood Services – Environment
	Alix Finlayson	-	Dundee Partnership Team (minute)
	Andy Whitelaw	-	Hillcrest Homes
	Gary Knox	-	City Development
	Jim Gordon	-	Maryfield Forum
	John Wolstencroft	-	Neighbourhood Services – Housing
	Nicky Maccrimmon	-	Neighbourhood Services – Communities
	Paul Davies	-	Dundee Partnership Team (chair)
	Philip Washbourne	-	Coldside Forum
	Stella Carrington	-	Lochee Forum

Apologies:	Andrew Radley	-	NHS, Public Health
	David Gardener	-	Dundee Volunteer & Voluntary Action
	Elaine Zwirlein	-	Neighbourhood Services
	Joyce Barclay	-	Health & Social Care Partnership
	Peter Allan	-	Chief Executive's
	Ron Neave	-	North East Forum

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 December Meeting

The minute of the previous meeting was agreed.

3. Matters Arising

- HSCP update – No decision was made within the last meeting on what Joyce is to update the group on. Any suggestions on possible topics to be covered are to be passed to Paul to let Joyce know. Mental Health is one potential topic
- Transportation Forum – Alice updated the group. Previously the forum was split into three groups, but this has now been merged into one
 - Service review comments were to be passed to Nicola Mitchell by Wednesday 12th February
 - Jim raised concerns over the limited consultation that takes place on bus route changes
 - Development of a 'Recovery Bus' to complement the Recovery Road Map are being considered. This would be being matched to the profile of need across the city and links with vulnerable groups. Paul highlighted that the Social Isolation Network is also thinking that a similar service for isolated people could be useful
 - The Out and About bus currently has 400 members and is busy
 - The Balgay Blether Bus is also reported as well used

All

4. Forum Representatives – Issues & Information Sharing

Jim updated the group on concerns within the Maryfield forum with regards to delays in joining up of Participatory Budgeting (PB) projects and Physical and Environmental grant spend and also the delay with the confirmation of budget for CRF Funding.

- Paul reminded the group that the budget delay is due to the delay in budget setting by the Government following the General Election in December
- Nicky raised that the form of PB which was previously used will not be pursued as it was not possible to meet the ambition of putting a percentage of the budget allocation to PB but he and Marie are looking at a different model. COSLA had stated within a report that 1% of the Council budget should be allocated but rather than this they are looking into a mechanism in which citizens can influence decision making within the mainstream budget

5 Priority Updates

5.1 Strategic Housing

John provided an update for the group (see attached). The main points included;

- The DFTA Development plan went to Committee in January, covering governance arrangements, and was well received
- 17th January the Review of Rents was approved at P&R for a 3% increase per week (capped at £3) in order to continue the level of service being supplied. It was highlighted that there was a good response to the consultation with over 2000 replies
- The Housing to 2040 consultation which sets out a vision for what the Scottish Government want housing to look like. The deadline for comments is the 28th February. More consultation will be taking place in spring on how this will be delivered
- The Local Housing Strategy and the Strategic Housing Investment Plan were agreed on 30th September. This now has to be submitted to Scottish Government for it to be peer reviewed
- The New Build Programme has not been progressing as well as planned due to a issues with drainage though it is still anticipated
- John has a meeting planned for the 5th March to discuss private sector housing with the relevant people

Alice asked who was developing the site at Macalpine Road as there are already issues with traffic and safety of pedestrians. John is to check this and let Alice know.

JW

6. Dundee Community Regeneration Fund

6.1 Grant Applications

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

Other information

- C1908, Friends of Dundee Law – Art Work on the Law
Applicant got in contact with the DP Team to say the report had not been submitted as works have not been completed to date. An extension has now been put in place for the reporting date

7. **Local Community Planning**

Nicky provided an update that included the below;

A Community Asset Transfer has now become live for the Fintry Nursery to be used as a flexible childcare service. The first meetings have now taken place and additional information from the applicant is awaited.

Within the 2015 Community Empowerment Act, community bodies can submit a participation request to implement an Outcome Improvement Plan by working in partnership with DCC. Two have now been received, the first ones in Dundee

- Friends of Clatto had asked but had been denied due to the group not meeting the constitutional requirement under the Act
- Kirkton Partnership have also applied for growing space and we are currently agreeing terms with them

There are due to be some changes within the CLD team across the city;

- A new team, the Community Empowerment Team, will include staff currently in the Community Partnerships Team (i.e. community centre managers), Community Regeneration Team and Community Based Adult Learning Team. Nicky to provide a list of who is based where once this is available **NMc**
 - The team will still be organised on a ward basis and deal with obligations under the Community Empowerment Act and local decision making (e.g. LCPPs, PB, etc)
 - Communities Officers will manage the ward teams, and all are remaining in the ward(s) they currently cover
- A paper will be sent to the Dundee Partnership on the Empowerment Agenda and how we can work better together
- A review of the Local Community Plans is due later in 2020. It is aimed to have this completed by the end of 2020
- Another large scale engagement programme, similar to Engage Dundee, will be carried out by the summer of 2021
- It has been decided that there should be a single Employability Service within DCC. Some concerns raised by a group members about possible cancellations of job clubs. Nicky is to check with Alan Miller about when they are to be held across the city and let the group know **NMc**

8. **AOCB**

No items were raised.

9. **Date of Next Meeting**

10am on Thursday 19th March, Hilltown Community Centre

Attachments:

- Strategic Housing Update