

# DUNDEE

## PARTNERSHIP

### **Building Stronger Communities** **held on Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> January 2021** **Skype Video Call**

**Present:** Alice Bovill - Strathmartine Forum  
David MacDougall - Maryfield Forum  
Gary Knox - City Development  
Joyce Barclay - Health & Social Care Partnership  
Murray Webster - Coldside Forum  
Nicky Maccrimmon - Neighbourhood Services - Communities  
Paul Davies - Dundee Partnership Team  
Peter Allan - Chief Executive's (chair)  
Robert Mallinson - Lochee Forum

**Apologies:** Elaine Zwirlein - Neighbourhood Services  
Ron Neave - North East Forum  
Stella Carrington - Lochee Forum

#### **Action**

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

Peter welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies received are noted above.

#### **2. Minute of Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

Agreed as accurate.

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

Paul had not yet received contact details for any of the large funders which he'd requested from DCC funding officer, and so will try a more direct approach to the funders to get information on their approach to national charities.

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

Lochee have mostly been holding meetings over Zoom, with one socially distanced meeting possible last year. Concerns were raised at possibly not being able to use all the funds this year, and so the group wanted to know whether a carry forward was likely

- Peter outlined that no decisions have been taken at this time, but due to budget pressures on DCC the likelihood would be that no carry forward would be possible. He added that we will be as flexible as possible to enable Forums to spend what they have and that as soon as a decision is made, Forums will be informed
- Forum representatives expressed the view that as we start the recovery from lockdown, more groups will be looking to re-establish themselves and restart activities, and so more funding is likely to be needed overall

Concerns were also raised regarding possible reductions in funding for 2021-22 (again no decisions have been made) and it was stressed that we all need to make sure groups are aware of other funding sources.

- Nicky pointed out that the Community Empowerment Team (CET) role includes providing assistance to groups to find funding. Community Workers should be the first point of contact
- Dundee Volunteer & Voluntary Action are also in a position to assist groups with finding other funds

Maryfield Forum have been missing out on the opportunity for shared discussion due to covid, and are planning their next meeting via Zoom to try and remedy this.

Query was raised over how DPCRF will operate in the coming months. Paul stated that we would be aiming to operate on the usual monthly cycle going forward, as we have now been able to re-establish this without too many issues, despite the second lockdown.

## **5. Priority Updates**

### **5.1 Schedule for 2021**

The group agreed the draft schedule circulated with the meeting papers. Paul to arrange updates for each meeting.

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## **6. Community Empowerment**

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

- Community Centres have had to close to the public, except for foodbanks / food larder provision. Social Work teams are also working from them for protecting children work
- New Local Community Plan development has started, based on responses from last year's Engage Dundee. Further community engagement will take place in March / April to identify what priorities are for communities, with an aim of having a good idea of content by the end of summer
- Citizen's Assemblies are to be held (online) in each Ward during February / March. These will be facilitated discussions on the broad topic of climate change, with specific areas discussed within this decided on by local residents. The CET will circulate information on these soon. It is anticipated that the results will also feed into the new Local Community Plans
- LCPPs will all hold meetings online during February and take the opportunity to catch up on what has been taking place within each Ward

## **7. Dundee Partnership Community Regeneration Fund**

### **7.1 Grant Applications**

All grant applications were agreed.

## **8. AOCB**

### **8.1 All Our Rights in Law**

Peter and Paul have been carrying out a lot of work around Equalities & Human Rights in recent months and picked up on this consultation, thinking it would be useful for the group to have an opportunity to provide feedback – due by the end of January when the consultation closes. The documents circulated with the meeting papers contain links to enable individuals to respond if they wish.

Discussion took place, the main points of which included;

- The HSCP haven't been asked to respond, but with covid restrictions many people's human rights have been impinged. Joyce could compile a response, but time is short to get information from more than her immediate colleagues
- Nicky will look at the CET providing a response too
- Murray commented that while it is important for people's rights to be upheld in law, it is also necessary for them to be able to get support in accessing those rights and this ties back in with the need for funding to be available to support agencies
- Paul to look at whether an extension to the consultation deadline is possible
  - *Update: The Taskforce will accept submissions after the deadline, but would still like any submissions ASAP in order for them to influence the report they are writing*

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

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2021. Details to be confirmed, but probably online via Skype