

DUNDEE

PARTNERSHIP

Building Stronger Communities held on Thursday, 22nd April 2021 Skype Video Call

Present:	Alice Bovill	-	Strathmartine Forum
	Alison Colgan	-	Dundee Partnership Team
	David MacDougall	-	Maryfield Forum
	Emily Kernahan	-	Hillcrest Homes
	Murray Webster	-	Coldside Forum
	Nicky Maccrimmon	-	Neighbourhood Services - Communities
	Paul Davies	-	Dundee Partnership Team
	Peter Allan	-	Chief Executive's (chair)
	Ron Neave	-	North East Forum

Apologies:

	Elaine Zwirlein	-	Neighbourhood Services
	Eric Knox	-	Dundee Volunteer & Voluntary Action
	Gary Knox	-	City Development
	John Wolstencroft	-	Neighbourhood Services - Housing
	Joyce Barclay	-	Health & Social Care Partnership

Action

1. Apologies & Introductions

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

2. Minute of Thursday 18th March 2021

Agreed as accurate.

3. Matters Arising

- John W and Peter are still to discuss Area Masterplans' place in future Local Housing Strategies **PA/JW**
- John B had a number of actions minuted from the March meeting. Paul to check on progress **PAD**
 - Ron indicated that John had not been in touch with Fintry Community Council
- Discussion took place on Spaces for People, the main points of which included;
 - Workshops have been taking place with communities, led by the UNESCO Team. City Development staff have attended some of these, but not participated in discussions
 - The fund is aimed at putting in place temporary works during covid
 - Progress is highly variable across Wards, with;
 - Some communities feeling listened to e.g. Strathmartine and Coldside
 - Others not feeling listened to e.g. Maryfield where several ideas were rejected with no reason given, despite funds being available
 - In Lochee, community members are unclear what projects are being taken forward
 - In North East, action has been taken with widening pavements and 20mph signage, but community representatives are unaware of who the UNESCO Team are
 - Works in the West end and Ferry appear to have gone ahead smoothly
 - Overall, the group consensus was that we need clarity on the fund, its criteria and decision making process. In addition to this some consistency of approach is needed. Nicky to discuss with Communities Officers at their next meeting and then liaise with Peter for both of them to discuss with the relevant Planning colleagues **NM / PA**

- Nicky suggested that in Maryfield a Participation Request may help the community to be more involved in the decision making for the Ward and contacted Stuart Fairweather to assist with this as needed
- No word as yet on a Transport Forum meeting being set up. This needs to be City Development led, as that is where the budget is
- Nicky provided the names of three Community Centres staff who retired recently. Local groups have also been informed

4. Priority Updates

4.1 Fairness, Financial Inclusion & Equalities

Peter provided an update on two items.

The 3rd Dundee Fairness Commission are holding an online launch event for their report and recommendations on the 19th May, 10am – 11.30. The work of the Commission has covered three areas and incorporated the additional impact of the pandemic on these

- Disabilities
- Fuel Poverty
- Mental Health

The group agreed that it would be useful to invite a Commission member along to a future meeting of this group. Peter to arrange

PA

The council has a requirement to produce Mainstreaming Equalities Outcomes on a four-yearly basis. A Mainstreaming Equalities Report containing these, and reporting on progress on the previous set of outcomes is at the Policy & Resources Committee on Monday 26th April. The meeting agenda containing the report can be found [here](#).

5. Forum Representatives – Issues & Information Sharing

A number of items were brought to the attention of the group by Forum representatives.

North East

- There has been a spate of vandalism in the Fintry area, with bins set on fire. Residents are looking to see if replacements can be metal bins
- The collection of waste bins has been falling behind schedule recently, leading to overflowing bins
- A local bookmaker closed and applications to use for several other businesses have been refused. One of these refusals is under review but local information is that it is due to reopen as a barber. This has led to some confusion over why a review is taking place when a new tenant has been identified already
 - David MacDougall commented that this might be because the proprietor may be hoping to get a better deal from the business being reviewed than from the barbers

Paul to try and find the relevant Lead officer re: On street waste and tenant / review for the retail premises.

PAD

Strathmartine

- Alice has been involved in meetings with Domestic Water regarding new wastage pipes and asked if representatives in other areas have had any contact with them? (they had not). Engagement has been positive, and is looking at reducing flooding in some local roads and safety at local school
 - An update in August as part of the LCPP reporting was requested

A query was made on the work of the Festive Fund Working Group. Paul outlined that officers and councillors had discussed this and pending agreement at Committee on the 26th April, the fund would open to applications from the 27th.

Coldside

- Work in the area is going well with regard to attracting funding and developing works. Community involvement levels are good

Comment made that several officers who used to be regular attendees at BSC have not been available recently. Group agreed that these officers should be encouraged

to attend future meetings. Peter to ask Elaine to put an email out regarding this and reminding people of their responsibilities.

- It was noted that Elaine herself has a lot of standard meetings plus new ones due to covid and these can often clash with BSC. Peter is readily able to stand in as Chair

David MacDougall had sent apologies for the March BSC meeting due to being at a Living Streets webinar. He commented that this was a very useful meeting that it would have been beneficial to have DCC representation at.

**PA /
EZ**

6. Community Empowerment

Nicky provided an update on two areas of work:

The Community Learning & Development Strategy Group have developed an Engagement & Participation Framework for the Dundee Partnership. This will hopefully be signed off in next two weeks, and highlights the level of involvement Dundee citizens can expect. Nicky to arrange circulation once it has been finalised.

NM

Coming out of lockdown

- Community Centres are due to open on the 10th May (except Menzieshill which will be the 17th). A limited programme will be offered, via DCC, partners such as NHS, and Local Management Groups only, not third parties. It is likely to be mid-June for broadening of the programme to include third parties
- When moving to level 2 in May, there are still restrictions on what we can do;
 - A maximum of five people in an indoor group (including any tutor / facilitator) and this will be in place until early June
 - This rules out CRF meetings, unless they are held outside where the group limit is 15
- Level 0 due to be in place towards the end of June will allow up to fifteen people indoors

Alice asked how this impacts on Children's Clubs?

- There are different limits for children. A maximum of thirty children can be indoors across the entire facility - with adults in the building counting against this number too, even if in a separate group

7. Dundee Partnership Community Regeneration Fund

7.1 Grant Applications

All grant applications were agreed.

Murray – we used to get a report on applications that hadn't returned their reports, but have not had this for a while – can we reinstate it?

- Alison explained that the extension on spending last year disrupted the reporting cycle and the ongoing situation has been unusual. The deadline for this year's reports is end of April so we should be able to reinstitute this from next month

8. AOCB

Brief discussion about a possible switch to using Teams took place. One member is unable to use Teams though, so the consensus was to continue using Skype.

9. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 20th May 2021. Online via Skype

Attachments

None