

# DUNDEE

## PARTNERSHIP

### **Building Stronger Communities** **held on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> August 2021** **Skype Video Call**

<b>Present:</b>	Alice Bovill	-	Strathmartine Forum
	David MacDougall	-	Maryfield Forum
	Gary Knox	-	City Development
	John Wolstencroft	-	Neighbourhood Services - Housing
	Joyce Barclay	-	Health & Social Care Partnership
	Murray Webster	-	Coldside Forum
	Nicky Maccrimmon	-	Neighbourhood Services - Communities
	Paul Davies	-	Dundee Partnership Team (chair)
	Peter Allan	-	Chief Executive's

#### **In Attendance:**

Mark MacDonald	-	Neighbourhood Services – Communities
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#### **Apologies:**

Alison Anderson	-	Neighbourhood Services - Environment
Elaine Zwirlein	-	Neighbourhood Services
Ron Neave	-	North East Forum

#### **Action**

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

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

#### **2. Minute of Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2021**

Agreed as accurate.

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

- Joyce informed the group that the mental health information sought from Arlene was that the Community Wellbeing Hub should be up and running in the city centre by the start of 2022
- Generation Rent: John to speak to Colin and pass on information (attached). It was noted that Communities Officers may be closer to this agenda, and that a report is due out in December. Nicky to determine whether this group can get advance sight of the report
- Gary confirmed that information on Lochee High Street from June meeting was passed on to colleagues. Redesigns for Lochee High Street are currently being discussed and local residents will be consulted on plans
- Paul confirmed that John Berry has passed on the information gathered in relation to the West End and parking schemes
- Plant Stock: Murray informed the group that this situation is ongoing, but can come of our agenda
- Forum representatives confirmed that there was broad support for a Forum Chairs Group, but that the group needs to be well defined to avoid duplication
- Alice has spoken with Colin regarding centre improvements. Some funds previously received are now being used for upgrades to the IT facilities
- Waste Management were informed (through Blair Smart) of this group's discussions around lack of uplifts, etc. Nicky had not received any communication about this
  - Murray informed the group that this did come up at the Coldside LCPP due to issues in the area. Anne Rendall is to bring up at Council meetings, but it was learned that a mix of covid & annual leave was the cause. Coldside LCPP have asked for a meeting to involve community to see what can be done to

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- reduce / solve the problems around litter, bulky items, overflowing Eurobins, recycling points not being emptied regularly, etc.
- The Rapid Response Team and Special Uplifts: There is a four week delay with latter which then causes increased load for former as people add to items that are left out for some time. It is recognised as a citywide issue

#### **4. Priority Update**

##### **4.1. Strathmartine- LCPP Update**

Mark presented to the group (presentation attached). The main points covered included;

- Staff were greatly involved in the covid response, helping out when volunteers were unable to due to shielding. This took place alongside an increase in overall volunteer numbers
- Food and fuel support were key
- Partnership working was good, with people getting on with what needed to be done
- The Kirkton Larder expanded to deliver from the St. Mary's Community Facility, and is now operating as Strathmartine Community Larder. Shop front delivery is being looked into to reduce potential stigma
- A 'Come Dine with Us' pilot in St. Mary's is potentially being rolled out across the city
- The St. Mary's Community Facility LMG were able to deliver a successful and safe outdoor programme last summer
- Connecting Scotland funds have been able to support 38 local households to date – a mix of families and older people
- The LCPP is currently meeting online with a good level of community representation
  - Developing the next Local Community Plan is a priority, which will make use of Engage Dundee 2020 & 2021 returns as well as the Fairness Commission recommendations
  - The ADP's Resilient Communities funding is to be discussed at the August meeting next week
  - Two working groups that were just getting going pre-lockdown will be restarted. These will focus on mental health & wellbeing, and community safety & justice
- A range of Recovery actions are being looked at. In addition to the two working groups mentioned above, items include;
  - Tackling food insecurity. A community café at the Ardler community centre is being looked at as the Ardler Larder closed (due to key staff & volunteer moving on)
  - Improving the environment and greenspace. This includes a SUDS (drainage) development at St. Leonard Park
  - Recovery support for those dealing with addiction issues

Discussion followed which included;

- Food insecurity work is aiming for dignified access, and the model being used in Strathmartine looks good
- The Larder has attracted £40k in funding to support the shopfront development and will look at other funding schemes in order to be sustainable. A shop venue could also generate funds through sale of second hand goods. City Development have also agreed time for the premises to be made ready before the lease is charged for
- The Community Café had hoped to link in with the Ardler Larder which was next door, with visitors to the Larder being given tickets for a free meal at café. Thought is being given to having wrap around services at café too. Some of those who were involved in Larder will help promote the café
- Kirkton Local Management Group are considering using covid recovery funds to provide an evening service for families, possibly alongside activities (movie night, fitness classes, etc.) and welfare rights support. This takes it beyond just food provision
- ADP Resilient Communities Funding plans are still to be discussed at the LCPP and elsewhere. Mark will look to pull together a sub-group to develop this

- Setting up a Recovery café could be useful – maybe at St. Mary’s Community Centre / Church (activities & support / food respectively)
- Peter suggested that it would be worth getting feedback from other areas too. Nicky to speak to Robin and feed back to this group

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#### 4.2. Health & Social Care

Joyce gave a presentation (attached) outlining some of the work on development of a National Care Service (NCS), for which feedback is currently being sought.

- A picture of overall care and support needs for Dundee is being developed
- Social Work and Social Care are potentially to come under a new NCS
- Payment of ‘the real living wage’ for Adult Social Care Workers is part of the consideration
- A bigger focus will be put on early intervention and prevention
- An integrated record system is to be developed
- Views on the plans can be via [online form](#), or through participation in focus groups that are being held (registration via [this link](#))

Discussion centred around the implications of the proposed NCS for communities, and included;

- The system and rules will be governed by a central body which may make local responses less adaptable in future
- Self-Directed Support will still be in place
- There is little emphasis in plans on how to access care within cities (rural issues were more evident)
- Restructuring will lead to some upheaval

Other points raised were;

- The next HSCP update should be on developments around mental health
- The Strang report update, covering mental health service improvements, is worth looking at. The Integrated Joint Board have written a response to this, but the voices of people in receipt of services also needs to be heard
- It would be useful to have a regular representative from DVVA, and in particular in relation to mental health. Paul to look into who this could be and invite them to attend

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#### 5. Forum Representatives – Issues & Information Sharing

Strathmartine Forum had mixed views on the Chairs Group and felt that they should wait until after a DPCRf Review had taken place before taking this forward.

The Christmas events and installation in Stobswell are facing unexpected costs in relation to lighting column electricity supply upgrades that are needed. Sponsors are being looked at to help cover the costs, and ongoing liaison is taking place with Lisa Chiles (Street Lighting Partnership Manager).

- *Note that since this meeting, flexibility within the Festive Fund award has also been agreed to allow for a contribution towards this added cost*

#### 6. Community Empowerment

Nicky provided an update on several items:

- Covid Recovery funding. This is in place to help people get back into community activities and is being coordinated by Communities Officers
- Community Centres are fully open, but CLD recommendations mean that 1m social distancing and the wearing of masks is still in place. The exception is for sports activities e.g. five-a-side football
- ADP Sub-groups of LCPPs are to be developed. £10k per Ward has been devolved to LCPPs and spending decisions should involve people with lived experience. It can link to support networks / affected family members as well as those dealing with their own addictions
- Funding for Community Centres - £3k from NHS Innovation Fund. To help get people back into community centres / community life. Focussed on those most isolated during lockdown
- Engage Dundee 2021

- Headline figures are being developed. Communities Officers should then be taking these to their LCPPs this month
- During August to November the Community Empowerment Team (CET) will be running 'Community Collectives' for local people and local community planning partners to get the information out. The main themes will be highlighted and the group asked to discuss their priorities from them. This will then feed into local community plans
- More info will follow on this via the CET.

Discussion followed which included;

- The IT bid for improving wireless access in community centres is likely to lead to installation taking place in Q1 2022 due to procurement difficulties around IT components. Funding has been secured for it
- Peter will discuss with Greg the timescales being planned for a return to face to face meetings, community centres again hosting external agencies, etc.
  - For some people, online is easier as it removes some barriers e.g. the need for childcare, and so keeping some online options could be useful
- Going forward, the St. Mary's Community Facility is to be considered alongside DCC community centres when pots of funding become available. In the short-term, Nicky and Mark to discuss how some current Strathmartine funds might be stretched to include the Facility too

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

### **7.1 Grant Applications**

All grant applications were agreed.

### **7.2 Late Reports**

No late reports this month, although Paul indicated that some groups would be due a reminder in the near future.

## **8. AOCB**

None raised.

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

Thursday 23rd September, 10am – Venue: probably via Skype (tbc).

### **Attachments**

- Strathmartine – LCPP Update
- National Care Proposals
- National Care Service summary