

DUNDEE

PARTNERSHIP

Building Stronger Communities **held on Thursday, 22nd October 2021** **Teams Video Call**

Present:	Alice Bovill	-	Strathmartine Forum
	Alison Anderson	-	Neighbourhood Services - Environment
	Elaine Zwirlein	-	Neighbourhood Services (chair)
	Joyce Barclay	-	Health & Social Care Partnership
	Murray Webster	-	Coldside Forum
	Paul Davies	-	Dundee Partnership Team
	Colin Clement	-	Maryfield Forum
	Robert Cook	-	East End Forum
	Wilma Barbour	-	North East Forum

In Attendance:

	Alix Finlayson	-	Dundee Partnership Team
	Sarah Barham	-	Neighbourhood Services - Communities

Apologies:

	David MacDougall	-	Maryfield Forum
	John Wolstencroft	-	Neighbourhood Services - Housing
	Lali Tudela	-	Dundee Volunteer & Voluntary Action
	Marie Dailly	-	Neighbourhood Services - Communities
	Nicky Maccrimmon	-	Neighbourhood Services - Communities
	Peter Allan	-	Chief Executive's Services

Action

1. Apologies & Introductions

Elaine welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies received are listed above

2. Minute of Thursday 23rd September 2021

Agreed as accurate.

3. Matters Arising

- Paul had asked Gary to pass on relevant materials produced by Natalie for engagement on residents' parking to other City Development officers
- Nicky shared information on what covid recovery funding is available where with Lali. He asked that if group members have ideas for getting people back into community centres, they should contact their local Communities Officer in the first instance
- Joanne Kelly is leading on taking forward a working group in relation to the future of the Chairs Group. The first meeting of this is scheduled for the 2nd November and will focus on what the remit for the group should be

4. Priority Update

4.1. Fairness, Financial Inclusion & Equalities

Paul outlined a few points in relation to this;

- Challenge Poverty Week took place at the start of October, with DCC involved in several events and some press coverage / photo opportunities
- An Equalities Outcomes Action Plan is scheduled to go to Committee in November, and details the work that will be done during 2021-25 on mainstreaming a range of equalities outcomes
- A mid-plan report is also due to go to the November Committee on the British Sign Language Plan. This is a three year plan on which we have seen good progress to date

- A Poverty E-Learning module has been developed for DCC staff and will be rolled out to broaden awareness of poverty and action that can be taken across all areas of work to help tackle it
- Living Wage week is coming up in November and colleagues in Community Planning are working up a programme of events and announcements. As Dundee is the UK's first Living Wage City, we are keen for this to be an active week with several positive announcements

Some discussion followed which included;

- Continuing to work on tackling poverty is hugely important as we come out of the pandemic
- We need to recognise that alongside a Living Wage hourly rate, we also need to take into account the hours that people are able to work. Those on part-time hours are likely to still be struggling financially
 - The extent of in-work poverty is recognised, with people still dependent on the benefits system. We do need to help people into full time work where possible

4.2. East End – LCPP update

This report was postponed until the December meeting

4.3 Strategic Housing

This report was postponed until the November meeting. This would allow fuller information to be provided on the Strategic Housing Investment Plan (SHIP) and coverage of the results of the Housing Need & Demand Assessment (HNDA).

5. Forum Representatives – Issues & Information Sharing

Forum representatives made comment on the reconvening of the Chairs Group;

- East End Forum discussed this again and decided that it would be advantageous for the group to go ahead as long as it has a clear remit that group members stick to and a code of conduct
- Coldside Forum have decided not to be involved at the moment, as they have managed for some time without the Chairs Group meeting
- Strathmartine Forum also agreed that there needs to be a clear remit for the group

Elaine stated that the group will be an opportunity for Forums to support each other and look at things from a citywide point of view. Feedback to this group would be welcomed.

6. Community Empowerment

6.1 CLD Plan 2021-24

Paul suggested that any comments on the CLD Plan should be sent to Nicky initially. The group agreed that this could be added to a future agenda for a substantive conversation. It was noted that at present, the document should not be shared more widely as it is yet to go to Committee.

Please note: During the meeting, Marie Dailly had emailed Paul with the following information after being unable to join the meeting due to technical problems:

A new Community Learning and Development Plan 2021-24 has been produced through consultation and engagement with key partners and most importantly communities. This resulting plan is not intended to articulate the totality of the CLD activity across the City, which is wide ranging and has already contributed to and is reported in other plans and strategies. This plan focuses on the high-level partnership areas which will bring added value to the CLD partnership working which exists within Dundee's Community Planning Partnership. It will do this by identifying where we can work together to focus on key strategic areas in a collaborative effort to make a difference in improved practice. The key shared Community Learning and Development priority areas are:

- Building Stronger Communities

- Addressing Health Inequalities
- Improving Outcomes for young people
- Improving Outcomes for adults
- Workforce development and practitioner upskilling

The Community Learning and Development Plan reflects the ambition of partners to work together at a strategic level to ensure that a CLD approach is embedded across the partnership and that practice in working with communities, particularly community engagement work is strengthened and co-ordinated.

As per Government guidance the CLD plan focuses on the commitment to work together with local people in achieving the core purpose of CLD:

- Improved life chances for people of all ages, through learning, personal development and active citizenship
- Stronger, more resilient, supportive, influential and inclusive communities

This plan is a valuable contribution to the partnership's commitment of working more closely with people in communities and contains the high level improvements for partners to ensure that practice in the City maintains the level of excellence in the sector leading work which was recognised at the last CLD Inspection.

7. Dundee Partnership Community Regeneration Fund

7.1 Grant Applications

All grant applications were agreed.

A query was raised in regard of a Physical award agreed during 2019-20 which is only now being progressed. Alison was able to confirm that the DPCR award had been carried forward and was being used as intended. Paul confirmed that while it is unusual for such a long carry forward, it is possible with Capital projects. Revenue projects (small grants and youth inclusion grants) are still required to be spent within the financial year they are awarded.

Paul informed the group that the carry forward from last year had been agreed and the relevant amounts added to Forums' available funding. It is not yet known whether any carry forward will be agreed for this financial year into 2022-23. Paul outlined that a request for a carry forward is made to councillors each year that there is an underspend and that while they are supportive of the good work done through the fund, they also have to balance this within the overall council budget.

7.2 Late Reports

There continue to be no late reports this month. Paul indicated that while some reports were technically late, some leeway was being given due to changes in the responsible person, and/or lack of physical access to the records needed to complete the report.

8. AOCB

Alice informed the group that face to face meetings have restarted in the St. Mary's Community Facility and that they have asked Dundee Law Centre to restart their clinics there. At present though, Dundee Law Centre are only holding outreach sessions at the Kirkton and Menzieshill Community centres. It was felt that these sessions, as well as those held by the Brooksbank Centre should be better promoted

- Paul agreed to contact both Centres to look at promotion via the IYN pages and November issue of the DP E-Bulletin

Joyce informed the group that a new Carers Strategy is going to the IJB. She encouraged people to look at what the Carers Centre Locality Teams are doing and to make contact with the centre in order to develop a local contact

- The Centre is also holding online meetings about the support available to carers, which is important as unpaid carers are amongst those most severely affected by the pandemic

Outside of the meeting, Lali provided the below information for the group:

- As an update on the Community Wellbeing Centre for Dundee, this is expected to open in spring 2022 and DVVA Mental Health and Substance Use Engagement and Involvement Team, along with partners, have compiled the attached document answering some Frequently Asked Questions about the Centre
- A stakeholder group is also being formed to help shape the developments, with the first meeting being held on Wed 17th Nov from 2pm - 3.30pm on MS Teams. Anyone who has experienced distress, or has supported someone else who has, irrespective of in which capacity, is welcome to join. Additional community briefings can be arranged on request by DVVA colleagues

9. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 18th November, 10am – Venue: probably via Teams (tbc).

Attachments

- Community Wellbeing Centre FAQ