



## NOTE OF MEETING

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**Subject:** East End Local Community Planning Partnership  
**Date:** 27<sup>th</sup> February 2024  
**Location:** Douglas Community Centre

Item		Action
	<p><b>Present:</b></p> <p>Jacqui Kopel (Locality Lead) - DCC Customer Services and IT</p> <p>Alan Gunn - DCC Communities Officer</p> <p>Baillie Christina Roberts</p> <p>Emma Gordon- DVVA</p> <p>Carole Jenkins- Douglas Community Spaces</p> <p>Fraser Bain- DCC Community Empowerment</p> <p>Elaine Sword- DCC Community Health Team</p> <p>Councillor Dorothy McHugh</p> <p>Fran Nichol- Brooksbank Centre</p> <p>Sasha Ritch- St Pius</p> <p>Gemma Watson- DCC City Development</p> <p>Sandy Boyd- DCC Environment Department</p> <p>Carolanne Narey- DCC Out of School Care</p> <p>Karen Clark- DCC Craigiebarns Head Teacher</p> <p>Siobhan Call- Dundee University CLD Student</p> <p>Susan Innes- DCC Craigie High School</p> <p>Michelle Reid- DCC Craigie High School</p> <p>Lorenzo Sanchez-Perez- Big Noise Douglas</p> <p>Jim Hopkins- DCC East Youth Team</p> <p>Art Sangster- Douglas Community Centre Local Management Group</p> <p>Hayley Tunstall- DCC Community Empowerment</p> <p>Nick Toner- Douglas Community Spaces group</p> <p>Gillian Lamb- DCC Community Safety and Protection</p> <p>Cath McBennett- DCC School and Family Development Worker</p>	

	Evelyn Cairns- DCC Children and Families	
	<p><b>Apologies:</b></p> <p>Baillie Will Dawson, Fiona Reekie (DCC Housing), Scott Hunter (Police Scotland) Alison Macaulay (East Youth Team-update provided), Audrey Thompson (Rocksolid- update provided) Chris Bonnar (Scottish Fire and Rescue Service- Update Provided) Rachael Higgins (DCC Environment Department), Nicola Cairns (Social Security Scotland), Andy Thorn (Big Noise)</p>	
1	<p><b>WELCOME AND APOLOGIES:</b></p> <p>Jacqui welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were noted as above.</p>	
2	<p><b>MINUTES OF LAST MEETING (15/11/23):</b></p> <p>Minutes agreed as accurate.</p>	
3	<p><b>Fire Work Exclusion Zones:</b></p> <p>Gillian Lamb, DCC Community Safety and Protection, explained the Scottish Government legislation around Firework Exclusion Zones. Scottish Government guidance on this legislation can be found here:  <a href="https://www.gov.scot/publications/firework-control-zones-guidance-local-authorities/pages/6/">https://www.gov.scot/publications/firework-control-zones-guidance-local-authorities/pages/6/</a></p> <p>Councillor McHugh asked about awareness raising and timescales. Gillian advise that she is attending this round of LCPP's across the city to raise awareness among community planning partners.</p> <p>Decisions about granting Fire Work Exclusion zones will be made by a Community Safety Panel consisting of DCC officers.</p> <p>Any justification for creating a fire work exclusion zone needs to be evidence based.</p> <p>Gillian advised that people can still apply to hold Fireworks displays through DCC events planning.</p>	
4	<p><b>COMMUNITY PLAN PRIORITY ANNUAL REVIEW</b></p> <p>Alan explained that the main focus of the meeting was to discuss areas of progress and areas for future development in relation to the priorities in the Community Plan.</p> <p>Partners took part in one of three focus groups where they would consider two of the community priorities.</p> <p>Notes of the discussion in relation to the priorities:</p> <p><u><a href="#">We need a partnership approach to addressing issues of community safety in the East End</a></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The re-establishment of the Dundee East Community Safety Partnership</li> <li>• All East End primary 7's taking part in community safety programme with Scottish Fire and Rescue Service</li> </ul>	

- Partnership community safety planned for June 24 with Craigie and Braeview S1's
- Community Safety wardens now working closely with evening youth provision
- Lighting now being installed at Douglas Community Park after DCSG consulted with residents who felt that the park was not safe.
- A current challenge is young people's social media use and sharing images. NHS public health are delivering a programme about this at Claypotts Castle primary but uptake from parents has been low.
- DCSG exploring the possibility of developing a secure dog walking area in relation to concerns around dangerous dogs.

We need quality green spaces that people can access in their own communities

- Douglas Community Park has been developed further to include Lighting, a MUGA, Water Supply for the Growing area, a Bike repair station, Adult Exercise equipment. There were 4 new trustees elected at the recent AGM and a new volunteer helping with park maintenance.
- Claypotts castle have had a very positive experience working with the Douglas Fruit and Veg Growers Association volunteer.
- Claypotts programme with Alba Explorers is working really well with the children getting lots of new experiences and learning about their local environment.
- Claypotts Castle parent council have lead on a bid to the Climate change fund for resources for a new family based growing and gardening project which, if the bid is successful, will create opportunities for local families including a new polycrub outdoor classroom at the school.
- A challenge is sustainability for DCSG with 1 year funding left for the development worker posts. Possible opportunities around developing a social enterprise to take over the maintenance of the park.
- Possible opportunities to develop other Growing spaces in the community as Douglas Fruit and Veg Growers is now at capacity.

We need local support for people experiencing poor mental health or who are affected by substance or alcohol use

- In relation to the ADP Street Soccer programme, have the numbers of attendances been low as people are making assumptions that it is just about football or just for men?
- We should explore how we can offer local access to counselling, access to holistic approaches to good physical and mental health and making these more visible
- Support is needed for parents who are experiencing poor mental health or behavioral challenges.
- Local networks for support around mental health and addiction need to be strengthened.
- Support groups can be a step too far for some people.
- Schools refer parents for support through FORT system but community based supports not really included in this, could that be looked at?
- Engaging with Men in general has been a challenge, can this be developed?

We need to respond to the Cost of Living Crisis

- Connect worker to be based in Craigie High School and Braeview
- Engagement needed with parents to complete EMA forms
- More help needed for families not entitled to benefits
- Free childcare similar to Rowantree across the ward would be positive
- Help for working parents during in service and half terms
- Brooksbank drop-ins on Tuesday and Thursday are great for being

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>able to speak to different services</li> <li>• Access to childcare is one of the biggest challenges</li> </ul> <p><u>We need local opportunities to be involved in learning, social and physical activities which improve wellbeing</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rowantree family sessions – Thursday evening 1730-1900hrs. Provides activities and sports for children and parents etc.</li> <li>• Craigiebarns – families most in need, isolated area. Working with them and children e.g cooking, education – cooking on low budget etc. Visited Douglas food larder inspired to put in Tesco food fund to allow long-lasting food stocked for families who require it and provide food bags</li> <li>• Schools keeping in touch with families, food/clothing parcels, wellbeing checks. Transition points, holiday provisions. Food and clothing available for adults and children</li> <li>• Greens providing food to St Pius. Give what you can, take what you need (nursery), donations, swap shop, growing fruit and veg. Active Schools in school 5 days a week encourage health and wellbeing and education through outdoor play.</li> <li>• Youth Work providing courses for young people and gaining qualifications</li> <li>• Partnership working through Open Doors initiatives</li> <li>• Social isolation for older people. Concerts at care home, community choir (Big Noise)</li> <li>• Areas to progress are social isolation for older people and mental health support for parents and children. CAMHS waiting lists are still very high.</li> </ul> <p><u>We need opportunities for East End residents to be involved in decisions which affect their community</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Douglas Action Group and Friends of Linlathen are good recent examples of this</li> <li>• Youth Engagement plan co-ordinated by Community Empowerment Team well underway</li> <li>• Parents Councils well established</li> <li>• Douglas Healthy Minds group supporting young people to express their views around mental health</li> <li>• Boys Brigade on a city wide level</li> <li>• More open days, events would be good to promote community voice</li> </ul>	
<p><b>5.</b></p>	<p><b>SUMMARY</b></p> <p>Jacqui thanked everyone for attending and for participating in the focus groups. Each group gave some feedback to the wider meeting, sharing some points that were discussed.</p> <p>A consistent theme was around the need to further develop community based supports around physical and mental health and how to increase engagement with the community around this topic.</p>	
<p><b>6.</b></p>	<p><b>AOCB</b></p> <p>Councillor McHugh advised that she would be following up with some questions in relation to the paper that was shared regarding the changes to the Building Stronger Communities group.</p>	

7.	<b>Date of Next Meeting:</b>  20 <sup>th</sup> May 2024- 15:30pm at Douglas Community Centre	
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