

**COLDSIDE LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP**

**MINUTE OF MEETING**

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2023 5.30pm in Maxwell Centre**

**PRESENT:**

Diane McCulloch	Chairperson
Cllr Heather Anderson	DCC Councillor
Cllr Mark Flynn	DCC Councillor
Cllr George McIrvine	DCC Councillor
Elaine Pratt	DCC Neighbourhood Services Communities
Murray Webster	Coldside Regeneration Forum
Rhea Dryden	Community Empowerment Team
Alison Goodfellow	Maxwell Centre
Margaret Edwards	Community Regeneration Forum
Margaret Wemyss	Community Forum
Karen Huzzey	Coldside Regeneration Forum
Manuela de los Rios	Maxwell Centre
Jake Chalmers	Coldside Regeneration Forum
Jennifer Kincaid	Community Empowerment Team
Anne Leslie	DVVA
Alison Duncan	Local Management Group – Hilltown Centre
Bev Ross	Keep well Nurse Team
Lesley Gibb	Children & Families, DCC
Graeme Melvin	Fire Station Commander
Charli Perkins	The Circle
Neil Brady	Environment, DCC

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

Diane welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked people to introduce themselves.

**2. Apologies**

Bailie H Wright, A MacDonald

**3. Minute of Previous Meeting**

Noted that two members of the Partnership were in attendance and had submitted apologies. Murray pointed out that the word “consumption” should be removed as was typed in error on page 2 under ‘Locality Plan - Environment’. With these amendments the Minute was agreed as an accurate note.

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**4. Matters Arising**

Diane informed the Partnership that she now has contact details for those who deal with welfare support at Dundee University. She was advised that they had started to increase support for the students attending food larders and will contact them again to receive an update on this.

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Elaine and Diane updated on a new initiative called Community Wishes which involves developers providing extra resources/work locally as part of the tender and linked to Community benefit. Projects are welcome to submit wishes/needs and companies can look to see what they may be able to respond to. Murray felt this would be suitable for activities that wouldn't qualify for CRF based on the costs. Diane felt the process might be slower due to increased costs of materials for companies therefore work may then fall on internal services. Elaine explained that this is part of Community Wealth Building and may be small

pieces of work e.g. outside tap at the community centre but the process is still being worked out.

## 5. Locality Plan Theme, Health and Wellbeing

Murray agreed to lead on the Environment Sub-Group and to report back to the Partnership. Elaine is to share the plan with Neil Brady.

Elaine distributed the Health and Wellbeing Plan prior to the meeting. This contains elements of current and future work pulled together.

One of the most recent developments is the launch of Dundee Recovery Network Café which runs every Thursday at Hilltown Community Centre. The Recovery Network café is run by volunteers with lived experience and is supported by DVVA and Coldside Community Empowerment Team.

Tulloch Court Community Space which is currently in the planning stages which includes getting the space up to Health and Safety regulations will be used as a multi-use space for the local residents in the multis at the bottom of the hill. The Full Gospel Church already engage at the multis and they would like indoor space to do this throughout Winter. This work may also involve other organisations looking for a drop-in space. For example, Access to Industry are looking for a base to help those with addictions or criminal convictions into work. Any activities to get local people into the multi space would help e.g. meals, entertainment etc.

A social enterprise for foot care is in the early planning stages and there are ongoing discussions with the local management group for hosting this. The initiative relies on volunteers and each client would receive a care kit to bring to each appointment. Appointments would cost £10 but there may be the chance for funding to subsidise this.

Bev, Keep Well Nurse conducts weekly health checks at Hilltown Community Centre on Mondays while the larder is running – this is a drop-in and allows Bev to signpost and link people to GPs. Bev works out of other sites including Main St Café and Haven. Bev also provides a service with those in homeless units or with people in their own tenancies but at risk of losing these.

For the benefit of newcomers Elaine explained that the RAG (red, amber, green) system is in use along with themed actions in subgroups to ensure that work carries on between LCPP meetings and so updates can then feed in at LCPP level. Once an action is green it can be removed. Jennifer was nominated to take the lead on the Health and Wellbeing Sub Group.

## 6. ADP Sub Group & Funding

Jennifer updated that the Stepping Stones project ended at the end of June. Maxwell Centre could no longer accommodate this due to other provisions and as Jenni (from Maxwell Centre) was the main face present at Stepping Stones it made sense to merge this approach in with day-to-day Cosy Spaces and other work already taking place at Maxwell. Jen provided an overview of the format of Stepping Stones and those who engaged with it – mostly those at the beginning of their recovery journey or those just starting to contemplate recovery and often in crisis needing immediate support e.g. finance or food. The new Recovery Network Café running at Hilltown Centre on Thursdays will be more suitable and specialised in supporting this group.

Elaine updated that the new criteria for ADP funding includes 'prevention' which will help provide a focus on parents, carers and schools and will allow for smaller initiatives to develop. She also let the group know that Recovery Coaching will take place out of Coldside Library in October and build skills for those in recovery and hopefully we will be looking at how staff can be better prepared

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to support those in recovery.

The group discussed some of the new drug death statistics recently released and Murray questioned whether the improvement in figures reported was due to more people being saved, Diane fed back that this was not the case. She also reported that most deaths were due to multi-substance use which services are not geared up to deal with as most support is aimed at opioid use. The result of increased non-fatal overdoses means that there is more opportunity to engage with people and potentially prevent fatalities. There is a need to adapt with the changing issues. More people are now presenting for support with alcohol-related problems than drug-related problems therefore there should also be a focus on tackling alcohol issues and resources being used for this.

## **7. Open Doors/Welcome Spaces**

There will be a discussion in September about the winter months and what spaces are available for local residents in Coldside.

## **8. Community Regeneration Forum**

Murray updated that there have been 4 applications funded this year – Scrapantics Family Activity Days, Friends of Dudhope Fun Day, Hilltown Park Fun Day (CET) and Alpin & Glenesk Sheltered Housing bus trip. Underspends of £35000 revenue and £67000 capital were carried over from last year. There is a need to consider potential ideas for spending capital in particular. Some previously funded projects are still sitting with money not spent due to various challenges. One idea may be a clean-up of pockets of the local area and commissioning other smaller pieces of work. Upcoming meetings about Hilltown Park developments and Dundee Covid Memorial (housed in Coldside) may lead to other ideas. Developments on the Covid Memorial may allow for applications to be supported across the city by all CRFs.

The group discussed a good piece of environmental work in Stobswell linked with Sustrans organised by the Stobswell Forum – Margaret felt a visit to this area to look at the work and agreed that the Coldside Community forum would organise this. She summarised that local reps should look to identify potential projects in the hope that funding is then identified to support. Also noted that the LCPP would undertake another walkabout. Elaine to organise a date.

## **9. Departmental/Agency/Organisation Update**

### **9.1 Scottish Fire & Rescue**

Graeme Melvin – update on fire incidents in local area, nothing too worrying with sporadic secondary fires. The team have a close link with Community Wardens, schools, police and ambulance. 70 home safety visits have been conducted with priority given to high risk households. Referrals are made to the Community Action Team if households cannot be accessed when there is a concern from, neighbours or professionals.

### **9.2 Environment**

Neil Brady – current review of the area is looking at the mapping of services and routes for litter picking and emptying of bins. Changes may be made depending on need and to ensure better deployment of staff after a recruitment drive. There has been difficulty getting drivers who are HGV qualified. Pole mounted bins and dog bins will be replaced in some locations with freestanding bins with larger capacities (Lawton Rd junction is one location).

### **9.3 Dundee Voluntary and Volunteer Action**

Anne Leslie indicated that the Volunteer Impact Assessment Toolkit will be available for use soon. This has been developed through the Community Based

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Adult Learning Network (CBAL). Anne also indicated that there are three training courses available; First Aid, Empathy, and Coping with Challenges delivered by the Red Cross. She can send information out to those interested. Come Dine with Us Coldsidians will start up again next week.

**9.4 Maxwell Centre**

Manuela de los Rios – Maxwell will be involved in a partnership piece of work with Scrapantics, Creative Dundee, Uppertunity through Scottish Government to develop a community led Dundee Climate Hub focussing on changemaking. This will see the development of creative and innovative ways to address local problems.

**9.5 Councillor Flynn**

Mark Flynn informed the Partnership that the local area has recently seen more external cladding on homes in Coldsidians. Housing are now looking to deliver internal insulation in homes.

**9.6 Community Empowerment Team**

Elaine informed the partnership that Hope Busak from RSPD will be working in the local area to carry out an urban RSPB project with a focus on Coldsidians. This will involve Maxwell Centre, Hilltown Centre and local community workers.

The Wee Bonnet café continues to provide a space for local people to come along and have tea, coffee and cake. This has developed and some of the volunteer bakers are going to be skill sharing with other volunteers.

The Hilltown Larder will begin to deliver an evening session on a Thursday and will begin at the end of October. This will hopefully target members of the community who cannot access the day time sessions.

Family Food and Film night will begin again in the centre at the end of October. This initiative is delivered by Hilltown Management Group and involves providing a cooked meal and a family film for local families.

**10. Health and Social Care**

The update from Health and Social Care had previously been circulated.

Diane indicated that the city's new Health & Wellbeing Centre is now open and will stay open 24/7. Engagement and promotion have been undertaken through the media and in person. The stakeholder group is currently looking at a name for the centre. There is a need for clarity around what the centre is not to be used for.

WRASAC's recent launch of their Women's Hub was a great success and the event very well-attended.

**11. AOCB**

Murray asked for an update regarding the change in response to fire alarms from Scottish Fire and Rescue. Diane indicated that she would share the information she has with the Partnership.

**12. Date Time & Venue of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November at 3.30pm in Hilltown Centre.