

COLDSIDE COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP

MINUTE OF MEETING Tuesday 22nd February 2022

PRESENT:

Diane McCulloch	Chairperson
Cllr Anne Rendall	DCC Councillor
Anne Macdonald	DCC Neighbourhood Services Housing
Elaine Pratt	DCC Neighbourhood Services Communities
Murray Webster	Coldside Regeneration Forum
Sgt Paul Haigh	Police Scotland
Margaret Wemyss	Coldside Community Forum
Jennifer Kincaid	DCC Neighbourhood Services, Communities
George McIrvine	DCC Councillor
Ross Middlemiss	DVVA
Lesley Gibb	DCC Children and Families
Sophie Dolan	Student
Nicola Cairns	Social Security Scotland
Cassie McKenzie	Social Security Scotland

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Apologies

Baillie Helen Wright, DCC Councillor, Cllr Mark Flynn, Diana Weir

3. Minute of Previous Meeting

Minute of 10th August 2021, agreed as an accurate note.

4. Matters Arising

Rapid Bins

Unfortunately, we are unable to go ahead with this project. This is for a number of reasons including the pandemic and resourcing the project with staff members. The Project will be wound up and any funding left will be handed back to funders.

Larder

The Hilltown Community Larder Committee have been offered a vacant unit from Dundee City Council. Some members of the Committee feel the space is not adequate for the Larder. Councillor Rendall agreed to liaise with city development to find out if there are any other suitable spaces or vacant sites which could incorporate a Community Larder.

Walkabouts

Noted that the last Walkabout allowed issues and ongoing issues to be raised with members of the Partnership and created opportunity for work to be carried out in partnership.

Elaine to organise additional walkabouts when the weather improves.

5. Scottish Social Security

Cassie McKenzie and Nicola Cairns from Social Security Scotland attended to provide the Partnership with information on the new Social Security Scotland.

Cassie indicated that the main reason she wanted to come along was to raise awareness of Social Security Scotland and the benefits that people would be entitled to and what kind of support is available for people. It was acknowledged that the service is keen to establish itself locally and have already secured a space in Maxwell Centre on a Monday morning and Monday afternoon in Wellgate Library. Other options include Colonsay Library and perhaps Hilltown Community centre.

Benefits include the Child Disability Benefit and

Contact number for the service is 0800182 2222

6. Community Collective and Local Com Plan

There have been three Community Collectives so far and some of the main themes to come out of these discussions and the previous Engage Dundee and People's Assembly are Community Spaces and Green Space, Informed Communities, Travel and Community Spirit. Elaine is in the process of collating information and will put together a draft Local Community Plan for the next LCPP.

Noted that whilst there are actions which will go in the Local Community Plan, there are a number of other initiatives and activities which relate to mental health and wellbeing, isolation, addiction and recovery and that these will continue to be developed and supported by the Community Empowerment Team

7. ADP Funding

Jennifer gave the Partnership an update of the Alcohol and Drugs Partnership Funding. This funding has been given to each Local Community Planning Partnership to develop a test of change and activity to address issues related to addiction and prevention.

Jennifer indicated that there are three projects in development;

1. What's Next. This is a café style drop in for people, there will be space for people to get support, or signposted into other local activities. There will be volunteers who can support people to come along the café.
2. Taster Sessions. These will be a variety of activities which people can come along to.
3. Youth Project, similar to the What's Next Project but for young people, particularly young people who have come through the care system or have their own accommodation in the local area but are isolated and needing support.

8. Community Regeneration Forum

Murray indicated that the Forum had continued to meet all through the pandemic and that because of the limited opportunity for activity there is every possibility that there will be an underspend.

There is currently a review of the Community Regeneration Fund, Murray to update at a future meeting.

Murray asked elected members to be mindful of this when the budget was being set.

Murray also thanked Alison Low (who has since retired) for her support to the Forum.

9. Departmental / Organisation Updates

9.1 Police Scotland

Paul tabled an update from Police Scotland which highlighted, various local issues such as Anti-Social Behaviour, Drugs, speeding and vandalism, noted that this document is easily read and the Partnership welcomed this.

Paul did highlight the increased vandalism and therefore Police presence at the site of the old College building on Constitution Road, Councillor Rendall indicated that although the company do have the planning permission there is a great deal of preparation work to be undertaken including the removal of asbestos, this is prolonging the start of and development.

9.2 Housing

Anne provided the partnership with a full update of work which would be going on in the Ward. Anne also has responsibility for Environmental Improvements related to Housing.

As part of this update it was noted that there would be a road closure between Hill Street and Canning Street on the 5th and 6th of March and that it would be appreciated if this information could be circulated to communities and that she hoped the Traders would be notified by Robertson.

9.3 Education

Lesley indicated that there are now Free School Meals for pupils up to P5 Lesley also indicated that Business Managers at the schools are leading on the Bus Passes for the under 22's.

9.4 Councillor Rendall

Anne indicated that the TSB will be closing and Chris Law has sent a letter hoping for a reprieve or discussion. Anne had hoped that this bank could become a banking hub, where various banks make use of the building on different days.

Anne also mentioned Dovetail Enterprise and the work they do. This organisation provide work for people with disabilities and produce high quality work. They are looking for new Board members and would really welcome members from people with disabilities.

Ann Rendall
Consultation Road Building
Company do have planning permission

Anne also mentioned the Barcelona Challenge which focuses on becoming a Sustainable Food Place, and through Dundee Community Food Network this may be something that Dundee could achieve.

10. AOCB

10.1 Community Empowerment Team

Elaine indicated that the Community Empowerment Team are Recruiting a new member of staff to replace Alison.

Hilltown Community Centre would also be hosting a play called Dolly Parton

Saved My Life which would run on March 19th as part of International Women's week.

10.2 Health and Social Care Partnership

Diane indicated that the H&SCP are struggling with recruitment and sickness absence which is having a huge impact on services.

See enclosed for additional information.

Murray conveyed his thanks to Councillor Rendall on behalf of the Community groups for all her work and dedication and wished her all the best for her future and looked forward to seeing her at future Forum meetings as a Community Member.

11. Date Time & Venue of Next Meeting

Tuesday 24th May at 3.30pm in Hilltown Community Centre.



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