

# East End Local Community Planning Partnership

## MINUTE OF MEETING

**HELD ON**  
**31st August 2023**  
Rocksolid, Douglas and Mid Craigie Church

### **Present:**

Jacqui Kopel (Locality Lead) - DCC Customer Services and IT

Alan Gunn - DCC Communities Officer

Baillie Christina Roberts - DCC

Emma Gordon- DVVA

Art Sangster -Secretary Douglas Local Management Group

Alison Macaulay- East End Youth Work Manager

Audrey Thomson- Rocksolid Co-Ordinator

Carole Jenkins- Douglas Community Spaces

Andy Thorn- Big Noise

Chris Bonnar - Scottish Fire and Rescue service

Adrienne Cooper-Mid-Lin Day Care

Ryan McGinn- Active Schools Assistant St Pius

Susan Innes- Guidance, Craigie High

### **Apologies:**

Baillie Will Dawson, Councillor Dorothy McHugh, Ginny Lawson (Brooksbank), Fiona Reekie (Housing), Elaine Sword (Community Health Team), Gary Knox (DCC City Development), Scott Hunter (Police Scotland), Karen Clarke (Head Teacher, Craigiebarns Primary)

### **1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

Jacqui welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were noted as above.

## 2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING (08/06/23)

Minutes agreed as accurate.

## 3. UPDATE FROM HOSTS- ROCKSOLID

Audrey advised that the Church is due to be sold and external groups have been given notice that their lets will end in January. Audrey advised however that Rocksolid have agreed a 10 month lease with the Church and will use this time to explore funding sources for the potential purchase of the Church. During the lease period Rocksolid will take on the full running costs of the building which Audrey advised the organisation will need to adapt to.

Carole Jenkins (DCSG) raised concerns about the potential impact of any potential closure on the local community given the property review being carried in relation to other community facilities in the East End.

Audrey advised Rocksolid have recently lost some staff who have moved onto new employment but programmes are still continuing. They continue to offer community breakfast, lunches and activity groups along with the Community mini-bus and supporting families with shopping vouchers. They have also started a new cyber café for elderly residents.

Youth Groups continue on a Wednesday and Friday from 4:30-6pm and the adult wellbeing group takes place on a Wednesday.

They are also working with the GP surgery and the Community Health Team around the use of the Wee Forrest and community access bikes.

## 4. COMMUNITY PLAN SUBGROUPS

Alan shared a presentation on the community planning partnership subgroups and progress updates from the most recent meetings. Presentation shared with minute of meeting.

Discussion on community planning priorities as follows:-

**Green Spaces-** Carole Jenkins updated on recent community engagement where Douglas residents identified secure dog walking area and development of Claypotts playpark as issues they feel are important.

Carole advised that Nick Toner (DCSG) will liaise with Audrey regarding community access bikes.

Carole advised that the Douglas Live and Kicking newsletter will go out again late November/early December and encouraged people to contribute to this by the deadline 29<sup>th</sup> September. Information to be e-mailed to Nick Toner at [nick.t.community@gmail.com](mailto:nick.t.community@gmail.com)

Carole also advised of recent banking issues for DSCG. There was a consensus that this has been an issue for other groups. Letter of complaint to the bank has been drafted. Elected members and council leaders have been made aware.

**Community Safety-** Susan Innes advised that the new S1 cohort at Craigie have had some initial challenges with behavior since the start of the new term. Police Scotland and DCC Anti-social behavior team are scheduled to start working with the year group. There is also a school of sport model in place to try and engage with the pupils through sport. Plans are in an early stage to develop a shared community safety day with Braeview Academy and this will be on the agenda for the November Community Safety Partnership meeting.

Alison Macaulay advised that she will be meeting with the guidance team at Craigie to look at developing some targeted work which could be offered to these pupils.

Chris Bonnar advised that the fire service can also take part in some work at the school and can also attend some Youth Work evening provision.

## **5. COMMUNITY PLAN PRIORITY FOCUS**

### **Recovery and Wellbeing**

Alan updated on the £12,000 funding devolved from the Alcohol and Drug partnership to the East End LCPP.

This will be administered via a grant funding process, applications to be submitted by the 13<sup>th</sup> September.

Funds will be issued at the end of September and need to be spent by the end of March 2024.

Alan shared some of the initial ideas that were discussed at the Phase 1 meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> August and will report back at the next LCPP. Partners with any further ideas of how this funding could be spent encouraged to contact Alan.

### **Cost of Living-**

Alan advised that East End Open Doors will take place again this year in response to cost of living increases.

This will focus on food provision, clothing, free activities and money advice.

Emma Gordon advised that she would share a contact with the group with regards to accessing free food hygiene courses which may help with some of the groups or services looking to provide food.

Audrey and Alan agreed that a follow up meeting will take place to confirm arrangements for the on-going session at Douglas Sports Centre on a Saturday.

Adrienne advised that Mid-Lin are looking to continue their Sunday Brunch club but may look to apply for funding to reduce the costs of the meals, similar to the approach at Douglas Community Centre and Brooksbank Centre.

Carole advised that the numbers using the food Larder at Douglas Community Centre has increased significantly over the last fortnight.

Susan advised of a range of supports that are available within Craigie high for families affected by poverty. Alan advised that this is also similar in other schools and it would be good to use the cost of living subgroup to compile a list of all available supports in the ward.

## **6. CLIMATE CHANGE FUND**

Jacqui provided an update advising that-

The Dundee Climate Fund 2.0 has £256,729.38 Capital and £118,079.60 Revenue funding available and focusses on the following topics:

- Energy
- Transport
- Waste
- Resilience
- Community Engagement

Accepting projects  
July 19, 2023 - October 29, 2023

## **7. LINLATHEN FAIRNESS INITIATIVE**

Alan gave an update on the Linlathen Fairness Initiative including-

Linlathen works drop-in on a Tuesday and on Thursdays a Linlathen focussed session at Brooksbank. These sessions have a range of financial and employability advice as well as social opportunities

Out of school care service continues to progress, a number of trips and events over the summer

Awaiting the outcome of the Whole Family being Fund to have a clearer picture about the additional family support resource that will be available not just in Linlathen but also the East End

External wall insulation programme going to committee on the 5th of September which is a significant development.

Friends of Linlathen Community group progressing towards being constituted- They were involved in the summer gala day and litter pick

Linlathen Play trails investment confirmed at Committee- engagement event Monday 4th Sept for residents around the three identified sites.

## **8. EAST END COMMUNITY CAMPUS**

Open Community engagement events with the project delivery team taking place at Douglas Community Centre 5:30-7pm on Wednesday 6th September and at Finmill Centre on Thursday 7th September 5:30-7pm. Publicity is being finalised and will be shared with the partnership.

## **9. SERVICES AND GROUP UPDATES**

### **Scottish Fire and Rescue Service-**

Chris Bonnar talked through the East End report which had been submitted in advance. Visits to schools are planned in the lead up to bon-fire night.

Kingsway station will again co-ordinate a winter toy appeal and will be looking for families and individuals that they can donate gifts to. Community partners urged to make contact with Chris to discuss.

### **Environment**

Sandy Boyd gave an update with regards to the busy grounds maintenance schedule.

There was a follow up discussion around the ground adjacent to the car park at Douglas Community Centre. Sandy is liaising with City Development with regards to writing to the owner with regards to the land being overgrown as it has been left unattended. Sandy to update at next meeting.

### **CLD Youth Work**

Alison Macaulay advised that over the last quarter the East Youth Team have supported 484 young people across a range of targeted group work, diversionary projects and 1-1 support. They delivered an extensive summer programme which included 29 primary 7's taking part in targeted transition work.

Alison advised that the team had issues accessing Rowantree Primary school lets over the summer and this has persisted into the new term.

Jacqui asked that a summary of the issues be sent to her to explore further.

Christina also asked about young people leaving comments on CRF applications. This has been discussed through the youth participation subgroup and will be picked up at the next meeting.

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

Emma Gordon updated on a meet the funders event which is taking place on the 12<sup>th</sup> of September.

### **Big Noise**

Andy Thorn advised that the programme is back up and running after the holidays. They had a very successful end of year celebration which the First Minister attended.

Andy advised that they now have a Baby Noise class running at Douglas Community Centre from 09:30-10:30 which 20 families are attending. He will send on an information flyer.

### **Douglas Local Management Group**

Art Sangster advised that he had attended the Douglas Community Centre Local Management Group meeting regarding the East End Community Campus. Art advised that he shared his concerns regarding any potential impact on the future of Douglas Community Centre.

Art also advised that Carole Jenkins is currently supporting the management group make the transition to a SCIO.

### **10. AOCB**

It was agreed that the next LCPP meeting would take place at 3:30-5pm. Date to be confirmed.