

East End Local Community Planning Partnership

MINUTE OF MEETING

HELD ON
8th March 2023
Community Lounge, East Housing Office

Present:

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

Alan Gunn - DCC Communities Officer

Baillie Christina Roberts - DCC

Councillor- Dorothy McHugh - DCC

Joyce McIntosh- Mid Lin Day Care

Jim Campbell- East Community Regeneration Forum

Emma Gordon- DVVA

Taylor Burness- DCC Housing

Claire Shepherd- DCC Community Empowerment Team

Elaine Sword- DCC Community Health Team

Leigh Glennie – DCC School and Family Development Worker, St Pius

Sylvia Mustard- DCC Housing

Garvie Jamieson- Douglas Community Spaces Group

Apologies:

Art Sangster (Secretary Douglas Local Management Group), Alison Macaulay (East End Senior Youth Worker- report provided), Stacy Boylen, (Depute Head Craigie high), Fiona Reekie, Catherine Conroy, (DCC Environment), Audrey Thomson (Rocksolid- Report Provided), Ashley Matheson (Head Teacher St Pius), Nicky Murray (Head Teacher- Claypotts Castle, Report Provided), Carole Jenkins (Douglas Community Spaces group- Report Provided), Chris Bonnar (Scottish Fire and Rescue service, Report Provided), Ginny Lawson (Brooksbank centre), Jennifer King (Children and Families Service)

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

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

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING (24/11/23)

Minutes agreed as accurate.

Outstanding actions- Jacqui to liaise with Sandy Boyd (Environment Department) in relation to the ground adjacent to Douglas Community Centre and the fallen tree in the Douglas area.

3. COMMUNITY PLAN 2022-27, WORKING GROUPS & FEEDBACK FORMS

Alan advised that some feedback forms had come in and thanked the services/groups that had taken the time to complete these.

The benefits of completing these are-

- Limits the need for longer verbal updates at LCPP which should allow more time for planning at the meetings
- Allows information to be shared and retained by partners working across the area to increase knowledge about what other services and groups are doing
- Shows contribution to local community planning and will inform the LCPP annual report

Alan shared hard copies of the community plan and shared an update on some of the working groups:

Dundee East Community Safety Partnership-

- Targeted response from community safety wardens, leisure and culture and youth work to youth issues at Craigie high in the evening
- Meetings have been mainly focused on youth anti-social behaviour so to help broaden the scope and the focus of the discussion, Anti-Social Behaviour Team will present data at the next meeting in relation to other complaints they are receiving in relation to community based issues in the East End
- Over the last monitoring period noted a reduction in noise and anti-social behaviour complaints from residents.
- Monthly coffee with a cop sessions to start at Douglas Community Centre, Alan working with Police to broaden this to Mid Craigie/Linlathen

Wellbeing and Recovery Subgroup-

- Focused on delivering programme in Douglas Community Centre in partnership with We are With You and Street Soccer, building connections with support services to improve routes into community based supports- will give thought to scalability in another areas of the ward once model has been fully developed
- Dry Nights with Just Bee productions in process of being developed
- 9 hillwalking weekly hillwalking sessions with Ancrum Outdoor Centre starting 19th April

East End Third Sector Network-

DVVA no longer in receipt of funding from DCC to support the third sector networks. Upcoming East End Third Sector Network Meeting cancelled due to this. Alan will update on plans as to how this work will be taken forward.

Garvie raised an issue about a recent incident of anti-social behaviour involving young people in the Douglas area.

4. TOGETHER TO THRIVE

Together to Thrive is an initiative being co-ordinated by the Mental Health Foundation which will offer community based supports to targeted families who's children are about to be referred or are on the waiting list for Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services. The initiative will be rolled out over the course of a year in the East End, North East and Strathmartine Wards.

Dominic Venditozzi is co-ordinating the project and was unable to attend the partnership today but will attend the next meeting in May 2023.

5. EAST END OPEN DOORS AND COMMUNITY MINI BUS

Alan provided an update on the East End Open Doors initiative and the work of the cost of living subgroup.

- 4917 community meals provided across East End Open Doors partners From 7th November 2022 until 28th February 2023
- Douglas Food Cupboard open as of October 2022 with 8 new volunteers, 1181 visits to that larder so far. Initially open Wednesday morning but have now opened on a Thursday evening to respond to need identified by working residents.
- The Hub Larder and Freecycle supporting 40 families on a weekly basis. Provided East End families with £5250 worth of shopping vouchers over the Christmas holidays, secured with funding through the Corra Foundation and Faith in the Community
- Increase of money advice availability within the East End. Connect Team and Social Security Scotland now in Douglas Community Centre during larder sessions. Linlathen works advice drop-in sessions now running weekly at Brooksbank.
- 12 week pilot of Rocksolid's mini bus being used a ward wide resource was successful and use of this progressively increased
- Provision where activities are available particularly popular for example Douglas Local Management Group activity programme, Brooksbank's craft groups, rocksolids activity programme and recently Douglas Sports Centres family sports sessions.
- Some of the meal provision will be scaled back, subgroup 20th March to map what this will look like across the ward to ensure co-ordination
- Douglas Sports Centre Saturday family sport sessions to continued with parents/carers taking on volunteer roles to make sure it is sustainable. Same model being developed at Rowantree primary on a Saturday with partners Out of School care and Dundee united Sports Club.
- Rocksolid supported to access funding through paths for all to continue to run East End community mini bus, 30 hours per week for a year.
- Douglas Food Cupboard and The Hub larder being supported to progress towards becoming SCIO's.

Emma Gordon advised that there have been concerns raised within some community groups regarding burn out of volunteers, which I something to be mindful of as new programmes are being developed.

Leigh Glennie advised that families that she is in contact with at St Pius have spoken very positively about the different opportunities available through Open Doors.

Jacqui advised that the Tenant Grant Fund is still open and will be until the end of March. Alan agreed to send the details to Leigh Glennie.

7. EAST END GREEN AND OPEN SPACES SUBGROUP

Alan advised that the initial meeting of the East End Green and open Spaces subgroup was postponed due to a number of partners being unavailable on the day.

The meeting will be re arranged and Alan is keen to expand the invite list.

Alan advised the subgroup will be more about co-ordination, information and resource sharing. Smaller projects will take place in the different communities across the ward but can report back into this subgroup.

Alan advised that there specific actions in the community plan in relation to this are- "Take collective action to develop and increase useage of public and green spaces" and " Increase local opportunities for growing".

There is already significant work taking place across the ward in relation to this.

Baillie Roberts advised that there is an audit of the green spaces but it was not certain if this was done for the whole of the East End or just for Douglas. Alan advised that DCC Environment had offered to provide an updated document showing these spaces.

Baillie Roberts also advised that she had been in communication with DCC Environment about the process of setting up a partnership agreement regarding the maintenance schedule for the Douglas Community Park when the contract with Gilmartins ends in June 2023.

8. LINLATHEN FAIRNESS INITIATIVE

Alan updated on the Narrative Inquiry project which has now come to an end and shared the recommendations from the research.

The recommendations are:

1. Fuel poverty is a significant issue for residents in Linlathen, continue with the cash first approach and progress with insulation and housing improvement.
2. The establishment of a Linlathen housing action sub-group of the Local Community Planning Partnership with representation from Dundee City Council and local residents.
3. Community green spaces or gardens to be established using a partnership approach between local community and local authority.
4. Develop a new youth work offer in Linlathen focusing on activities and improving the availability and accessibility of spaces for young people.
5. The need for the food larder will continue for the foreseeable future. Develop a plan to address food insecurity in Linlathen in a sustainable way.
6. In order to reduce social isolation and improve mental health and wellbeing, low cost or free learning activities should be available in Linlathen. Local community spaces are required for this to be achieved.

7. Employability should be tackled in a way that acknowledges the barriers to employment. Flexible and affordable childcare should be available for families seeking employment.
8. Residents experience multiple barriers to employment. As part of addressing this, opportunities to learn and develop skills should be available locally.

Alan also updated on the recent logic modelling event on the 1st of March-

Services and partners from a range of DCC, NHS, Education, Third Sector, Community groups were invited with 44 in attendance. Mapped current work or potential future work against the outcomes in the Fairness Initiative. Currently in process of collating all the data into a model which will show how things are going to progressed in Linlathen.

Alan advised that he will be able to update on this at the next meeting in more detail about the specific actions that will be progressed.

9. EAST END COMMUNITY CAMPUS

Public engagement event at Douglas Community Centre Wednesday 29th March- 5:30-7pm. Members of the project delivery team will be in attendance to show the updated plans and talk through how community members will be able to utilise the spaces.

Councillor McHugh advised that there has been a lot of pupil consultation happening within the schools.

Leigh advised that the primary schools have started integration initiatives with in the North East and East End through sports activities.

Jim Campbell raised a concern about the school being on a flood plain.

10. SERVICES AND GROUP UPDATES

Housing

Update on new hoarding policy and allocation policy.

Community Health Team

Elaine Sword had submitted a report but also advised that the Douglas Food Cupboard is now open on a Thursday evening to allow working families to attend. One of the local volunteers has just secured employment.

“Healthy Me” programme continues to run at Brooksbank Centre on a Friday.

Mid-Lin Day Care

Joyce McIntosh advised that their numbers are increasing and the brunch club is gradually getting busier.

They have taken on a member of staff through Community Job Scotland.

Joyce also advised that they are continuing to develop their growing space and advised that the community would be welcome to use this.

Mid-lin are also continuing to explore an asset transfer to allow them to develop within the Mid-Lin site.

St Pius Primary School

Leigh advised that the school is becoming more involved in local community networks through the LCPP and sub groups which is supporting them to work in partnership.

DVVA

Emma Gordon advised that she is continuing to explore ways to support people experiencing barriers to volunteering. She would welcome contact or input from any East End Groups.

East End Community Regeneration Forum

Jim Campbell advised that the forum had again managed to ensure there was minimal underspend from this years allocation. The forum supported a range of open doors and cost of living initiatives.

The def-fibs that were purchased by the forum last year are nearly all installed and there will be a range of community first aid training sessions arranged.

11. AOCB

No other business raised