

East End Local Community Planning Partnership

MINUTE OF MEETING

HELD ON
26th May 2022
15:00pm Via Teams

Present:

Tony Boyle (Chair) - DCC Environment Service

Alan Gunn - DCC Communities Officer

Councillor- Christina Roberts - DCC

Councillor- Dorothy McHugh - DCC

Councillor- Will Dawson - DCC

Sandy Boyd- DCC Environment Service

Catherine Conroy-DCC Environment Service

Jeff Halkett- DCC Environment Service

Fay Costello- Brooksbank Centre

Robert Cook- East End Community Regeneration Forum

Garvie Jamieson - East End Community Regeneration Forum

Joyce McIntosh- Mid-Lin Day Care Chair

Clark Bremner- Mid-Lin Day Care Vice- Chair

Fraser Bain - DCC Community Empowerment Team

Apologies:

Alison Leuchars- DCC Children and Families

Fiona Reekie- DCC Housing

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

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

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING (31/03/22)

Minutes agreed

3. EAST END COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE

-Alan Gunn talked through the draft East End Community Plan.

-Alan advised that the plan had been created using feedback from community engagement events including Community Collectives, along with Engage Dundee on-line consultation and data from SIMD and public health data.

-The purpose of the plan is to co-ordinate and direct the work of services, community groups and residents to reduce inequalities in the East End Ward.

The main priorities that have been identified and agreed are-

- Building Community Resilience
- Tackling the impact of rise in cost of living
- Improving open and green spaces
- Promoting wellbeing and improving recovery
- Increasing Community Influence
- Improving Community Safety

-Under each priority are a set of actions that have been identified to address that particular priority.

-The stage we are at is looking to establish working groups who can take forward these actions in the east end.

- How these working groups would operate in practice is to have meetings out with the LCPP where actions are identified and agreed in relation to that priority. The working group would report progress into the LCPP on a quarterly basis.

-Although the plan is set over a five year life span, it will be reviewed annually through the LCPP. As part of this review process we can change actions, adapt timescales.

- Alan hopes that this plan will not belong to one particular service or group but will be a plan belonging to the area and we all have a shared investment and a collective role in achieving the aims.

Councillor McHugh noted her support of the priorities in the plan and advised that she would share further feedback.

Garvie requested a paper copy of the draft plan. Alan Gunn and Garvie to meet to discuss the plan.

4. Linlathen Fairness Initiative

Alan Gunn shared information relating the Linlathen fairness initiative which is a partnership approach looking at ways to reduce the impact of inequalities in Linlathen which have been highlighted in Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation statistics.

The aims of the project are to increase income through employment, increased income through social security benefits, people have reduced cost of living and to improve people's mental health.

The local project group consists of Dundee Partnership, Welfare rights, Brooksbank, Aberlour, St Ninians Church, Rowantree Primary, Mid-Lin Day Care and the Community Empowerment Team.

A community engagement process called narrative enquiry which will help shape how services will try and work together to achieve the aims that have been set. This links in with an action in the community plan and progress will continue to be reported at the LCPP.

Councillor Dawson asked whether the project can then be scaled up and the approach can be Applied to other areas within the city. Alan advised that it is a test of change and that learning from the initiative will be applied to approaches in other areas of the city however could not give detail or the scale of this given the early stages of the process.

Councillor McHugh asked about examples of the narrative enquiry process. Alan agreed to source a link which can be shared with the partnership.

Councillor McHugh asked about timescales for the narrative enquiry process. Alan advised that the current timescale sets out the process to be completed by the end of October.

Fay Costello advised that Brooksbank have adapted how they are delivering their money advice Services and have created a crib sheet which can be helpful in signposting people to relevant support services. She is happy to share with the partnership.

5. Linlathen Community Clean Up proposal

Tony advised that a Community Clean Up initiative is to take place in Linlathen at some point over the summer period. Linlathen will be a test site and the plan is to carry out the initiative in other areas of the city.

Jeff Halkett advised that skips will be located in areas of the Linlathen community for a short time to allow for waste items to be disposed of. Jeff also advised that Rod Houston's team will carry out clean ups in specific streets and grass areas.

Jeff advised that this is being planned in partnership with the Community payback team and Community Empowerment Team. Alan advised that there is a local meeting next week to look at ways that local residents can be involved in the initiative.

Councillor Roberts welcomed the initiative and asked how the skips will be managed. Jeff advised that the intention is to have staff available on the identified days to monitor the skip use.

Councillor McHugh also welcomed the initiative. She enquired whether this will be scaled up to include other areas as she had felt that Mid-Craigie was in need of attention.

Tony advised that Linlathen was the test site and that the plan is to carry this out in other areas although this will take time and will need to be distributed across other wards in the city.

Garvie advised that a similar initiative had been carried out previously in Douglas but the issue was that people were not aware that the skips were there and so it was not fully utilised. It was agreed that thought needs to be given as to how this is communicated to local residents.

When asked about Euro-bins Jeff advised that there are plans to introduce monitoring regimes and potentially further education offered to residents around recycling.

Councillor Dawson noted that an issue with a bin in Balunie Avenue has been resolved and thanked Jeff for his support.

6. LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP SUBGROUPS

6.1 East End Health and Wellbeing Network

Alan advised that the East End Health and Wellbeing Network has now restarted and will continue to meet on a quarterly basis. Updates will be given at the LCPP.

6.2 Community Safety Network

Alan advised that the Community Safety Network meetings have also now restarted although there is some work to be done to increase attendance. Anti-social behaviour and vandalism was something which was raised at the community collectives so we have committed to renew this quarterly network meeting in the community plan and review its purpose and progress into next year.

6.3 Holiday Planning Subgroup

Holiday provision planning groups have taken place for Douglas as well as Linlathen/Mid Craigie. This is looking at mapping out what activities are available over the holidays, access to food and opportunities to deliver activities in partnership. A timetable of provision will be circulated to the LCPP.

7. COMMUNITY UPDATE

7.1 Community Regeneration Forum

Chair of the forum Robert Cook updated that the forum continues to be well attended. The funding allocation from Dundee Partnership for 21- 22 was used and there was no underspend.

7.2 Douglas Park

Member of the Douglas Community Spaces group, Garvie, advised that the opening day for the new park is Saturday 18th June.

Garvie advised that there have been some issues with people jumping over the fence into the park to play football and to go on the swings. The swings have been taken down in the meantime to allow for the work to be completed ahead of opening.

Garvie also advised that a Muga pitch will be installed soon.

Catherine Conroy advised that the contractors had now finished and also that Carol Jenkins Nick Toner are now in post as development workers for the Community Spaces group.

7.3 Volunteer week

Volunteer week is the 1st to the 7th of June. Alan advised his team are hoping to use the IYN social media page to highlight the good work of volunteers attached to community groups across the ward. If anyone has anything they would like mentioned, it is good opportunity to recognise the contribution of volunteers as well as promoting any volunteer opportunities that may available.

7.4 East End Campus

Alan advised that discussions are due to take place with the project delivery team about providing feedback following the community consultation that has been carried out so far.

As part of the on-going consultation Alan's team are looking to organise a visit for interested community members to a Community Campus. They have some names of interested people through the community consultation events but if anyone is interested or knows anyone who is interested please just let Alan know.

7.5 Alcohol and Drug Partnership Funding

Activities still delivered on a Tuesday at Douglas Community Centre and hill walking programme to start in Sept. Wellbeing and recovery is a priority in the community plan so Alan is keen to explore how the work of the ADP subgroup can be developed with the wider priority for the East End.

8. SERVICE UPDATES

8.1 Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

Chris Bonnar shared his East End quarterly report ahead of the meeting which he then talked the partnership through.

There had been some increases in secondary fires however there are no real trends emerging.

The issue with young people setting of fire alarms in schools is starting to reduce following a partnership approach to addressing it.

8.2 Environment

Jeff Halkett advised that the issue with a caravan on Longtown road has been addressed and has now been moved. The couple who were staying in it have been supported by DCC to source alternative accommodation.

Catherine Conroy advised that along with the Muga being installed in Douglas park they are also carrying out an audit of the play areas in the East End.

Sandy Boyd advised that it has been an extremely busy time and the department are working hard at keeping on top of issues such as grass cutting.

8.3 Mid-Lin Day Care Centre

Joyce advised that she is happy to be attending the LCPP and feels it will give them a helpful insight into what is happening across the community.

Clark advised that they are looking at the long term development of the Mid-Lin day care centre and having the links with groups and services through the LCPP will be helpful.

8.4 Brooksbank Centre

Fay advised that the Brooksbank centre has plans to develop a free food provision for pensioners and carers. They are looking to develop activities and learning opportunities that will run alongside this.

10. AOCB

Garvie advised that the railings at Forfar Road require painting. Councillor Dawson advised that he will raise with roads maintenance.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting would again be on Teams. The date and time will be confirmed.

Alan advised that he would explore possible venues where a hybrid of in person and on-line can take place.