

## **Minutes of the Lochee Community Planning Partnership (LCPP) meeting**

### **held in Lochee Community Hub on 30th August 2022**

<b>Present:</b>	Councillor Roisin Smith	Dundee City Council (DCC)
	Councillor Siobhan Tolland	Dundee City Council (DCC)
	Michael McLaughlin	Chairperson (DCC)
	Bill Batchelor	Community Rep – Western Gateway
	Pamela McLaughlin	Voluntary Sector rep – DVVA
	Kim Meek	CLD Worker – Community Health
	Heather Henry	Community rep – Central Lochee
	Neil Brady	Environment Section - DCC
	Mike Welsh	Communities Officer - DCC

**Apologies:** - Councillor Wendy Scullin, Serge Kabamba, Stewart Steen, Sean Petrie, Ross Middlemiss

**In attendance:** - Gordon Laidlaw – Children & Families Services

<b><u>1. Welcome, introductions and apologies</u></b>	<b><u>Action</u></b>
Michael welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
<b><u>2. Minute of previous meeting</u></b>	
This was agreed as a correct record.	
<b><u>3. Matters Arising</u></b>	
<b><u>3.1 – Lochee.org</u></b> – It was reported that discussions had been held on how to improve this helpful platform for sharing information. Unfortunately, there was uncertainty about whether it was better to hire a contractor/business or a staff member to develop this to a stage where local stakeholders could use this easily. Mike and Pam/Ross to discuss further. Councillor Smith offered to identify a relevant contact at Abertay University.	<b>Mike/Pam Cllr Smith</b>
<b><u>3.2 – Health Activities meeting</u></b> – Mike reported that a meeting of stakeholders had been held in June. There were a number of potential initiatives discussed including developing a directory of local walking groups, encouraging local cycling groups and starting collaborative support groups in community facilities. Bill offered information on the “peddling pensioners” group.	<b>Bill</b>
<b><u>3.3 – Open Space meeting</u></b> – several participants have been identified for this meeting which will be organised in September/October.	<b>Mike</b>
<b><u>3.4 – Lochee High St entrepreneurs support</u></b> – Michael reported on discussions held to provide access to vacant shops in the High Street for potential social entrepreneurs. Discussion was held on the vacant TSB premises which is anticipated to be developed into a new facility for Lloyds Pharmacy. The Phoenix tenants’ group is attempting to organise a meeting with Lloyds representatives about their plans.	<b>Phoenix Assoc</b>
<b><u>4. Revision to school catchment areas – Gordon Laidlaw</u></b>	
Gordon was welcomed and he provided the background to consultations on the plans to revise the catchment area of Ardler Primary School as a result of the development of a new two stream primary	

school in the Western Gateway Community. He reported on the proposals and invited all interested parties to a statutory consultation which will be held on 30<sup>th</sup> September at the Landmark Hotel. He added that an informal session will be held between 6pm and 7pm, followed by a formal recorded meeting between 7pm and 8pm. These meetings will be attended by Education Scotland service.

Conversation was held on this and the following points were shared;

- The creation of a school was welcomed by the partnership particularly from Bill who is the representative of the Western Gateway Community.
- There was a view that there is a high demand for school places in this area. Bill mentioned that his committee had received feedback from residents that there will be 260 children of school age who will live in the area by the anticipated opening date on August 2026.
- There is still an aspiration (from the western gateway community) to have a secondary school built, as the tri-council school didn't progress, although local people are happy with Baldragon Academy and St Pauls as the present catchment area secondaries.
- Transport options to the existing primary and secondary schools should be continued
- There will be no change to catchment areas for St Fergus Primary School
- The position of the proposed school appears sensible in the western gateway area
- There was an interest in identifying the facilities in and around the school

Gordon was thanked for attending and an invitation was extended to him to attend the next LCPP meeting to provide information on the outcome of the formal consultation process.

#### **5. Local Community Plan (LCP)- Lochee**

Mike explained the process of approving the Lochee Community Plan. He pointed out that the high level plan, which was approved at the May LCPP meeting, would go to DCC committee in September along with all other ward LCPs within a localities report. In addition to the high level plan, he explained that a more detailed action focussed document had been drafted. This document outlined potential initiatives which will be delivered over the next five years. Members then worked their way through the plan and the following points were noted;

a- Lochee High Street improvements – Neil pointed out that the trees in the planters look like they had not survived the dry summer. He agreed to investigate this and identify an alternative if his prognosis was correct. Other ideas were floated but it was agreed that the planters and trees softened the look of the street and efforts should be made to continue this look.

b- Cost of living crisis – a lengthy discussion was held on the impact of the upcoming rise in costs for those living in the Lochee ward. Mike explained that an event is being planned with community groups, volunteers, agencies and staff to examine what can be done by stakeholders, individually and collectively. It was agreed to include action points in the LCP about both the development of events/ meetings and mitigating actions on this topic.

Once target dates were updated, the partnership approved the working LCP. It was further agreed that there should be the LCP should be a standing agenda item at all future LCPP meetings.

#### **6. Working Group updates**

6.1 – Substance misuse working group – the partnership noted the minute, discussions held and actions agreed without comments.

6.2 – Community Safety working group – the partnership noted the minute. Concern was raised in discussion about the lack of engagement in community meetings recently by Police Scotland, although Sean's participation in the working group was acknowledged. Councillor Smith reported that

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she had met with the local inspector to discuss these concerns, but he indicated his hands were tied by senior management at Police Scotland.

## **7. Service and Community group updates**

7.1 Scottish Fire and Rescue Service - this report was noted with no questions.

7.2 – DCC Housing service – this report was noted with no questions.

7.3 – Western Gateway Community group – Bill provided an update on the group’s activities in relation to their campaign to improve the “Swallow” roundabout, build a school, develop a community hall in the area and improve roads/path infrastructure.

7.4 – Love Lochee – Heather reported on efforts to establish a Christmas celebration on 1<sup>st</sup> December with community stakeholders. In addition, she talked about improvements discussed with DCC planning officer (Stephen Page) regarding improvements to the built environment at the south part of the High Street and additional art works at Boots.

Heather also raised concerns about damage to the planters and the street art installation on Methven Street during the recent fibre installation. She explained that she had been in discussion with City Fibre about compensation in the form of repairs to the planters, re-painting and some improvements at the Bank Street corner. Michael asked Heather to pass on these concerns and he offered to share this with his colleagues who are dealing with City Fibre.

7.5 – Environment Section update – Neil reported that contingency plans are in place to tidy up the Lochee ward following the recent strike period. He pointed out that ongoing staffing issues have had an impact on the quality of the environment but he is anticipating improvement leading up to winter maintenance period.

7.6 Voluntary Sector input – Pamela reported on Dundee Volunteer and Voluntary Action’s work in the ward and in particular the success of the new dual diagnosis support programme operating at the Lochee Community Hub.

## **8. Date of next meeting**

It was agreed to meet again at 2pm on Tuesday 22nd November 2022. Venue to be agreed.

**Michael/  
Heather**