

Minute of the Lochee Community Planning Partnership meeting held on

29th August 2023 at 6pm in Charleston Community Centre

Present:	Cllr Charlie Malone	Dundee City Council (DCC)
	Cllr Roisin Smith	DCC
	Cllr Siobhan Tolland	DCC
	Michael McLaughlin	Chair- DCC
	Patricia Phinn	Community Rep- Lochee Tenants & Residents Assoc
	Heather Henry	Community Rep – Love Lochee
	Debbie Mackie	Housing Service- DCC
	Lali Tudela	Voluntary Sector rep
	Pam Nesbitt	Children and Families Service- DCC
	Bill Batchelor	Community Rep- Western Gateway
	Una Milne	Community
	Angela Foote	Community Rep- Lochee Regeneration Forum
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	Kirsten Brownlie	Community Empowerment Team (CET)- DCC
	Mike Welsh	Communities officer – DCC

Apologies: Cllr Wendy Scullin, Neil Brady, Stewart Steen, Stuart Paton and Lewis Duncan.

<u>1 . Minute of the last meeting- 6th June 2023</u>	<u>Action</u>
Michael welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were complete. The minute of the last meeting was agreed as a correct record.	
<u>2. Matters arising</u>	
<u>2.1 Lochee.org</u> – Unfortunately, Michael reported that there had been a problem with the site and a critical error had occurred. Mike stated he would look into this.	Mike
<u>2.2 Trees in the Lochee High Street</u> – No further details were available on the feasibility of planting new trees in the planters for this location. Neil will be asked to report on this at the next meeting.	Neil
<u>2.3 City Fibre</u> – Michael offered to contact City Fibre to identify compensatory actions as he was aware of other actions being pursued elsewhere in the city by Dundee City Council staff.	Michael
<u>3. Older people and their needs in the Lochee ward</u>	
Michael introduced this meeting’s theme of older people, which had been raised at a previous meeting as warranting investigation. It was pointed out that the LCP outlines the need for action around isolation and mental health challenges, but data received from consultations held post covid showed that this is across society, rather than just for older people.	
Debbie reported on research that was undertaken by DCC Housing service into the needs of their sheltered housing tenants. She identified that the focus had been on the readiness of residents to start using the lounges and facilities post covid, but it	

was felt to be of interest to this topic. A lengthy discussion was held by members and it was felt necessary to draw more data together for the LCPP's consideration. Initially it was agreed that a broad consultation would be undertaken by the DCC Community Empowerment team through its work in the local community centres. The consultation will be undertaken at Menzieshill CC's afternoon teas and with the Charleston CC's advancers group. In addition, it was felt important to hear from participants at local facilities and sheltered lounges throughout Lochee. Mike agreed to pull this initial phase together and report to the next LCPP meeting on the results. He agreed to undertake a mapping exercise of facilities in the ward as part of this.

Mike

Michael

Once considered, it was felt important to look into a further phase of consultation or sample-based research if this initial phase was insufficient in identifying enough data to allow the LCPP to identify potential actions. Michael also agreed to raise this at an upcoming locality leaders meeting to identify the context of service planning for older people.

5. Local Community Plan (LCP)

Mike

5.1 –Walkabouts– Mike reported that he had asked the various resident groups around the ward if they would be keen to jointly host a walkabout with the LCPP. He added that, up to that point, Menzieshill and Beechwood groups had indicated an interest, but further interest may be raised at upcoming meetings. It was agreed that Mike would gather information on the level of interest and create a timetable of walkabouts in collaboration with the various groups.

Mike

5.2- Future meeting themes- members discussed Lochee High Street and the district centre as a theme of interest in relation to an apparent feeling of a lack of progress in promised development eg filling housing gap sites and local improvements like community facilities. It was agreed that this would constitute the theme for the November meeting and Mike was asked to invite stakeholders relevant to the theme including housing developers, traders and planners.

6 Working group updates

6.1- Family support/ What Matters 2 you (WM2U) working group- Mike reported that the recent meeting of this group had heard of the success of a WM2U supported family engagement initiative which has been operating for the last 10 weeks in Charleston Community Centre. Elspeth Burns-Chater and Geoff Leask had reported on this at the last LCPP meeting. This and other family engagement activity examples from Menzieshill were shared at the meeting and the group identified the need to trial a similar initiative in central Lochee. In addition, and as a secondary element to the pilot, the support to parents to grow confidence and skills in then managing their own projects/ mutual support was reported. The Charleston work has identified many parents keen on taking over the operation of a community support initiative and the CET will continue providing support.

The next meeting of the group will be held in Charleston CC on 31st October at 3.30pm.

Mike

6.2 – LCPP substance misuse group – Mike reported that the Alcohol and Drug partnership had reiterated its commitment to locality initiatives by awarding £12,000 to all wards in the city. Mike circulated the paperwork outlining the bid criteria. He stressed that the sub group would identify themes for projects and then stakeholders would be invited to make appropriate bids. The key themes identified at the last sub-

group meeting were family support, support for those with mental health issues, engaging people disconnected from services and improving facilities for projects seeking to encourage or host recovery work.

CET/
Mike

The partnership agreed to the themes and asked that a list of the funded project be shared at the next meeting.

6.2 – Health and Well-Being working group – papers had already been circulated, but Mike highlighted that the most recent meeting concentrated on men’s health and how local staff can inspire engagement by men. It appears that getting men involved in health related activity is difficult, but Kirsten reported that a men’s cooking group called “Guys and Pies” is to be trialed in Lochee as this topic seems popular with men. However, consultation is being implemented first and Kirsten provided an overview of how engagement is planned over the next month. The partnership suggested feedback on this at the next meeting.

7. Service Updates

7.1 – Scottish Fire and Rescue Service –the report from SF&RS was distributed with no questions.

7.2- Housing report- Debbie reported that all multi-story bin chutes were now closed following an extensive consultation process. The feasibility of how this and the bin storage space is used is being considered at present. One idea is to provide tenants with a bulky item storage space prior to collection for recycling. Waste provision was discussed and Patricia identified that the Lochee T&RA felt improvements had been made at some sites, but the collection cycles needed improved due to overfull bins being observed.

7.3- Lochee Christmas celebration- Heather and Patricia announced that the annual community celebration of which many stakeholders participated, had been planned for 29th November. An outline of the festivities was provided, and it was also hoped to plant a living Christmas tree this year.

7.4- Community Group updates A number of updates were provided as follows;

Western Gateway Community group- Bill reported on progress with improvements to the “swallow” roundabout and he added that a start on site is expected soon. In addition, he pointed to the development of several pathways using external paths for all funding. He indicated that the aspiration is to expand to a number of paths in the area, either supported by the group or DCC. The group is also pursuing the installation of two community defibrillators in the area. He stated that the group is still awaiting an announcement about the timescale for a new school building project and this and the removal of the local bus subsidy is causing some disquiet in the community.

Lochee Regeneration Forum- Angela reported on the forum’s mission to prioritise the spending of its environmental and youth funding on the areas of greatest need and impact. This involved the forum undertaking an exercise in mapping out children and youth services and a walkabout to investigate necessary physical improvements in the area. It was reported that the forum members were unhappy about the lack of carry forward for funds not allocated in the previous financial year. Una added that a small win had been achieved with agreement that revenue funds would be carried into this year’s budget, but not on the capital side.

Cllr
Malone

7.5 – Voluntary Sector Report – Lali reported on the introduction of the Whole Family Well-being fund which would see an investment of over £1 Million per year over the next 3 years. Decisions on the first raft of bids will be announced near the end of September.

Lali also reported that volunteers' week had good outcomes from the various events held between 1-7th June. In addition, she indicated that DVVA was hosting a "meet the funder" event on the 12th September to which all interested community groups are invited.

7.6- Anti-Social Behaviour- Cllr Malone raised his concerns about how the level of reporting done around this topic and the fact that this was one of the biggest complaints he received as an elected member was out of proportion. He pointed out that there was a lack of reporting from uniformed organisation both locally and to the DCC council chamber. He announced that a councillor briefing had been arranged on 21st September and that he would report on its assessment at the next LCPP meeting

7.7- Childrens and Families service- Pam reported that the Planet Youth project will be expanding to connect with both the St Johns and Harris catchment areas soon. It was suggested that the relevant officer (Sarah Anderson) should be invited to the next LCPP meeting. In addition, Pam added that Tony Murray had recently started as Head teacher at Ancrum primary whilst Dawn Archibald had retired from Tayview PS. A replacement will hopefully be recruited soon.

8. Date of next meeting- Tuesday 21st November at 1pm in the West District Housing Office.

Mike