

Minute of the Lochee Community Planning Partnership meeting held on

28th February 2023 held at 1pm in Menzieshill Community Hub

Present:	Cllr Roisin Smith	Dundee City Council (DCC)
	Cllr Charlie Malone	DCC
	Cllr Wendy Scullin	DCC
	Bill Batchelor	Community Rep – Western Gateway Community
	Emma Gordon	Voluntary Sector rep
	Neil Brady	Environment Service – DCC
	Mike Welsh	Communities Service – DCC

Apologies: Councillor Siobhan Tolland, Michael McLaughlin, Pam Nesbitt, Gillian Lamb, Una Milne, Patricia Phinn.

<u>1. Minute of the last meeting- 22nd November 2022</u>	<u>Action</u>
<p>This was agreed as a correct record, once the introductions were complete.</p>	
<p><u>2. Matters arising</u></p>	
<p><u>2.1 Lochee.org</u> – Mike reported that discussions with Green Creatives in regards to website development has progressed and it is hoped that this will be ready soon for roll out training to all stakeholders.</p>	Mike
<p><u>2.2 ex-TSB bank in Lochee High Street</u> – Mike reported that Lloyds Pharmacy is now up and running.</p>	
<p><u>2.4 Trees in the Lochee High Street</u> – Neil reported that a meeting has been scheduled to discuss the health of the trees and possible options for retaining trees in planters for this location in the future.</p>	Neil
<p><u>2.5 City Fibre</u> –Cllr Malone offered to liaise with this company over their offer to compensate the community for apparent damage to local assets in the High Street area. Mike to pass on the compensation agreement from City Fibre to Love Lochee.</p>	Cllr Malone
<p><u>3. Family Resilience and What Matters to You initiative</u></p>	
<p>Mike indicated that there had been a review of WMTU in Lochee and a slightly different approach to developing work that will support and develop family resilience is being suggested. He reported that the pilot work, prior to being rolled out across the city, would develop in the Strathmartine and Lochee wards initially.</p>	
<p>A lengthy discussion was held and it was requested that some details of the project's initial work period evaluation should be shared with the LCPP. In addition, WMTU's commitment was enquired about and the LCPP asked that a representative be invited to the next meeting to discuss how this initiative can be developed into a strategic operation in the ward. It was also requested that representatives of the Children and Families service and other stakeholders be invited to look at how a local leadership group might work with WMTU to ensure that improvements can be implemented.</p>	LCPP/ Mike
<p><u>4. Local Community Plan (LCP)</u></p>	
<p><u>4.1 – Cost of living crisis and local responses</u> –Mike reported that the network of local initiatives was providing an extended programme of sessions, activities as well as access to warm places with refreshments. Mike added that the projects funded by the regeneration forum is servicing an average</p>	

<p>of 230 additional people per week over the ward ie Beechwood residents group family activity, local libraries, Charleston lunch drop-ins on Wednesday and Friday and Lochee larder. Mike circulated the Lochee open doors leaflet to all those in attendance to context the broader range of activities on offer from local community and voluntary groups. This demonstrated the breadth of local activity and initiative developed by local groups.</p>	
<p>4.2 – Open Space group – Mike circulated the notes from the last Open Space planning group meeting held in December. He pointed out a number of required projects including the area around Atholl St/ Adamsons court which shows a number of challenges which will require a range of different agencies and departments to achieve improvement. Other projects discussed include the central play space aspiration in Menzieshill, a play space for Dryburgh, improved High St in Lochee and Beechwood park improvements. Mike agreed to arrange a walkabout in central Lochee and then another open space meeting to consider investment.</p>	Mike
<p>Cllr Smith discussed how the “Wee Forest” project was strategically fitting into the area identified between the Lochee walk-ups in Atholl st and the local allotments and how this will be planted up on the weekend of 24th-26th March.</p>	
<p>4.3- Older people theme- It was agreed that data relating to the needs of this group as offered by Stewart Steen at the last meeting would help frame the discussion at the next meeting. Stewart to be asked to bring this information to the next meeting.</p>	Stewart
<p>5 Working group updates</p>	
<p>5.1 – LCPP substance misuse group – Mike circulated a note from the last meeting. The only new funded project since the last meeting was a programme of family film nights which would attract a broad range of participants, including those struggling with issues in relation to substance misuse. This was the first family based activity and was felt to be worthwhile exercise to identify success in attracting the appropriate people needing support.</p>	
<p>5.3 – Community Safety working group – Mike reported on the most recent meeting within which a rise in anti-social behaviour from a small but determined group of young people was mentioned. A system has been devised by the police to capture all incidences of ASB from staff at supermarkets, community centres and targeted communities. This is to be acted upon by the police and plans are in place for the CLD Youth Team, ASB Youth team and the Police to liaise regarding tackling those most likely to cause the problems. This is likely to be a mixture of warnings and workshops to try and change the behaviour.</p>	Police Scotland
<p>6. Service Updates</p>	
<p>6.1 – Scottish Fire and Rescue Service –the report from SF&RS was distributed with no questions.</p>	
<p>6.2 – DCC environment – Neil reported that the service was getting up to its staffing capacity which would help keep on top of ongoing work. He reported on a new audit of all bins in the area which would allow future strategic placement of bins and efficient use of staff time in collecting waste in all communities around Lochee.</p>	
<p>He added that an audit of the street trees in Lochee High St would soon be undertaken and all stakeholders who tend the planters will be engaged in relation to their aspirations. Mike added that St Marys eco-committee, Lochee parish church and some local volunteers tend to the planters which are looked after by the Love Lochee group.</p>	

6.3 – Western Gateway Community – Bill talked about the groups ongoing campaign to improve the Swallow roundabout, establish new paths and keep the subsidised buses servicing the area. He reported that the plans for the new school was progressing well and that the group would participate in two boards which will be formed to design and then build the school.

6.4 – Voluntary Sector Report – Emma reported on cuts to funding at DVVA which will restrict work which was being developed to establish Third Sector Networks in the city. She also added that there is funding available for projects interested in developing support for children and family’s services. Information is available on the DVVA website.

She also added that she was available to support local volunteers to access voluntary opportunities and help groups develop their capacity to support volunteers. She indicated that this could be one off initiatives or longer term opportunities.

7. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 6th June at 6pm in Lochee Library.