

Minute of the Lochee Community Planning Partnership meeting held on

22nd November 2022 at 2pm in Charleston Community Centre

Present:	Councillor Roisin Smith	Dundee City Council (DCC)
	Michael Mclaughlin	Chair DCC
	Una Milne	Community Rep – Lochee Regeneration Forum
	Bill Batchelor	Community Rep – Western Gateway Community
	Emma Gordon	Voluntary Sector rep
	Stewart Steen	Housing Service – DCC
	Michael Robertson	Housing Service – DCC
	Gillian Lamb	Anti-Social Behaviour team – DCC
	Neil Brady	Environment Service – DCC
	Gordon Laidlaw	Children & Families Services – DCC
	Gavin Brown	Scottish Fire & Rescue Service
	Mike Welsh	Communities Service – DCC

Apologies: Councillor Charlie Malone, Councillor Wendy Scullin, Councillor Siobhan Tolland, Serge Kabamba, Pamela Mclaughlin, Ross Middlemiss, Katie Angus, Heather Henry

<u>1. Minute of the last meeting- 30th August 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, following a lead to a local company called Green Creatives, he and other stakeholders met to look at how this website could be improved. Several improvements have been suggested and funding identified. It is hoped these changes will be implemented in the early part of 2023 with a stakeholder’s briefing to follow.</p>	Mike
<p><u>2.2 Health Activities</u> – a planning meeting for co-ordinated health activities is arranged for 6th December. An update will be provided at the next LCPP meeting.</p>	
<p><u>2.3 ex-TSB bank in Lochee High Street</u> – Mike reported that the bank is in the process of being transformed into a Lloyds Pharmacy.</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> – Michael 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 follow up with Heather from Love Lochee.</p>	
<p><u>3. Law Nursery closure – Gordon Laidlaw</u></p>	
<p>Gordon firstly provided an update on matters relating to the process of establishing a new primary school in the Western Gateway Community. He explained the consultative process that had been followed and that it was likely that a report would go to the Children & Families Committee in January 2023.</p>	
<p>Gordon then reported on the reasons for the closure of Law Nursery School i.e. The Diocese of Dunkeld own the site and is in the process of selling this asset. There was a discussion held on the age</p>	

of the facility and the condition of the existing buildings. A question was raised on the timescale for closure and Gordon added that the identified date for closure was July 2023. The LCPP members discussed this and concluded that this measure to seek closure seemed reasonable.

4. Local Community Plan (LCP)

Mike reported that the LCPs for the city would be launched on 21st December 2022. The Lochee LCP had been approved at the August LCPP meeting, but this was the launch for the general public.

4.1 – Cost of living crisis and local responses – a paper on a recent stakeholder event held in Lochee was circulated to members. A discussion was held on the situation in the ward and Mike added that a “directory” of activities and open places is to be created and distributed over the next few weeks. In addition, Una added that the Regeneration Forum had secured a small amount of funding for organisations hoping to operate something additional but who didn’t have the available resources. Stewart reported that Sheltered Housing lounges are to be available to residents in greater numbers soon. He offered to pass on details on activities operating in the Lochee ward.

Stewart

4.2 – Themes for 2023 meetings – a lengthy discussion was held on this with the following points identified;

a. February meeting on “what matters to you” in relation to building resilience and capacity in families to cope with complex behaviours/circumstances.

b. Older people – Stewart offered to look further into data gathered by the DCC sheltered housing service and organise a consultation with Lochee residents to identify issues. There was a feeling this cohort of the community was often forgotten about, so hosting a meeting was felt to be worthwhile.

Stewart

c. Food organisations and getting food to people – identify stakeholders and encourage participation into this group’s network. In addition, it was felt necessary to plan out the circulation of excess produce from local or householder gardens to local places that could utilise the produce.

d. Lochee High Street- It was agreed to factor this into a meeting schedule for 2023.

A general discussion was held and the consensus provided that, if necessary, the LCPP should cover two themes at a meeting. This to be considered in planning out this schedule.

5 Working group updates

5.1 – open space working group – Mike reported that a stakeholder meeting was planned for 7th December. A minute will be circulated to all members.

5.2 – LCPP substance misuse group – Mike reported that many projects had been started and although funds were available, a lot of the initiatives had not needed funding. Stewart added that one project, planned to operate from the lounge in Adamson’s Court, aimed to connect with and support local people struggling to access services. He pointed out that the lounge in this location had been upgraded and was awaiting final IT connections to allow it to be used for this project, tenant engagement and for youth work. He indicated that this would be available soon.

5.3 – Community Safety working group – Gillian reported that youth disorder had quietened down recently although the Anti- social Behaviour Team still had outstanding work to follow up on. She added that her team plans to target S3 pupil cohorts between January and March 2023 in local schools. She added that a lot of restorative work was required, particularly with those affected by Covid related disconnection which seemed to adversely affect some young people in this age group.

The next meeting of this working group will aim to get agencies together to concentrate their collaborative efforts on targeting this group of people.

6. Service Updates

6.1 – Scottish Fire and Rescue Service – Gavin read through his report which had been circulated to members. The report was mainly positive e.g. decrease in dwelling fires, and there was a discussion held on the data.

6.2 – DCC Housing – Stewart reported on the plan to roll out the removal of bin chutes in multi storey blocks throughout Dundee following the completion of a pilot in Burnside Court. He added that these chutes created a fire hazard and did not encourage sufficient levels of recycling. Therefore, a decision had been made to remove these facilities and create new recycling hubs at blocks throughout Dundee.

In addition, Stewart reported on a pilot in Charleston to provide human input to the allocation process of DCC housing stock. Early signs were proving positive and it is hoped to continue to roll this out across the city.

6.3 – Western Gateway Community – Bill talked about the success of a recent community tree planting event in which 400 + trees were planted. He also reported that a promised upgrade to the Swallow junction was taking longer than promised. Hopes are high that progress will be made soon, although he added, this was more than can be said for the promised development of a community hall by Springfield Homes. Talks continue on this point and he hoped that future discussions are more positive.

6.4 – Lochee Regeneration Forum – Una pointed out that many grants had been awarded to local projects/groups recently. Capital funds had also been invested in Beechwood Park improvements which include new play equipment and a Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) She added that the forum had identified future potential projects which included improvements to the area around Atholl/Adamson Court/Elders Court and other open spaces.

6.5 – Voluntary Sector Report – Emma reported that work is being developed to establish a Third Sector Network in Lochee which will feed in issues/representation to future LCPP meetings. She also added that there is funding available for projects interested in developing support for people struggling with their mental health. Information is available on the DVVA website.

6.6 – Environment update – Neil pointed out that the winter cyclical maintenance programme is prioritised on support for sheltered housing areas in Lochee. In addition, work to remove ash trees struck with “ash dieback” has begun. Aspirations for living Christmas/fir trees was requested and discussion was held on planting these in Lochee High Street, Charleston and Menzieshill in time for Winter 2023.

7. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 28th February at 2pm in Menzieshill Community Hub.