

Maryfield Community Planning Partnership

August 22nd 2023

1 Attendance

Johnny Lothian – Chairperson

Jim Gordon – Community Regeneration Forum

Sheila Allan – Health

Kirsten Kiddie – Police

Craig Rodgers – Fire Service

Colin Clement – Stobswell Forum

David MacDougall – Community Regeneration Forum

James Mullen – City Development

Emma Gordon - DVVA

Gill Bain – Boomerang

Stuart Fairweather – Communities

Apologies: Chris Bonnar – Fire Service, Nicola Greig – We Are With You, Ross Craig – Chief Exec’s Office, Tracie MacMillan – Youth Work, David Rice - Police

2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Matters Arising

2.1 Johnny welcomed everyone to the meeting, particularly James Mullen, from City Development. The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed with the following correction: Item 4 relating Sustrans the amount stated should have been £10,000 rather than £20,000. Sheila indicated that at the last meeting she had referred to the £80,000 from the Alcohol and Drugs Partnership (ADP) that was to be distributed across the city.

2.2 Gill indicated that there had been no update as get on the Whole Family Wellbeing Fund (WFWF), Emma suggested that there should be word by the end of the month. Colin updated that additionally Stobswell Forum and DIWC had been in discussion with the DCC Chief Exec’s department about the Child Poverty Accelerator Fund - a further update at the next meeting.

2.3 Albert Street Construction Work

It was note that the planned worked on the pocket parks at Eliza Street and associated works had been completed. These were being met with positive responses thus far. Johnny thanked all involved for their work on this.

2.4 City Development Attendance

James was again welcomed. He intimated that City Development would be looking at their representation on the all the Community Planning Partnerships across the City to allow for ongoing attendance. This was welcomed by all.

2.5 Environmental Walkabout (Eden Project)

It was noted that there had been limited progress from the recent walkabout, due to a number of factors. An on-site meeting was planned for August 23rd with the Environment section. **Jim** offered to accompany **Stuart** and provide an update to the partnership.

It was noted that there had been a successful Eden Project consultation event at Arthurstone recent. This was part of a citywide programme but thought should be given to making positive uses of the links with Eden to strengthen the sustainability / open space agenda in Maryfield.

3 Update on Working Groups

Stuart had circulated a paper that gave a brief update on where things were with the working groups (see attached – this being used as an ongoing reporting document).

3.1 Cost of Living / Stobswell West

Malcolm Street playpark will be addressed in the meeting with the Environment section on August 23rd (mentioned above).

The recent work done at Number 12 Dundonald Street was noted. The suggested funding application approach will be taken forward (**Stuart/Colin**). No. 12 will continue to be on the agenda of the working group. Reports on progress will be shared with the Partnership.

Kiera O'Rourke is working towards a community showing of the recent made 'Stobswell West' films at the Sheltered Housing Lounge at Strathmore Street.

3.2 Children Families and Young People It was indicated that the chairperson Liz Allardice had retired. The new post holder Tracie MacMillan will attend August 24th's meeting.

Work on the WFWF (above), successful holiday provision and communications between local service providers will be on the agenda.

Contacts with the Citywide ESOL Team may provide one avenue for addressing issues relating to the multi-cultural nature of the ward.

3.3 Green and Open Spaces

No formal meetings have been arranged. The focus has been on walk abouts. The priority will be the August 23rd site visit mentioned above.

Additionally, information was shared from Callum McRobbie relating to 'Swannie Ponds'. This was received positively. It was agreed any additional thoughts should be shared with **Stuart**, who will forward on to Callum.

3.4 Albert Street Area

David circulated a report (see attached) drafted by the Albert Street Action Group (ASAG). This 8page report with appendixes had recently been discussed at Maryfield Community Planning Partnership's Albert Street Area Working Group. David explained that the report drew on the recent events held by ASAG at the Morgan and at Stobswell Church. The content also reflecting similar conversations that had taken place with the community in the past.

Traffic volume, traffic speed, parking and shopping were amongst the issues highlighted. Residents and shoppers voiced concern that motorists were being prioritised over them.

David was at pains to stress the document was a starting point and that ongoing conversations with the community and all concerned would take place.

The Partnership adopted the document in this spirit.

David also noted the positive recent development of the ward be included in the Council's 20's plenty designation.

James noted that proposals to convert the Stobswell area (including Albert Street) to a 20mph was approved at committee on Monday night. James highlighted that a further report will be brought back to committee at a later date to approve the preparation of the necessary Traffic Regulation Order. The proposed 20mph zone would then be subject to statutory consultation, public notice and advertisement as part of the TRO process.

David highlighted that the number of HGV traffic and inter-city buses using Albert Street is an on-going concern. James confirmed that a recent traffic survey had noted 25 inter-city coaches on Albert Street over 2 x 4 hour observation periods. James confirmed that the council would write to the operations director at Scottish CityLink to raise concerns about the number of coaches not following the registered route (via Kingsway East). It was noted that other buses were also recorded as part of the survey, however these were considered as legitimate use, eg. local services or unregistered buses.

The progress on the speed-limit designation and the inner-city buses was acknowledged and welcomed.

Discussion took place about involving Albert Street Trades. The Forum has created a video and thought needs given to audiences for this.

It was agreed to share the report with the other Partnership working groups and seek comment.

The Action Group's Slow Day on September 2nd was noted (see attached).

Johnny thanked members for their participation in the discussion and suggested that there be a discussion at the next Albert Street Working Group (27th October), with City Development attendance, to consider prioritise for the forthcoming year's on the Maryfield Community Plan.

4 Reports to the Partnership

The report from Fire was noted with no major concerns in the Maryfield area (see attached). Craig explained that from July 1st non-confirmed fire alarm calls were not being attended. This involved buildings, like schools, where people were not sleeping overnight.

Kirsten provided a report from the Police which was circulated at the meeting (see attached). Discussion took place about the concerning situation at one of the areas sheltered housing complexes. About the Police's planned increased activity in Stobswell West and about the Scottie Centre Project.

A discussion took place about the ongoing localised issue of 'kerb crawlers'. The Police indicated that they were no-longer in a position to be central to role of supporting women forced into selling sex. It was agreed to explore what support could be provided to the Partnership from Community Planning Partners at a city-wide level.

Sheila provide the Health and Wellbeing Strategic Update. Sheila spoke about:

- The Integrated Joint Board Plan for Excellence
- The opening of the Community Wellbeing Centre
- Public Health Scotland's role in evaluating the impact of the cost of living
- Engage Dundee Survey: coping with the cost of living crisis

6 Dates of Future Meetings

A short discussion took place about the timing and date for Partnership meetings. It was agreed to stick with the timing of the planned November 2023 meeting and to move the timing of the 2024 meeting to a consistent 6pm start. Any thought on this should be shared as early as possible.

- **Tuesday 21st November 2pm Arthurstone Library**
- **Tuesday 13th February 2024 6pm Arthurstone Library**
- **Tuesday 14th May 6pm 2024 Arthurstone Library**
- **Tuesday 20th August 6pm 2024 Morgan Academy**
- **Tuesday 19th November 6pm 2024 Arthurstone Library**