

MARYFIELD COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP

Tuesday November 21st 2023

1. Attendance

Johnny Lothian Children and Families (Chairperson)
Councillor Short
Rachael Thomas (Community Wishes)
David MacDougall Regeneration Forum
Jim Gordon Regeneration Forum
Susan DIWC
Emma Gordon DVVA
Sheila Allan Health and Social Care Partnership
Morag Saunders City Development
Kirsten Kiddie Police Scotland
Councillor Lynne
Stuart Fairweather Community Empowerment Team

Apologies

Sarah Paterson – Housing
Councillor Cruickshank
Derrick Lohman – City Centre and Harbour Community Council
Gill Bain – Boomerang
Kristina Piggott - DIWC
Ross Craig – Chief Exec's dept.

2. Previous Minutes and Matters Arising

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed. There were no matters arising other than those covered by the agenda.

3. Community Wishes

Rachael Thomas spoke to the **attached paper**. The plan to establish Community Wishes by February and fully launched by June 2024 was welcomed.

Discussion took place about the detail of implementation but there was a positive response to this development. Rachael offered to attend future meetings if required to update.

4. Updates on establishing the working groups

- **Cost of Living / Stobswell West**

Work is being done to establish contact with people in the community. There are now signs of progress in relation to this. Abertay Housing Association have opened their premises at Dykehead Pace on an occasional basis for use. Work has taken place at Malcom Street Play Park (see below). No. 12 Dundonald Street remains an issue.

Discussion took place about the difficulties of progressing with a door-entry system to benefit the 14 flats. Concern was expressed for the range of issues that need tackled, including the impact of public drug use.

It was agreed to encourage the use of appropriate legal powers. **To support the Private Sector Service Unit in their work and to invite Gabrielle Hayes and Kenny Kerr to the next meeting for an update.**

It was noted that the potential Community Regeneration Forum grant to support this work should be applied for but that this in principle would need to see the funds spent by March 31st 2024.

- **Albert Street**

It was noted that the work on the pocket parks was a positive development, that there was consultation being led by Sustrans taking place at Eliza Street and that there had been a positive indication about '20 is plenty; designation for the area.

A positive meeting had also taken place between Gary Knox (City Development) and Stobswell Forum about Local Place plans. These are focussed on buildings and land.

What is less positive is the attendance and functioning of the LCPP's Albert Street Working Group. These quarterly meetings are primarily tasked with coming up with a plan for the Stobswell Area. (Unfortunately, there may have been some confusion amongst City Development colleagues due to the similarly named community group – Albert Street Action Group).

It was noted that there are in addition to the above a number of plans and consultations in addition to the above focussed on Albert Street / Stobswell and the community and traders have long called for co-ordination and transparency.

Morag agreed to try and move things forward. Stuart agreed to assist where needed.

- **Green and Open Spaces**

Following recent walkabouts work has taken place at Malcolm Street Play Park and Crescent Lane Play Park. New play equipment and benches will hopefully be added to the first of these. No work has as yet started at Princes Street. Some of the work here may turn-out to be subject to a Community Regeneration Forum application.

Stuart was asked to follow-up with Racheal Higgins and Sandy Boyd.

- **Children and Families**

Johnny reported on the working group's activity. Monthly meetings now alternate with workstreams focussed on holiday provision and information to welcome people new to the area. Longer-term the group is looking to connect with the What Matters to You Work that is taking place elsewhere in the city.

- **Recovery and Community**

Alcohol and Drug Partnership funding (£12,000) is being distributed via this group. Two awards have been agreed thus far: Boomerang £3,750 and We are With You £3,100. A third application to promote wellbeing showcase events will be considered at the group's next meeting. Members of the community take part alongside those from agencies working locally.

5. Community Facilities – Arthurstone Library and Community Space

A discussion took place centring on the social media post of November 3rd indicating that the work required to re-open Arthurstone Community Library would be completed within four weeks.

It was hoped that this work was progressing and concern was expressed that this much needed community facility was not accessible at present. Ideas about the longer-term were suggested: a 'friends of Arthurstone' type group?

It was agreed that Johnny clarify the position with Robin Presswood (City Development and Judy Dobbie (Leisure and Culture).

6. Other Updates

Fire Service – the attached report was circulated

Police Service – Kirsten spoke to her report highlight the engagement with the community and the focus on Stobswell West (report attached). Discussion took place about the impact of the new parking restrictions at Clepington Primary School. Developments will be watched with interest.

Cost of Living Funding – A grant of £2,000 has been awarded from the Regeneration Forum for Doors Open type activity. The Partnership will be updated on spend.

Health and Social Care Partnership – Sheila gave a verbal update highlighting the work of Public Health Scotland in attempting to establish measurement of effective austerity mitigation. The recent Engage Dundee survey (approximately 1,100 respondents) had raised numerous concerns including with the cost of food and fuel. Many citizens are now requiring to use any savings they have in relation to these.

Whole Family Wellbeing Fund – Councillor Short asked for an update on second round decisions. No conclusion has been reached as yet. Emma updated on this fund providing contacts and agreed to share additional information on other funds.

7. Meeting Dates for 2024

Tuesday February 13th 6pm **Arthurstone**

Tuesday May 14th 6pm **Arthurstone**

Tuesday August 20th 6pm **Morgan Academy**

Tuesday November 19th 6pm **Arthurstone**

