

**STRATHMARTINE LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP
WEDNESDAY, 29th NOVEMBER 2023
IN BALDRAGON ACADEMY
AT 5PM**

Present:

Glyn Loyd (Locality Leader)	DCC Children & Families
Mark MacDonald	DCC Neighbourhood Services
Anne Leslie	DVVA
Melanie Kiyani	Strathmartine Community Larder
Jacky Nicoll	Kirkton Community Partnership
Alice Bovill	SMART
Barbara Myloff	Strathmartine Community Regen Forum
Gordon Laidlaw	DCC Children & Families
Hugh McAninch	DCC Children & Families
Geoff Leask	What Matters to You
James Ross	DCC Children & Families
James Fenna	Leisure & Culture Dundee
Rachael Thomas	DCC Corporate Services
Cllr Keenan	Strathmartine Ward

Apologies:

Cllr Alexander	Strathmartine Ward
Cllr Coleman	Strathmartine Ward
Cllr Hunter	Strathmartine Ward
Sarah Anderson	DCC Children & Families
Garrie Watson	Police Scotland

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1.	Welcome Glyn welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2.	Welcome & Introductions	
3.	Introductions were made and apologies given.	
	Previous Minutes	
4.	Previous minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record.	
	Matters Arising	
	Scottish Water / St Leonard Park Mark updated the membership on the latest development regarding the SUDS project at St Leonard Park. Scottish Water have stated they are planning on a series of engagement exercises in 2024 and would like to base themselves in the St Marys community. They are looking to use St Marys Community Centre for this and are going to visit the building in the coming weeks.	
	Community Safety – Kirkton Mark updated the membership on the partnership working which took place around Halloween and the ongoing work around community safety. Kirkton Local Management Group organised a family event on Halloween from Kirkton Community Centre with around 200 people attending. A football tournament for young people was held on the half pitch at Baldragon. This was run in partnership with Downfield Juniors, Dundee Community Trust and Dundee West. The event attracted 36 young people. The Strathmartine Community Empowerment Team successfully applied for around £16,000 in funding from the Community Support and Youth Diversionary Activities Fund. The funds are to be used to enhance Youth provision for young people in St Marys, Ardler and Kirkton. The greenspace development at Keswick Terrace is ongoing with the Multi Use Games Arena (MUGA), Climbing / Fitness Bars, Youth Shelter refurbishment and additional benches nearing completion. A launch will be held in the new year. Planning permission is also nearing completion for floodlights for the MUGA.	
	ADP Funding	

Strathmartine Local Community Planning Partnership was given £12,000 from the Alcohol & Drugs Partnership. This funding was to be allocated across the ward with partner organisations being invited to apply. Strathmartine LCPP received applications from the following:

St Andrews Primary School - £3,380 – Support for children living in households affected by substance use.
Downfield Mains Church - £300 - Work with young carers in partnership with Downfield Primary.
Sidlawview Primary - £2,000 – Support for children and parents affected by substance use.
Ardler Primary School - £3,311.68 - Support for children and parents affected by substance use.
Downfield Junior Football Club – £2,401 – Refurbish a room which is accessed by an existing recovery group.
St Marys Community Centre - £2,000 - To pay for counselling sessions to enhance the existing recovery project previously funded through ADP.

5. These applications were successful, and the funds have been distributed. Funding must be used by the end of the financial year. These organisations will come together to form a Strathmartine wide ADP working group. This will include the members of the existing ADP working group which was set up to oversee the recovery project in St Marys Community Centre.

Community Wishes – Rachael Thomas

Rachael spoke to the members about Community Wishes which is linked to the concept around Community Wealth Building. Community Wealth Building is a way of keeping money in communities, empowering communities and involving communities in decision making.

Council tenders have requirements placed on contractors. This has tended to focus more on larger contractors. There is an opportunity to involve smaller contractors who can supply support / resources to community projects requiring specialist work which can be expensive. Community wishes can include donations of materials, printing, real range of wishes such as workers time.

An online portal is currently being developed with Dundee City Council IT Dept.
Rachael has a paper with more information regarding community wishes. Mark to share with minutes.

Under Community Wishes, Ward Community Officers are to moderate community wishes in the first instance. Mainly to ensure that permissions are sought, and wishes will be of community benefit.

There will be a panel made up of Council Officers who will provide advice and support on proposals such as planning permission or building regulations.

Timescales: Pilot Community Wishes around February time. The aim for ideas for community wishes to link to Local Community Plan priority areas.

Plan to develop a GIS Map for requests and a second map to identify delivered projects.

Community Wishes are not for individual households.

Questions

Community Wishes – There are large companies in Dundee delivering projects which can cost millions – What's the commitment to communities from those large contractors who work on multi-million-pound projects. - Cllr Keenan

Rachael Thomas - Big contractors already contribute community wishes. However, the real ask is for lower value contracts where contractors don't really contribute the same level of community wishes.

Aiming for FEB deadline – Rachael agreed to attend the next meeting of the Strathmartine LCPP in February 2024.

6. **Next steps:**

Start identifying community wishes in Strathmartine – Do they link with LCP priorities?

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7.	<p>Process ongoing for identifying appropriate Council Officers to be on the DCC Community Wishes Panel.</p> <p>What Matters to You – Geoff Leask</p> <p>Geoff has prepared a presentation which Mark will send out along with the minutes. Geoff explained WM2U initiative, and the areas currently being used as pilots for the rest of the city. These are Kirkton and Charleston.</p> <p>What Matters to You is about families being involved in the decision-making process as an equal partner.</p> <p>Kirkton chosen as the pilot area for Strathmartine.</p> <p>Geoff discussed the approach from the beginning – identifying partners. The meeting process with partners which took longer than usual and was intensive but worked well.</p> <p>Values Based Leadership Experience (VBLE) – Ran by What Matters To You partner – Columba 1400.</p> <p>The venue was the Duchally House Hotel and was held at the end of September. The Strathmartine VBLE was for practitioners to explore new initiatives and ways of working. Geoff described the 3 main pieces of which originated from the VBLA – work with NHS Tayside, the Charleston Big Night In, Fire & Rescue Community Safety Film – D & A College Students to be involved following a meeting presentation / pitch from Mark & Geoff on the 8th of December.</p> <p>Monday Nights in Kirkton – Geoff described the process and new ideas for gaps in support – One identified gap is around a Men's Project with a focus on mental health.</p> <p>Geoff also explained the role and membership of the WM2U Oversight Board.</p> <p>Plan to expand into another ward in Dundee in 2024.</p> <p>Make it Happen Fund - £30,000 fund available for new initiatives which come out of families / carers engaged in WM2U process.</p> <p>Geoff asked the LCPP, could there be a working family's group? The group would link in with the LCPP. Group to have 50% membership of families. The Make it Happen Fund could be used to support individual households. Community groups and organisations can also apply.</p> <p>Ask of the LCPP – Is this a good idea? Would you like this to be plugged into the LCPP? So, there is a route for this to happen involving the LCPP? Agreement around the table from LCPP members to support Geoff's proposals.</p> <p>What Matters to You is funded by Children in Need and Hunter Foundation.</p> <p>What Matters to You Conversation Café event – This will be held on Tuesday the 12th of December starting at 10am till 1pm with lunch being provided. The event will be held in Menzieshill Community Centre. Families, practitioners from the voluntary sector and Dundee City Council are invited to attend along with elected members. The purpose of the event will be to discuss issues and influence the way practitioners work with families moving forward. Anyone interested in attending from the LCPP should contact Mark MacDonald</p> <p>Kinships Carers – James Ross involved in work around kinship carers – Happy to discuss how we can develop a kinship carers group. Mark to share email addresses between Geoff & James (SW).</p> <p>Young People, Sports Activities, St Pauls Floodlights – James Fenna / Gordon Laidlaw</p>	MM
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Gordon Laidlaw introduced himself and explained his role in supporting James Fenna's work around sports and making resources such as the pitch at St Pauls more accessible and the potential for floodlights to be added to the existing astro turf pitch.

James introduced himself and his role – and that of Active Schools and Community Sports Hubs. James is involved with the Planet Youth initiative. There is an opportunity for floodlights at St Pauls to ensure opportunities for young people to take part in different sports.

Funding is being sought from Sports Scotland.

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Dundee West have successfully applied for an 11 a-side astro pitch and floodlights at Charlotte Street.

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Hugh McAninch explained the various schools of sport ran from Baldragon.

James Fenna – explained the cost of purchasing the floodlights and how can we make it accessible for local young people from across Strathmartine.

Hugh McAninch - Baldragon have had no issues re: vandalism at the community garden since involving young people in the garden project.

Tour of Baldragon Academy

Hugh led the members on a tour of the facilities of Baldragon Academy. Everyone was very impressed with the facilities of the school.

Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting

28th February, 5PM, Venue: TBC