

Minute of the Lochee Community Planning Partnership meeting held on

27 February 2024 at 1pm in Menzieshill Community Hub

Present:	Cllr Wendy Scullin	Dundee City Council (DCC)
	Michael McLaughlin	Chair- DCC
	Bill Batchelor	Community Rep- Western Gateway Community
	Mark Hogg	Police Scotland
	Patricia Phinn	Community Rep- Lochee Residents and Tenants Assoc
	Stewart Steen	Housing Service- DCC
	Sarah Anderson	Planet Youth- Children & Families Service- DCC
	Katie Angus	Dundee Volunteer and Voluntary Action (DVVA)
	Una Milne	Community Rep- Lochee Regeneration Forum
	Gillian Lamb	Anti-social Behaviour Team- DCC
	Kerry Lynch	Lochee Boys and Girls Club
	Neil Brady	Environment service- DCC
	Elsbeth Burns- Chater	Community Learning and Development team- DCC
	Geoff Leask	What Matters 2 You (WM2U)
	Rachel Thomas	Community Wealth Building Co-ordinator- DCC
	Mike Welsh	Communities officer – DCC
Apologies:	Cllr Charlie Malone, Cllr Roisin Smith, Cllr Siobhan Tolland, Pam Nesbitt and Stuart Paton.	

<u>1. Minute of the last meeting- 21 November 2023</u>	<u>Action</u>
<p>Michael welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were complete. The minute of the last meeting was agreed as a correct record.</p>	
<p><u>2. Matters arising</u></p>	
<p><u>2.1 Lochee.org</u> – Mike reported that improvements had been made to the web site. He indicated that support from stakeholders had been poor and asked the LCPP if they thought it was still a priority considering the need to pay the annual fee soon. During discussion, it was felt that showcasing the benefits of such a resource for the central Lochee area, in particular would alert organisations uncertain of the initial benefits. As a result, it was agreed that Mike would encourage participation and fund the initial years’ subscription.</p>	Mike
<p><u>3. Community Wishes- Rachael Thomas- Community Wealth Building Co-ordinator</u></p>	
<p>Michael introduced Rachael who circulated a paper outlining the ambitions of the Community Wishes Approach. She took the LCPP through her report, some of the detail of which was as follows;</p>	
<p>DCC and other public sector organisations invest in many local and national businesses through small and large contracts. Although there are many benefits to these contracts, a persuasive point is how companies can add value to their impact of these benefits on local communities in the city.</p>	
<p>Community wishes is a method for ensuring the benefit of contractor’s work is enjoyed broader than receiving a service. The actual wishes will be identified by community groups in line with local feedback from residents about what would make a difference to either the area or local organisations. Projects would be relatively small in nature.</p>	
<p>A process of identifying community wishes will start soon (April/ May) following DCC committee approval and this should generate projects which contractors will start undertaking from June onwards. A specific report will come to the May LCPP outlining the exact timescales and process and the LCPP will identify the projects appropriate for Lochee.</p>	
<p>A virtual expert panel will be established to discuss and agree the feasibility of all projects ie consider planning or environmental policies. This group will help in the filtering of projects which will then be added to a list for contractor’s choices. Rachael indicated that this list will be updated annually with those projects that are not selected being removed.</p>	Rachael
<p>Michael thanked Rachael for her input. A report will be circulated in time for the May LCPP meeting.</p>	
<p><u>4. Local Community Plan (LCP)</u></p>	
<p><u>4.1 –Older people and their needs in the Lochee ward-</u> Mike reported that he had circulated the consultative questionnaire as agreed at the last LCPP and a total just short of the agreed sample of one hundred had been received. Many colleagues and organisations had circulated and encouraged people in their contact circles to</p>	

complete the questionnaire. Mike thanked them and particularly Stewart Steen and the sheltered housing staff who had made up the majority of the respondents.

Mike

Mike added that it was too early to analyse the results as the period for collecting the results had only just finished. However, it was clear that many people were keen to participate in new activities although disability was provided as one of the reasons that this might not be possible. Many respondents indicated that daytime activities were the preference as not going out at night, fear of crime and a lack of safety wardens and police was a common viewpoint. In addition, there were a few points made about how the removal of local bus services, Lochee banks and other essential services affected quality of life. Mike agreed to pull together the results and circulate the analysis.

Mike

4.2- Walkabouts- Mike suggested that both Charleston and Beechwood resident's groups were keen to host a walkabout. In addition, he added that Menzieshill CAG would like to complete its coverage of the areas missed in 2023. After discussion it was agreed to organise these in April/ May.

4.3- Local Community Plan monitoring review- It was pointed out that the locality leadership group had agreed that the first monitoring period would be concluded in April. Mike indicated that a monitoring report would be completed and circulated in advance of the next LCPP meeting in May.

5. Working group updates

5.1 – LCPP substance misuse group – Michael indicated that the identified priorities to which available ADP funding will be allocated was circulated with the papers. There were no questions and the LCPP approved the project ideas.

Geoff/
Mike

5.2 – Families working group –Michael introduced Geoff who gave an overview of the work that What Matters 2 You (WM2U) was encouraging in Dundee. Geoff reported that great strides had been made in Charleston with the communities' "Wee Night In" attracting many families who are now keen to manage this provision.

Geoff indicated that WM2U was keen to create a "Make it Happen Fund" of approx. £30,000 for Dundee. He reported that funds had been identified by WM2U's funders who were the Hunter Foundation and Children in Need. He explained that this fund would be available to support local people with projects that would make life better for them and also for their local community. Geoff suggested that local parents join practitioners involved with the LCPP Families working group to manage the decision-making process around what is provided with funding. This was agreed by the LCPP and a report will be provided at future meetings.

6. Service Updates

6.1 – Firework Control Zones- Gillian provided a presentation on a new power that is available to communities to request that local authorities control fireworks in specific areas or zones. She added that all requests would be considered proportionately and a 32-week period of consultation would be undertaken to gather evidence of the requirement to establish a control zone. A discussion was held on this, and it was felt that there were a number of options available to authorities including preventative approaches such as those undertaken in Strathmartine recently. The presentation was circulated around members and Gillian indicated she welcomed feedback.

6.2- Scottish Fire and Rescue Service – Michael indicated that the helpful report had been circulated with the meeting papers. There were no questions and the service was thanked for the information.

Michael

6.3- Housing (DCC) report- Stewart reported that attempts are being made to overcome the problems encountered in bringing the Adamson’s court lounge back into community operation. This is in the process of procurement at present.

He also pointed out that the allocations policy had been approved recently and appears to be working well. He added that a renewed acquisition policy, enacted by DCC, will see properties being secured from the open market in future. This has been exemplified recently with 20 houses bought from H &H properties in Kirkton. Where appropriate ex-DCC properties are also being purchased.

Sarah

Stewart also reported on work to improve Wi-Fi connections in DCC owned sheltered and community lounges. This will benefit residents, but also allow staff to base themselves in communities where they can host drop-in events and surgeries. He pointed out that this was part of a plan to provide greater access to DCC tenancy officers with an additional six post available soon.

6.4- Environment section update- Neil reported on operations at present. Staffing resources continue to be challenging and a number of staff have recently moved on from the service. He added that improvement works are planned to the planters and trees in Lochee High Street. A team of staff are working on a new layout for street planting with local residents. A discussion was held on vacant land around the High Street. Una indicated that at the last meeting Stephen Page reported that DCC owed all sites at the last meeting with Hillcrest HA interested in taking ownership for potential housing. Michael agreed to check the detail of ownership and report back to a future meeting.

6.5- Planet Youth- Sarah Anderson- Sarah reported on the roll-out of the Planet Youth approach to working with young people using a substance use prevention model. She indicated that the first phase of working with young people attending both Harris Academy and St Johns High School involved undertaking a survey of S3/ S4 pupils to identify data on attitudes to substance use and misuse. Sarah provided some headline data around protected and risk factors, but she added that she had limited time to analyse all the information. It was pointed out that this will be shared soon.

Sarah indicated that she is still planning briefings with senior leaders and a community summit in the near future. In addition, she is expecting a new development worker to start work with her in March. It was agreed, following discussion that the Lochee CPP would like to see Planet Youth linking in with the Community Safety working group to form the necessary community connections. Geoff reported that four WM2U inspired young people’s leadership academies are also being planned for Dundee. Further information will be circulated on this soon.

6.6- Lochee Regeneration Forum- Una reported on the forum’s work to allocate funding available to the area. She reported on a recent meeting with youth work providers and the forum’s ideas on how best to invest in diversionary work in Lochee. The forum was interested in supporting work with children and young people in the year ahead.

6.7- Western Gateway Community- Bill reported on the communities' campaign to establish a school in the community, as well as improvements to the infrastructure that had been outlined in the area’s development framework. He added that it is

hoped to see the Swallow roundabout improvements complete in 2024. In addition, the group is working to instal some new paths in the community and two defibrillators in community locations ie Spar and local nursery.

6.8 - Voluntary Sector Report – Katie reported on the outcome of a recent review undertaken for the Lochee Community Hub. She added that a new programme is being planned with key stakeholders in order to provide services that meet the needs of the Lochee community. A re-brand and new staff appointments will enhance the offer in the facility.

7. Date of next meeting- Tuesday 21 May at 6pm in Charleston Community Centre.