

Minutes

MARYFIELD COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP

Arthurstone Community Library

A G E N D A

1. **Attendance:** Johnny Lothian, Cllr Lynn, Cllr Short, Colin Clement, Chris Bonnar, David MacDougall, Mo Saunders, Emma Gordon, Gill Bain, Kristina Piggott, Sarah Paterson, Stuart Fairweather. **In attendance:** Gillian Lamb, Garyth Jardine, Kenny Kerr.

Apologies: Jim Gordon, Kirsten Kiddie, Sheila Alan, Cllr Cruickshank, Tracie MacMillan

2. **Previous Minutes and Matters Arising**

- 2.1 Whole Family Wellbeing Fund

It was noted that the second application had been unsuccessful and that the feedback had been limited.

- 2.2 5 & 7 Clepington Street and 12 & 14 Dundonald Street (Kenny Kerr)

Kenny gave an update on the activity with the 15 flats at the above addresses. The grant has been secured from The Community Regeneration Fund and approval has been received from all but one of the landlords (this being potentially less pressing because this relates to a street entry flat).

A continued effort will be made to contact this last landlord and move forward with the door entry system and stairwell lighting repairs before the end of the financial year. It was emphasised that in addition to the physical work that is planned, social issues will need to be addressed and this will, of course, be a job for all involved with the community planning partnership.

An update will be provided for the next meeting (Stuart).

A brief discussion also took place about Hillcrest's ongoing sale of flats in Court Street. It was agreed that this was a situation that should be watched closely.

- 2.3 Arthurstone Community Library (meeting note attached).

In line with the suggestion at the November 2023 LCPP meeting a 'Friends of Arthurstone' meeting was organised in January and took place on February 8th. Planning had involved Stobswell Forum, Leisure and Culture, DCC staff and LCPP members.

The notes of the meeting of the 8th were shared with those attending. It was agreed that these should be shared with all those appropriate including Leisure and Culture Dundee (with the attendance list should be removed).

It was noted that the Dundee City Council budget setting meeting would take place on February 29th and final decisions on any proposals would be taken then. Opinions were expressed about the importance of the library, the building and the activity that takes place from it. Views about DC Thomson's and the non-attendance of Leisure and Culture staff at the meeting on the 8th were also shared.

It was agreed that a meeting should be arranged with the hope that all interested local parties, L&C, City Development and Communities could attend. This should take place after the budget setting process has concluded on February 29th.

3. **Fireworks Control Zones (Gillian Lamb / Garyth Jardine).**

A presentation was given about the potential for FCZs (see attached). Discussion took place about how community groups could record their requests for an FCZ.

4. **Updates on establishing the working groups:**

An update was provided on the progress of the five working groups (**see attached**). **Stuart** was asked to work on the establishment of a Green and Open Spaces working group.

The Action plan for the Stobswell West/Cost of Living Working Group was shared and again **Stuart** was asked to ensure that all working groups had similar action plans. The action plans for all working groups should be shared at the May meeting of the partnership.

It was further suggested that a mechanism / or mechanism should be found to share information across the partnership on what had taken place so far and to highlight what was planned.

5. **Partner Reports**

5.1 Police Service (see paper)

The Police report was circulated in Kirsten's absence. The important liaison work that is taking place was noted. In addition, it was recognised that the work taking place in relation to on street commercial sexual exploitation may at some point need the support of the wider community planning partnership.

5.2 Fire Service (see paper)

Chris spoke to the Fire Report. The generally low figures were welcomed. The reduced / revised figures relating to alarms were noted.

5.3 Building Stronger Communities (see paper)

A discussion took place about the previously circulated paper. The intention to broaden the range of community engagement in the Citywide Dundee Partnership was welcomed.

6. **Engage Dundee**

In Shelia's absence her notes relating to Engage Dundee were distributed and briefly discussed. It was hoped this could be returned to at a future meeting.

7. **Membership**

The current membership list of the Maryfield Community Partnership was circulated. All were asked to forward any comments/ammedments on the detail to Stuart.

Stuart was asked to speak with the Environment section about membership and to consider if there were any other areas where there was a need for a refresh.

8. **AOCB**

8.1 The importance of the Boomerang Community Centre was noted in relation to its contribution to the community and to community planning locally. It was noted that concern about annual funding decisions extended to the voluntary sector within the ward.

8.2 A Digital Inclusion event is planned for **Wednesday March 27th**. Emma will update on details as soon as these are finalised.

9. **Meeting Dates for 2024**

May 14th 6pm Arthurstone Community Library aa