

Strathmartine LCPP – Cafe Conversation

12th March 2026 – Ardler Complex

In attendance:

Stewart Hunter – Elected Member	Mark MacDonald – Communities Officer
Jimmy Black – Elected Member	Mel Kiyani – Community Member
Tracey Kerrigan - Public Health	Niamh Kiyani – Community Member
Wendy Reid – Health & Social Care Partnership	Millie Prentice - Student
Donna Aitken – Public Health	Caroline Thomson – Community Member
Daniel Coleman – Elected Member	Alan Lowe – Scottish Fire & Rescue Service
Kelly Barnes – Community Member	Amanda Ogilvie – Community Member
James Mullen - DCC City Dev	Hugh McAninch – HT Baldrigon
Alison McKenzie – Leisure & Culture	Barbara Myloff – Community Member
Anetta McNally – CLD Worker ESOL	Susan Epsworth – Education Scotland
Chris Traynor – Community Member	Colin Christie – CLD Worker (CET)
Hazel Feilder – CLD Worker (CET)	Claire Ramsay – CLD Worker (CET)
Cllr Jimmy Black – Elected Member	Becca Morton – Community Member
Cheryl Simpson – Community Member	Rachael Wade – CLD Worker (Adult
Jen MacDonald – Sanctuary Housing	Geoff Leask – What Matters to You
Jacqueline Ogilvie – Community Member	Cathie Reid – Community Member
Jacky Nicoll – Community Member	Fiona Scroggie – Community Member
Gary Fullerton – CLD Youth Worker	Diane Calder – Community Member
Alan Gunn - CLD Manager	Cheryl Brookes-Bailey – Community Member
Julie Haslam – Clackmannanshire Council	Madeleine Muirhead - Clackmannanshire Council
Jane Carter – WM2U Clackmannanshire	Beth - Baldrigon
Benjamin - Baldrigon	Toni - Baldrigon
Sian - Baldrigon	Caitlin - Baldrigon
Cayden - Baldrigon	Monica Dobson – DCC Social Work
Mia Gonzalez-Noda – Health Improvement	

Welcome & Introductions

Mark MacDonald, Strathmartine Community Officer welcomed everyone to the Strathmartine LCPP Cafe Conversation and gave apologies on behalf of Glyn Lloyd, Strathmartine LCPP Locality Leader.

Mark gave an overview of the progress made since the last LCPP Café Conversation. This was mainly focussed on the theme of Community Wealth Building.

Staff & Community Members attended Community Asset Transfer Event on 26/02/26 which was held at the Drumgeith Community Campus. As a follow up to this event, the first meeting of the Strathmartine Community Wealth Building working group will be held on Monday the 23rd of March at 11am, Ardler Complex.

The purpose of the group will be to support community groups to develop a community wealth building approach in order to support communities across the Strathmartine Ward.

Conversation Number One

Mark MacDonald (Community Officer) and Geoff Leask (What Matters to You Coordinator – Dundee) gave a short presentation on the family work that has been developed within Strathmartine over the last three years alongside What Matters to You.

Mark introduced the first theme for roundtable discussion and then asked the attendees to discuss the following questions.

Q1. What could co-working with families look like in Strathmartine in 2026?

- Community spaces with activities such as those around the school: Food-based, literacy activities and qualifications for those participating.
- NHS Early Years & Young People Teams providing support.
- Enhanced intergenerational activities.
- Involve the pupil leadership teams from Baldragon Academy
- Include wider family – grandparents/Kinship carers
- Wider decision making
- Involve Young Carers Groups and build connection with Dundee & Angus College

Q2. How can you support co-working with families in Ardler, St Marys and Kirkton moving forward?

- Utilise the directory of services through FORT
- Use NHS Speakeasy
- Active Dundee could provide sports sessions
- Develop and utilise Peer Support Groups.
- Posters on display in classrooms in Baldragon Academy.
- Awareness raising event(s).
- Form a working group through LCPP to co-ordinate and promote the work.
- Involve the Kinship and Housing Teams in the promotion of activities.

Conversation Number 2

Mark introduced the theme for the second-round table followed by a presentation about the Youth Voice Toolkit by Susan Epsworth, Education Scotland. Following the presentation, Mark asked the attendees to discuss the following questions:

Q1. How do we involve young people from across Strathmartine in Local Community Planning and how can you contribute?

- Arrange visits to schools/nurseries regarding Greenspace activities.
- Create or coordinate existing Youth Action Groups.
- Develop a Youth Café Conversation for the area that is appropriate with food and 'goody bags'.
- Continue to involve Young People at the LCPP Café Conversations.
- Go where young people are comfortable for events – Charlotte Street and Baldragon.
- Young people given invites to the Neighbourhood Capital Grant Fund Planning sessions.
- Ensure activities offered are engaging and inclusive.
- Create an opportunity for young people to be part of assessing CRF applications for funding Youth Activities.

Q2. How can we support young people to develop and deliver actions in Strathmartine using the Youth Voice Toolkit?

- Develop better links to:
 - PSE Classes
 - After school activities
 - Planet Youth Data
- NHS will use the Youth toolkit as a part of Health Impact Assessments.
- Established local Groups invite young people groups to their meetings/activities.
- Ensure appropriate adult support for young people to participate and thrive.
- Promote funding opportunities for young people groups through the WM2U Make It Happen Fund.
- Develop a Strathmartine Youth Charter.

Next Steps suggested:

- **Create a Family Engagement working group to report back at next LCPP Café Conversation in August 2026.**

- **Develop a Youth Café Conversation opportunity for Strathmartine that may meet twice per year and enables wider youth voice to feed into the LCPP.**

Closing thoughts

The session highlighted the strong desire to have greater involvement by and with young people and families – including extended families.

The LCPP Café Conversation is a good way to ensure engagement however, there is more that can be done and the above actions are steps to enable greater inclusivity for all and co-ordination of activities.

A Strathmartine Local Community Planning meeting will be held in May; this will not be a cafe conversation. The purpose of this meeting will be to review the Local Community Plan, discuss future actions and plan future themes for LCPP Cafe Conversations.

The next Strathmartine LCPP cafe conversation will be held on the 27th of August 2026 at 10am.