

NOTE OF MEETING

East End Local Community Planning Partnership Subject:

Date:

25th February 2025 Douglas Community Centre Location:

Item		Action
	Present:	
	Alan Gunn - DCC Communities Officer	
	Elaine Sword- DCC Community Health Team	
	Gemma Watson- DCC City Development	
	Andy Thorn- Big Noise Douglas	
	Alison Macaulay- DCC East Youth Team Manager	
	Claire Shepherd- DCC Community Empowerment	
	Councillor Dorothy McHugh	
	Dan McCann- Rocksolid Trust	
	Ciara Smith- St Pius X Primary Head Teacher	
	Ginny Lawson- Brooksbank Centre Manager	
	Nicky Murray- Claypotts Primary Head Teacher	
	Fraser Bain -DCC Community Empowerment Team	
	Johnny Lothian- Campus Lead- Drumgeith Community Campus	
	Kevin Phillip- Friends of Linlathen and Mid Craigie	
	Christina MacGilp- Douglas food Cupboard	
	Gary Knox- DCC City Development	
	Nick Toner- Douglas Community Spaces	
	Fiona Reekie- DCC Housing	
	Adrianne Cooper- Mid Lin Day Care	
	Avril Murray- Mid-Lin	
	Islay Cameron- Community Learning and Development Student	
	Errol Johnston- Community Safety Wardens	
	Sasha Ritch- St Pius Nursery	
	James Hay- Scottish Fire and Rescue Service	

Apologies:	
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Alan advised that following a consultation which had over 250 respondents, the work to upgrade and install play equipment in Pitairlie park will begin this year. Local resident Avril Murray advised that she had not yet seen the plans to upgrade the park so Alan advised that he would send these via e-mail.

Nick Toner, Douglas Community Spaces Group, updated that he is currently undertaking a forest school qualification which will enable him to work with local groups and schools to provide environmental education and activity programmes in the community park and along the Dighty. He will updated the partnership when the course is complete and when he is able to begin delivering programmes.

Community Voice

Alan updated on the East End Neighbourhood Capital Fund. A community survey has been running over the last 3 weeks exploring what local residents feels are priorities in the local community and where capital funding can make improvements. 290 people have completed the survey so far with 180 being young people under the age of 16.

This data will be shared with local community groups at an event on the 26th February to generate ideas for possible applications to the fund.

Applications will open at the end of April. They will then been assessed for eligibility before progressing to a public vote.

Nicky Murray updated on the Celebrating children and young people art event at Douglas Community Centre on the 25th March. Nicky advised that pupils from Claypotts Castle Primary, St Pius Primary, along with Balluniefield Nursery school have created pieces of art work which will be displayed in Douglas Community Centre. Parents and carers will be invited in to view the children's work and also speak with local groups and services.

Children and Families

Alison Macaulay- CLD Senior Youth Worker, updated on the East Youth Team's Primary 7 transition plans focusing on moving to the new Community Campus in August 2025. The programme for this work can be found in the attached document.

Kevin Phillip- Scottish Fire and Rescue Service updated on his work with Rowantree Primary supporting a group of pupils who are experiences challenges engaging with mainstream education. Kevin has created a group called the Rowantree Community Crew and has supported the children in initiatives such as community clear ups and litter picking. The response from the pupils, school and local community has been extremely positive.

5. DRUMGEITH COMMUNITY CAMPUS

Johnny Lothian, Drumgeith Community Campus lead, advised the partnership that as of today it has been officially announced that the name of the high school with the campus will be named Greenfield Academy and the Campus will be Drumgeith Community Campus.

Johnny shared a presentation (see attachment) explaining the links between the name of the school and the historic links to Greenfield House which previously sat on the site.

Johnny also talked through the names of the houses within the school and the core values.

There will be opportunities for community and lcpp partner visits nearer the summer and Johnny will update on this nearer the time.

6. LOCAL COMMUNITY PLAN DISCUSSION GROUPS

The partnership split into smaller discussion groups and considered three questions-

- 1. Can you identify some examples where groups, projects or services are creating opportunities or providing support that is having a positive impact for people living the East End?
- 2. What are some of the biggest challenges local residents are facing?
- 3. Is there anything that is missing in the Local Community Plan to help address these challenges?

The feedback included:

- A range of opportunities for children, young people and adults were mentioned including breakfast clubs, after schools clubs, community cafes, advice drop in's as well as work going on in specific projects such as Friends of Linalthen and Mid Craigie, Big Noise, Andy Man's Club
- Some of the biggest challenges mentioned were cost of living, housing, social isolation and community anxiety about existing community spaces and buildings
- 3. Areas that were identified as missing in the community plan included how we are sharing information locally about opportunities and support for people experiencing domestic violence. There was also points raised about St Pius Primary not being the feeder primary for a High School in the East End and therefor not always being included in opportunities for extra support, the example given was around transition.

Actions to take away from this discussion-

An invite to Dundee Woman's Aid to attend the next LCPP meeting to explore opportunities for some local support.

An agenda item about how we share information and publicity locally and how we can work together to improve this.

8. Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday 27th May, 15:30pm at Douglas Community Centre