

Notes from Lochee Community Planning Partnership Core Group meeting held on 16th June 2026

Present; Councillor Siobhan Tolland- Dundee City Council (DCC)

Karen Ritchie- Housing Service- DCC

Wendy Sinclair- St Johns High School

Ben Gray- Police Scotland

Donna Aitken- Public Health- NHS Tayside

Wendy Reid- Social Inclusion Nurse- NHS Tayside

Stuart Cochrane- Environment section- DCC

Mike Welsh- Communities Officer- DCC

Apologies; Councillor Wendy Scullin, Stewart Steen, Nicky Taylor and Ryan Gallagher.

Welcome

Mike welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were conducted.

Local Community Plan (LCP)

Mike reported that the meeting had been arranged to review the Local Community Plan for the Lochee ward. Mike added that the LCP was an effective method for implementing outputs identified as priorities by local people through local consultations. Mike indicated that an annual report will be created on the back of this meeting to capture the successes of the LCP approach.

The last reviewed LCP from 2025 was examined and whilst lots of actions have been initiated or are in the implementation process, many other actions/ outputs are required. The discussion held identified points requiring the attention of stakeholders involved through the Lochee Community Planning Partnership as follows;

- Support local stakeholders interested in establishing a community facility in Lochee High Street to replace the now closed community hub.
- Support stakeholders to undertake local initiatives aimed at mitigating the effects of increased energy, food and living costs for residents in Lochee.
- Organise tasters and programmes that target improvements in people's mental health.
- Pilot measures appropriate for supporting those contemplating suicide in the Lochee area.
- Arrange activities which tackle isolation and poor mental well-being for Older People.
- Investigate the opportunities for inter- generational work for tackling stigma and concentrating on positive actions undertaken by young people.
- Establish services and lifestyle courses in central Lochee, Menzieshill and Charleston that build connections, resilience and skills for those in recovery eg cooking course.

- Establish an outreach engagement programme in Adamson's Court community lounge that targets those disconnected from services to provide support or signpost them better and divert them from their chaotic lifestyle.
- Create a programme of walkabouts to co-produce an action plan of improvements for each community in the Lochee ward.
- Support local community groups/ stakeholders, interested in maintenance and improvement of green spaces in the Lochee area to discuss improvements and take action.
- Establish and support community improvement/ litter initiatives in the neighbourhoods around the ward.
- Identify improvement projects in line with stakeholder relevant to the High St/ District centre area.
- Test out new ways of building resilience by working with families struggling to cope with lives challenges. This could be peer led or supported programmes by stakeholders such as St Johns HS or the CLD service.
- Investigate the development of provision for people with neurodivergent challenges
- Celebrate cultural diversity in the Lochee ward through events.
- Examine methods and opportunities for tackling toxic topics evident in young men's culture.

It was agreed to feed this information into the implementation priorities for the remaining term of the 2022-27 LCP and pass on items for addition to the emerging LCP for the period 2027-2032.

In addition, an LCP annual report will be completed by Mike and circulated to LCPP members when complete. Members also requested that the existing LCP and associated papers are also circulated.

Date of next meeting- the next LCPP cafe conversation will take place on 25th August at 5.30pm in the Community Lounge at West District Housing Office, Sinclair Street.