

**Minute of the Lochee Community Planning Partnership meeting held on**

**27 August 2024 at 6pm in Community Lounge at West Housing Office**

<b>Present:</b>	Cllr Wendy Scullin	Dundee City Council (DCC)
	Cllr Roisin Smith	DCC
	Cllr Siobhan Tolland	DCC
	Michael McLaughlin	Chair- DCC
	Bill Batchelor	Community Rep- Western Gateway Community
	Pamela Nesbitt	Children and Families- DCC
	Robert Law	Community Rep- Lochee Residents and Tenants Assoc
	Stewart Steen	Housing Service- DCC
	Gemma Kiernan	Planet Youth- Children & Families Service- DCC
	Peter Hine	Dundee Volunteer and Voluntary Action (DVVA)
	Una Milne	Community Rep- Lochee Regeneration Forum
	Holly Anderson	Anti-social Behaviour Team- DCC
	Katie Angus	DVVA
	Anne MacDonald	Housing Capital Team- DCC
	Michelle Harrow	Housing Service- DCC
	Neil Brady	Environment service- DCC
	Heather Henry	Community Rep- Love Lochee
	Geoff Leask	What Matters to You (WM2U)
	Mike Welsh	Communities officer – DCC

**Apologies:** Angela Foote, Sarah Anderson and Stuart Paton.

<b><u>1. Minute of the last meeting- 21 May 2024 and reflection</u></b>	<b><u>Action</u></b>
<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>Michael paid tribute to Councillor Charlie Malone who had passed away recently. He said that Charlie was a supporter of the work of the partnership and local initiatives that sought to improve life for Lochee citizens. It was agreed that his loss would be felt by many in the ward after his many years of dedicated work and support.</p>	
<p><b><u>2. Matters arising</u></b></p>	
<p><b><u>2.1 Lochee.org</u></b> – following an offer of support through James from Lochee Residents and Tenants Association, Mike discussed the opportunity of managing the development of a local website with him. James offered help through “Makerspace” which is a social enterprise in Dundee that establishes online content. Although James was happy to host the site, he indicated that set up costs would need to be identified. It was agreed that creating a “community wish” may help get the project going and Mike agreed to do this.</p>	Mike
<p><b><u>2.2 Community Wishes-</u></b> Rachael Thomas was attending another LCPP, so her input was delayed (see below).</p>	
<p><b><u>2.3 Lochee High St Planters-</u></b> Neil reported that plans are in place for planting a variety of shrubs, flowers and trees, the types of which were explained to the members. A discussion was held on the stakeholders who previously managed the planters. It was thought that having a meeting with stakeholders might be a good way of ensuring the sustainability of the planters/ plants, although Neil did state that his staff would provide maintenance.</p>	Mike
<p><b><u>2.4- Older People in the Lochee ward-</u></b> Mike reported that a small working group of stakeholders (Lochee Community Hub, DVVA, Sheltered Housing Activities officer and the Community Learning and Development Team-CLD) had met, examined the data collected from the survey undertaken earlier this year and organised two engagement events in central Lochee at the community hub. Those attending had outlined the types of activities they were interested in and as a result a weekly “Friendship” group had been started in the hub. Mike explained that the programme will be set from participating older residents and will operate every Tuesday from 1-3pm. Mike reported that the working group is looking to establish other activities such as a seated exercise class and a creative writing group based on the interests identified at the event and through the survey. He added that these activities will initially be in central Lochee as the survey had identified a gap in provision in this part of the ward. Michelle and Stewart also offered the use of housing lounges at Adamson’s court and the community lounge at the West District Office for future activities. Holly added that local people could be involved in the upgrading and design of the lounge if it is something in which they are interested.</p>	
<p><b><u>3. Meeting Theme- CLD service’s Youth Team on youth voice, needs and the learning offer to young people</u></b></p>	
<p>Unfortunately, the team was unable to attend at the last minute. It was agreed to consider the voice of young people at a later meeting.</p>	

<p><b><u>4. Local Community Plan (LCP) Development</u></b></p> <p><b>4.1- Menzieshill (West) Walkabout-</b> the main points raised on the walkabout were;          -maintenance of open plan areas and grass cutting- Neil indicated that two grass cutting machines had broken down at the start of the summer, but have now been fixed. Indications are that the situation has improved.          -Overgrown trees- a number of trees were observed to be blocking light at resident's windows. It was felt to be significant when the trees are brushing the sides of buildings.          - Euro bins- considering the pressure on parking observed around the area, a number of euro bins were positioned in parking areas when adjacent open ground was available for the siting of recycling and general waste bins. Resident representatives wondered if a hard standing area could be prepared on the open ground at several sites eg Dee Gardens, Deveron terrace, Forth Crescent.          - Dampness- resident representatives reported damp conditions around the Leith Walk, Dee Gardens, Forth Crescent areas even when conditions were considered dry. Concern was expressed that underground drainage may be to blame and this may be one of reasons tenants had raised concerns about damp houses at a recent public meeting convened by the residents group.          A discussion was held on this and both Stewart and Michelle reported on the work of a city council task force which will establish an action plan on dampness. Michelle agreed to circulate a report on this topic for the LCPP's attention.</p>	Michelle
<p><b>4.2- Beechwood Walkabout-</b> the main points identified on this walkabout were as follows;          - park development- residents showed off the improvements made over the last year which included new play equipment, swings, a growing area and a Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA). The members of the community group were keen to identify other aspirations and an opportunity to install floodlighting and add to the equipment available was reported by staff from the environment section.          - parking issues- members identified issues with indiscriminate parking from people attending the football facility in the area in addition to using Lundie Avenue to park for adjacent workplaces. A representative from Dundee United Football Trust was in attendance and offered to liaise with the resident's group to look at potential improvements.</p>	Mike
<p><b><u>5. Working group updates</u></b></p> <p><b>5.1- Future Working group functions-</b> Mike reported that some of the groups had struggled to maintain momentum in meeting to discuss and then implement the challenges provided in the LCP. As a result, a test of change is to be trailed in the Lochee area using a cafe conversation approach. This has been tried elsewhere and the success is attracting a wide range of stakeholders from the community, community organisations and staff who look at several of the challenges presented in the LCP in one event. Mike indicated that a paper will be developed soon and work to host this will start soon with an event likely to be hosted in the autumn.</p> <p><b>5.2 – LCPP substance misuse group</b> – Mike indicated that the main agreed priorities for use of the £12,000 budget for Lochee were family preventative work, mental well-being support, community engagement and preventative work with young people. Mike reported on the successes of projects which received funding in the first five months of the year including two family preventative projects and summer family</p>	Mike

<p>work. It is expected that the next meeting will allocate the residue of the funding and Mike explained that bids had been received for a men’s initiative for those in recovery, a family preventative project in Lochee and a family preventative project in Menzieshill Community Hub. It was also likely that bids may come in from Planet youth and a mindfulness pilot for those working through their challenges due to poor mental health. The partnership indicated an interest in hearing what projects had been funded at the next LCPP meeting. Mike to provide a report then.</p> <p><b>5.2 – Families working group</b> –Make it Happen Fund- Geoff provided an update on the establishment of the Make it Happen Fund by WM2U in Lochee. He circulated a leaflet on the initiative and Geoff pointed out that parents participating in funded family work in the area had volunteered to support the implementation of this new fund through a MIHF board. Training for the board has been agreed and it was explained that the fund will support both community projects and individuals interested in undertaking a personal project. Geoff indicated that £30,000 has been earmarked for the Lochee ward from various funders including the Northwood trust. He added that this funding is being replicated in other wards of Dundee.</p> <p><b>6. Service Updates</b></p> <p><b>6.1 – Scottish Fire and Rescue Service-</b> 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.</p> <p><b>6.2- Housing (DCC) report-</b> Anne reported in context of the walkabouts and a city-wide review of DCC garages and lock-ups. She indicated that several sites of concern were observed in the walkabouts and as a result she reported that there is a plan to demolish lock-ups at Deveron Crescent and Forth Place. In addition, lock-ups in Foggylea Place will also be removed.</p> <p>A few garage properties and their surrounding environment were raised in the walkabouts at Menzieshill and Charleston. She added that no further demolition would be proposed in Menzieshill, at present, as the remaining sites have several active rentals. However, she pointed out that three sites in Charleston were not in the best condition, particularly the parking area in Balgarthno Road. Anne presented a plan of how this area could be enhanced with surface level parking provision and environmental improvements. She indicated that consultation with users, residents and the wider community would need to be undertaken to draw in all stakeholders' views and a discussion was held on how best to do this. Following discussion, it was agreed that Anne would undertake an on-line consultation with residents in the surrounding neighbourhood. A letter for each of the residences would also offer a face-to-face opportunity within the Charleston Community Centre. Mike offered the support of the CLD team to undertake the consultation.</p> <p>It was agreed that Anne would report back at the next LCPP meeting on conclusions achieved.</p> <p><b>6.3- Environment section update-</b> Neil reported on operations at present. He indicated that a targeted operation in Kirk Street had made an improvement in this area and he hoped to undertake more of these up to the end of the growing season. He added that the bin improvements at Mult-Storey developments had been well received.</p>	<p>Anne</p> <p>Gemma</p> <p>Mike</p>
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**6.4- Planet Youth-** Gemma reported on the roll-out of the Planet Youth approach to working with young people using a substance use prevention model. She indicated that since the dissemination event 800 people have engaged with the team. Further activities are planned in Strathmartine and Lochee wards around suicide prevention week (w/b 11 September) and Gemma reported on a test of change which will be undertaken using a speakeasy course with local families attending the CLD Families project in Menzieshill Community Hub. Gemma offered to share the dates for this when available.

**6.5- Lochee Regeneration Forum-** Una reported on the forum's work to allocate funding available to the area. She reported that the forum was disappointed that the funding used for physical and environmental improvements was removed from local areas and asked if anyone knew of plans for the use of this essential funding in the area. Following discussion, it was agreed that Mike would contact Peter Allan to get clarity on plans for this funding.

**6.6- Western Gateway Community-** Bill reported on the groups plans to install a new footpath in the area. He added that £100,000 funding had been provided and the group was looking at additional funding to secure the 130k improvement. He added that the group had also overseen the installation of two defibrillators at the local Spar shop and at the nursery. He mentioned that the school plan is presently out for consultation with a view to renewing the planning permission and identifying a development timescale. In addition, he pointed out that the Swallow roundabout improvements are now in operation.

**6.7- Lochee Community groups-** Heather and Robert reported that the Lochee Community Christmas celebration is planned for 27 November on Lochee High Street. They added that all stakeholders will undertake their own part of the planned celebration that revolves around a Christmas service in Lochee Parish church, light switch on at Bank st and reception in St Marys RC church hall. There is lots of fun planned with on-street entertainment and activities in the library and community hub.

**6.8 - Voluntary Sector Report** – Peter reported that Lochee Community Hub staff have been developing their partnerships with agencies looking to bring their services to the Lochee area. As a result, he indicated that lots of new services are now available at the community hub. Peter indicated that the hub is also hoping to increase its activity with community projects like adopting a planter or two and tackling anti-social behaviour in the area. Holly added that she was open to future discussions around this.

**6.9- Community Wishes-** Rachael reported on the latest developments which include the launch of a live website for those wishing to identify community wishes in the Lochee area. She explained that wishes would typically be “worth” around £1000, then she undertook a demonstration of how people can place wishes and answered questions on how wishes are approved.

**7. Date of next meeting-** A vote of thanks was given for Michael's time over the last four years as chair of the LCPP. He indicated that the next meeting was planned for Tuesday 19 November at 1pm in the Tayview room at Menzieshill Community Hub.