

COLDSIDE COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP

MINUTE OF MEETING

Tuesday 23 August 2022 3.30pm Hilltown Community Centre

PRESENT:

Diane McCulloch	Chairperson
Cllr Heather Anderson	DCC Councillor
Elaine Pratt	DCC Neighbourhood Services Communities
Murray Webster	Coldside Regeneration Forum
PC Reuben Morgan	Police Scotland
Margaret Wemyss	Coldside Community Forum
Jennifer Kincaid	DCC Neighbourhood Services, Communities
Cllr Mark Flynn	DCC Councillor
Liz Allardice	DCC Youth Team
Lorna Dashwood	Head Teacher, Our Lady's Primary School
Jennifer Heffell	Head Teacher, Rosebank Primary School
Linda Findlay	Friends of Fairmuir Park
Mary Jamieson	Friends of Fairmuir Park
Margaret Edwards	Coldside Regeneration Forum
Alison Goodfellow	Maxwell Centre
Serge Kabamba	Scottish Fire and Rescue
Diana Weir	Children & Families
Alan Duncan	Grey Lodge Settlement
Jen McLean	Grey Lodge Settlement

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Apologies

Baillie Helen Wright, Councillor George McIrvine, Anne Leslie, Anne MacDonald

3. Minute of Previous Meeting

Agreed as an accurate note.

4. Matters Arising

Item 6. Friends of Fairmuir

Diane asked Mary and Linda for an update on the issues that had been impacting the Dandelion Project and the progress for Friends of Fairmuir Park. They indicated that the project was going well and the toilets in the park were now open. There would be a Harvest Festival in the Park on Saturday 10th September from 2pm onwards, everyone welcome.

5. Community Custody Unit – The Bella

Some members of the Partnership had visited the Bella Centre, initial impressions were that the centre was finished to a very high standard. Noted that women were now in the Unit but that there were not enough women in custody from Tayside and Fife, so some of the women were from the west coast. Reuben indicated that the staff at the Bella were in close contact with local Police regularly and that there were no concerns relating to security.

Murray raised an issue from local residents indicating that the whilst the grounds of the Bella were excellent and looked well maintained there was a fair amount of litter and rubbish around the outside perimeter of the fence. Jennifer and Lorna from the local schools also indicated that this was an increasing problem.

Heather agreed to take this up with Environment. It was also noted that

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Environment Take Pride in Your City will occur and that at Committee a 120 Action Plan for Environment was approved.

6 ADP FUNDING

Jennifer provided the Partnership with an update on the ADP funding Stepping Stones Café there have been 23 sessions with 10 unique individuals, one of whom is now volunteering with the project, another is a Bulgarian who has some English and is becoming more comfortable in the community and is getting more confident in socialising.

DVVA will undertake a Case study on the journey of a couple of people who have been coming along to the Café.

We will also be having a Memorial Overdose Day on 29th August in Maxwell Garden between 12.30-2.30 everyone is welcome

Stepping Stones Group, this is a follow on from the café and is a 12-week course, there are currently 6 people engaged in this.

This is followed on by a Mind Matters Course which is also a 12-week course. This involves developing strategies for mental wellbeing.

ADP Youth Project

The pilot Youth Project did not work for a number of reasons. The young people attending did not engage with the project and were not attending in a voluntary capacity. Two women from Action for Children were completely disengaged. Three young men who did access the project but didn't have a lot of English were support to access a cycling project that provided them with bikes. It was noted that the pandemic has changed the way people live, with more people living an isolated existence.

It was agreed that this would take the form of a drop-in coffee shop style project to get young people engaged in building something or creating something. This will begin on 31st August.

There were questions relating to how do we measure the success of these projects. It was noted that the funding for these projects £10,000 has come from ADP to carry out a test of change, these and similar projects across the city will be collated by the Community Health Team and reported on as a whole project.

7. FOOD AND FUEL CRISES

Jennifer gave the Partnership an update on a meeting the Community Empowerment Team hosted on Monday 22nd August to ask local organisation, groups, churches etc "What Can We Do?" 28 people came along with another 10 people submitting apologies. A café style set up enabled people to highlight what was already available and what was needed. Essential people were asked what can we do. Themes emerged throughout the session and included, a variety of spaces available including many church halls, a lack of knowledge of who and what services were available, was there funding to provided resources, activities and support for Cosy Spaces. Nothing available at weekends.

The group agreed to develop a plan short, medium and long-term action plan and report back.

Murray indicated that the crises was imminent and the LCPP should be meeting regularly to look at ways of addressing this. The Partnership agreed to take park in a sub group along with people who had come along to yesterday's initial meeting and report back at the next meeting. There was also a discussion looking at people who were "asset rich" for example living in a nice house but had no money for bills. There were also anomalies related to the £400 payment towards energy costs where people in the private sector whose rent included

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energy costs would not receive the payment as it would go to their landlords.

Noted that DCC Committee voted to provide £260K for Fuel Well 3. There was a suggestion of getting a member from Craig Mason's Team in Welfare Rights to come along to share information about what entitlements people should be getting.

Elaine to organise a meeting of a Sub Group for Food and Fuel.

8. LCP

A high-level plan had previously been circulated to the LCPP, this identifies high level actions which aims to address local priorities. These include Climate Change, Health and Wellbeing, Cost of Living Crises, Empowering Communities and Children & Families. This plan will be followed with an implementation plan which will contain the actions for the Partnership for the next 5 years. It was agreed that Elaine will forward the Implementation Plan to the LCPP and ask that people add the actions they feel should be considered.

Elaine also informed the group that a paper on the refresh of Locality Planning will be going to committee in September. There are no planned changes to the LCPP's and the focus of the paper is reducing inequalities.

9. DEPARTMENTAL/ORGANISATION UPDATE

9.1 YOUTH WORK

Liz shared an update which had been circulated and is attached to the minute.

9.2 SCHOOLS UPDATE

Jennifer and Lorna indicated that there were still issues relating to School meals and that this was due to a variety of reasons including staff absence.

9.3 POLICE

Reuben indicated that there had been a significant drug seizure in Hilltown £10k+ and that there had also been a number of vehicle seizures relating to electric motorcycles.

9.4 GREY LODGE

Alan indicated that there had been good news in relation to funding. They continue with the Befriending Project and the Youth Project going very well.

9.5 COUNCILLOR ANDERSON

Heather will have her surgeries the second and fourth Mondays 12.15 till 1.00pm in Coldside Library, and 1.:15 till 2pm the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month in Hilltown Community Centre. 2nd and 4th

9.6 COUNCILLOR FLYNN

Mark will have his surgeries the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month at Fleming Gardens Sheltered Housing between 1.15 and 2pm and Coldside Library 1st and 3rd Monday of each month between 12.15 and 1pm.

9.7 SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE

Serge was welcomed to the meeting and he had circulated an update previously, which is attached. Serge indicated that all Targets for the last quarter had gone done. This included Accidental Dwelling Fires, Fatalities, Secondary Fires (which include grassland or woodland and outdoor structures and Road Traffic Collisions. There had been an increase in Home fire safety visits.

9.8 MAXWELL CENTRE

Back to pre Covid levels with all activities and session being full.



Youth Work



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Activities All sessions full

After School club is full

Liz suggested that it might be an idea to meet up with the youth work staff from Grey Lodge and Maxwell Centre just to touch base. Liz agreed to do this.

9.9 COLDSIDE COMMUNITY FORUM

The AGM was held on the 26th July and the Forum have a healthy committee. Election of Office bearers will be at the next meeting.

Margaret also indicated that the Community Larder had explored the option of a new space in a shop but felt that this wasn't the time to increase costs for the larder and that the committee will negotiate a continuation of the space in Hilltown Community Centre. There has been an increase usage at the larder.

9.10 COLDSIDE COMMUNITY REGENERATION FORUM

Grants were approved for 3 activities. Including the Hilltown Management Group and the Community Larder.

10. Date Time & Venue of Next Meeting

Tuesday 22nd November at 3.00pm in Hilltown Community Centre

