

# East End Local Community Planning Partnership

## MINUTE OF MEETING

**HELD ON  
25th August 2022  
15:00pm Via Teams**

### **Present:**

Tony Boyle (Chair) - DCC Environment Service  
Alan Gunn - DCC Communities Officer  
Councillor- Christina Roberts - DCC  
Councillor- Dorothy McHugh - DCC  
Councillor- Will Dawson - DCC  
Sandy Boyd- DCC Environment Service  
Ginny McLanders- Brooksbank Centre  
Fay Lamont- Brooksbank Centre  
Fraser Bain - DCC Community Empowerment Team  
Michael Fraser- Scottish Fire and Rescue Service  
Jennifer King- DCC Children and Families  
Nick Toner- Douglas Community Spaces  
Margaret Hogg- Douglas Community Spaces  
Fiona Reekie- DCC Housing  
Art Sangster- Douglas Local Management Group  
Doug Millar- Rowantree Primary  
Andrey Thompson- Rocksolid  
Stacey Boylan- Craigie High School  
Elaine Sword- DCC Community Health Team  
Nicky Murray – Claypotts Primary School

## Apologies:

Chris Bonnar- Scottish Fire and Rescue Service  
Alison Macaulay- DCC Easy Youth Team

### 1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Tony welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were noted as above.

### 2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING (26/05/22)

Minutes agreed

### 3. EAST END COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE

-Alan Gunn talked through the draft East End Community Plan which will go to Committee in September 2022

-Alan provided an overview of the plans strategic priorities and associated working groups

- In terms of the **Building community resilience** working group, the East End Third Sector network is exploring how they can take this forward, with support from organisations. The network quarterly meetings are arranged by DVVA with the first one having taken place back in May.

- **The Wellbeing and recovery** sub group has developed through the Alcohol and drug partnership and it is great to have partners like we are with you and street soccer involved. We are looking to widen this by involving Dundee Drug and Alcohol service and GP's.

- **The East End Cost of living group** is in development and there was an initial meeting looking at how services and partners can work together to try and support the local community during the crisis. The meeting looked at how we can share resources, applying for shared funding and have access to spaces within our buildings for local residents over the winter. Another action in progress under this priority is that work has begun on the development of a food larder in Douglas Community Centre. Through community engagement events we were able to gather the names of 14 local residents who would be keen to volunteer to deliver the service. At the follow up meeting we had 8 residents agree to form a committee become constituted and drive the larder forward.

There is also a separate working group under the cost of living priority focused solely on the Linlathen initiative.

- In terms of the **Increasing Community Voice** priority we have also gathered some names of residents in Douglas who would be interested in forming a neighbourhood representative structure. There have also been some initial discussions about a need for this in Linlathen/ mid/ Criagie.

We are also looking to set up a forum for children and young people to contribute to local community planning issues through the individual primary school rights respecting schools initiatives.

- The **Community safety** partnership will continue to meet quarterly and report progress back into this forum. The next meeting is scheduled for the 6th September. The purpose of this group is to develop partnership responses or target specific actions to issues which are identified locally as impacting on community safety.

- The **Improving public and green spaces** working group is yet to be formed however there has been an interest from community groups, local residents, primary schools and services to be involved. I will update on progress in terms of the format to deliver this at the next partnership meeting.

#### 4. COMMUNITY PLANNING REPORT

Alan Gunn advised that a paper is going to committee in September detailing a refresh of local community planning.

The purpose of this refresh is to-

- To ensure the focus of Locality Planning is on reducing inequalities
- To establish a clear link between LCPPs and Dundee Partnership via a Strategic Group
- To establish reporting process to Dundee Partnership and to Scottish Government
- To agree a training programme for chairs and Communities Officers – to be rolled out to all LCPP members
- To ensure everything within our LCPP structures is compliant with Community Empowerment Act

#### 5. LINLATHEN FAIRNESS INITIATIVE

Fraser Bain, Community Empowerment Team, updated on Community Engagement in Linlathen over the summer period including widely attended Community Fun Day's at Rowantree Primary and the Linlathen Community Clean Up Initiative.

Fraser advised that a narrative enquiry research project is underway with a "photovoice" Exhibition having taken place at one of the Community Fund days. Local residents are now taking part in 1-1 interviews before a filming project will begin on the 6<sup>th</sup> of September.

The end product of this process will be a report compiled by professor Karen Mcardle, Aberdeen University, which will help inform the strategic actions of the Linlathen Fairness initiative. There will also be short films produced by local residents which will be shared in order to ensure that community voice is being heard as part of the fairness initiative.

Ginny McLanders, Brooksbank, advised that the narrative enquiry interview process has been going well and they have been heavily involved in this process.

Ginny advised that they have submitted a funding application to the Investing in Communities Fund to enhance their money advice service and to employ a development worker. They will hear the outcome of this towards the end of the year.

Ginny advised that they are also running a money advice drop-in specifically for people in Linlathen.

Ginny advised that issues they are seeing locally at Brooksbank are people struggling with their mental health, increased crime and anti-social behaviour and substance use.

Doug Millar, Rowantree Primary, highlighted the positive partnership working over the summer and the impact of the community fun days and community clean up initiative. Doug is keen to keep the momentum going.

Councillor McHugh felt that the work so far had been positive.

## **6. ALCOHOL AND DRUG PARTNERSHIP FUNDING**

Fraser updated on the programme which has been developed in Douglas Community Centre. The drop-in continues to be well attended and an evaluation that was carried out with the participants was very positive. There have also been good working relationships developed between the group and the local management group.

There is a hillwalking programme which is being delivered in partnership with Ancrum Outdoor Centre which will run on Monday's for ten weeks starting on the 5<sup>th</sup> of September.

The next steps in this initiative are-

- To carry out outreach to encourage participation from local residents.
- To widen the scope of the involvement in the partnership to Dundee Drug and Alcohol service and GP's.
- To explore opportunities for additional support within Douglas Community Centre
- To explore ways link opportunities with residents in Mid Craigie and Linlathen

Ginny advised that Brooksbank are running a weekly clinic offering advice for people affected by mental health and substance use.

Audrey advised that Rocksolid also run a similar on a Wednesday.

## **7. LINLATHEN COMMUNITY CLEAN UP INITIATIVE**

Alan and Sandy Boyd (Environment dept) provided an update on the clean up initiative in Linlathen Which took place on the 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> August.

The initiative was well received by the local community and over 20 tonnes of waste was collected from the skips.

The initiative was a partnership approach involving DCC Environment, Community Empowerment Team, Community payback team and Brooksbank.

As well as the initiative running during the week, there was a community led litter pick on Saturday the 9<sup>th</sup> August.

## **8. COMMUNITY UPDATE**

### **8.1 Community Regeneration Forum**

Forum member Margaret Hogg updated that the forum are currently looking for a new chair and the election is due to take place at the next meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> of September.

### **8.2 Douglas Community Spaces Group**

Update provide by Nick Toner (DCSG development worker) and Margaret Hogg, Treasurer.

The park is now open and Nick is in the process of developing programmes in the park.

There has been a really positive response from the local community about the park.

DCSG are keen to be involved in the Public and Green spaces subgroup of the LCPP.

The group are keen to explore ways that local people can be involved in maintaining the park. Tony and Nick agreed to discuss opportunities around the "Take Pride" initiative.

Nick also updated that the MUGA pitch will go into the park at some point this financial year.

Nick requested access to maps showing green spaces in the area. Sandy Boyd agreed to follow up with Nick.

Audrey advised that there is a “wee forest” initiative meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> of September which Douglas Community Spaces can attend.

Tony advised that Kate Traherne (DCC allotments officer) would be well placed to support this.

Councillor Roberts gave some background to the “wee forest” initiative and is keen to see the momentum continue with this.

Ginny advised that they are keen to explore growing fruit trees at the back of Brooksbank centre.

### **8.3 Douglas Local Management Group**

Art Sangster, Douglas LMG secretary, updated that the group are keen to raise the issue of the land adjacent to the community centre which is privately owned. Art advised that the land has been neglected and has become a hazard. The group have the details of the landowner and intend to write to him to ascertain his long term plans for the land.

Sandy Boyd was tasked with following this issue up by arranging for some clear up work to be done on the area.

Councillor Dawson enquired as to whether the owner could be billed for this work.

### **8.4 Brooksbank Centre**

Ginny advised that they are keen to explore any rights to buy the land at the back of the centre which is owned by the Church.

Councillor Dawson advised that there may be limitations to the scope to buy the land if the Church does not want to sell and it may be worth exploring some shared use with the Church.

Ginny advised that the fuel well scheme will be rolled out again soon and people will be supported to apply.

Ginny also advised that their café in the centre has not regained the regular customers it had prior to the pandemic and they are exploring sustainable options including letting out the kitchen.

Ginny advised that the main focus of their work recently has been supporting people in debt and people in crisis.

Ginny is happy to share information about support services and funds with the partnership.

Ginny enquired about increased CCTV for the area given the number of residents concerned about crime.

Councillor Dawson advised that Colin Craig in City Development would be an appropriate person to contact.

### **8.5 Rocksolid**

Audrey advised that they have had a really busy summer and had a very positive summer event which was extremely well attended.

In terms of cost of living support they are currently offering lunches on a Wednesday and a Friday.

They successfully accessed £7000 from Youth Scotland and purchased vouchers to support local families.

Audrey is keen to offer tea time clubs and is also keen to explore a voucher scheme where people will donate money towards a voucher and Rocksolid will match this.

Audrey advised that they operated a food larder during the pandemic and she is happy to share the learning from this with the developing Douglas Community Food Larder.

## **9. SERVICE UPDATES**

### **9.1 Scottish Fire and Rescue Service**

Michael Fraser shared the quarterly report which is attached with the minute. Discussion around the increased risk of fires due to the dry weather over the summer. It was agreed that there is a need to continue to work in partnership to provide education.

### **9.2 Environment Department**

Sandy advised that grounds maintenance continues and there is 6 weeks left of the current run of grass cutting and the second round weed spraying is about to commence.

Tony advised that information regarding the bin strikes has been evolving as the situation changes but continues to be posted on-line. He advised that excess rubbish bags will be collected along with the contents of the bins when regular service resumes.

Councillor Dawson commended work by the Environment Department in clearing the back courts.

Fiona Reekie, housing, advised that they are working on service level agreement to review areas that have not been getting cut but that are entitled to this. Councillor Dawson welcomed this and advised that he would be keen to go on a walkabout to review this.

### **9.3 Housing**

Fiona Reekie advised that along with the grass maintenance service level agreement, they have developed a hoarding policy which will come into effect October/November 2022. The policy involves support and advice for people impacted by hoarding. Fiona will share information in due course.

Fiona also advised that there is additional information to be released in relation to support for people affected by domestic violence and this will also be shared.

Alan highlighted the positive partnership working that the housing department have been involved in with the Linlathen Fairness Initiative through Kevin Geddes's involvement in the narrative enquiry.

### **9.4 Community Health Team**

Elaine Sword advised that she has now returned to work and will be making contact with Ginny and with Audrey to look at opportunities to work together. Elaine is now back supporting the wellbeing and recovery group in Douglas. Elaine also advised that there is opportunities for people to access poverty sensitive practice training.

### **9.5 Craigie High School**

Stacey Boylan, Craiie High, advised that the new first years have just started the new term and this has gone well.

They had a very well attended summer programme with activities running 4 out of the 6 weeks. They continue to go through a consultation process with pupils in relation to the development of the East End Community Campus

## **9.6 Claypotts Primary School**

Nicky Murray, Claypotts Primary, updated that they had run a two week free summer camp in partnership with active schools. 175 children had attended and lunch had been provided through Dundee Bairns. This will be repeated every holiday.

As part of the school of sport initiative they now have 15 clubs running during the week. They also have parents groups including Yoga, touch rugby and netball.

They also have a girls sports initiative in partnership with St Pius which takes place at Douglas Sports Centre.

They have developed a STEAM academy- (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths) in partnership with Dundee University.

As part of the integration process ahead of the development of the East End Campus, Sports festivals have been arranged involving the cluster primaries to allow them to meet children from the other school before they attend the campus in 2025. The first festival involves Claypotts Primary and Fintry primary in a couple of weeks.

## **9.7 Youth Work**

### **Update from Alison Macaulay-**

Here are the activities funded by Dundee Partnership & staffed by East Youth Team. Blair Drummond Safari Park, M&D's, Wild Shore, Fashion Camps, Codonas, Dunfermline Bowling, Crazy Golf, Jumping Joeys, Cairnie Fruit Farm. Total of 252 spaces allocated.

The team coordinated a two week multi agency transition programme for those most likely to struggle with the move from Primary to Craigie High School. Funded through summer of play. 35 young people attended and will be accredited with a Hi5 award.

The team supported the two Family Fun Days at Rowntree & Douglas CC and city wide BBQ at Camperdown for young people. Our Mon to Fri evening programmes also continued to run throughout the summer for young people to access.

This week we have supported Ukrainian young people to travel from hotels in town to our Tuesday S1 plus Youth Drop In at Douglas CC. Young people integrated well, which will hopefully benefit their first day at Craigie High today. Some parents also attended and enjoyed chatting & seeing the facilities at Douglas. Staff went back to town yesterday to again support young people on buses to come to our S1 plus Drop In at Rowntree last night. We hope this will be a regular activity for our Ukrainian young people.

CLD school collaboration – the team are finalizing our targeted group work programmes for young people to access as part of the school day. Discussions are taking place with SMT at Craigie High and should be up and running next week.

## **10. AOCB**

Art raised an issue with a fallen tree in the Douglas area. Sandy Boyd agreed that he would follow up.

Fraser Bain updated that the Hub Food Larder and Free Cycle is currently at capacity and they are finding it difficult to meet demand.

Audrey advised that funding is available through McDoanlds Community Fund, Increased funding for existing National Lottery funded projects and also through Dundee Bairns for coats.

Tony advised that there is potential for LCPP chairs to change as part of the community planning refresh and while he does not yet know if this will impact the East End, the partnership will be kept updated.

#### **11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

This will be confirmed in due course.