

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

6<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 6pm in Lochee Library

<b>Present:</b>	Cllr Wendy Scullin	Dundee City Council (DCC)
	Michael McLaughlin	Chair- DCC
	Patricia Phinn	Community Rep- Lochee Tenants & Residents Assoc
	Heather Henry	Community Rep – Love Lochee
	Jinny McKenzie	Housing Service- DCC
	Emma Gordon	Voluntary Sector rep
	Gordon Laidlaw	Children and Families Service- DCC
	Sam Roberts	Lochee Larder
	Sam Bruce	Lochee Larder
	Val Brown	Beechwood Residents Group
	Neil Brady	Environment Service – DCC
	Mike Welsh	Communities Service – DCC

**Apologies:** Cllr Charlie Malone, Cllr Roisin Smith, Pam Nesbitt, Gillian Lamb, Una Milne, Angela Foote, Bill Batchelor, Stewart Steen, Pamela McLaughlin

<b><u>1. Minute of the last meeting- 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023</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><b><u>2. Matters arising</u></b></p>	
<p><b><u>2.1 Lochee.org</u></b> – Mike reported that the website development will be ready soon for roll out training to all stakeholders. He encouraged all in attendance to try the website out to help assess its ease of use, particularly around the heritage and recovery functions. He also requested that members get back to him with any comments.</p>	All members
<p><b><u>2.3 Trees in the Lochee High Street</u></b> – Neil reported that the trees have been allowed to leaf in order to analyse their health. The feasibility of identifying funding to plant new trees in the planters for this location will be discussed soon and plans will be reported at the next meeting.</p>	Neil
<p><b><u>2.5 City Fibre</u></b> –No progress was reported by Heather, so Michael offered to contact City Fibre to identify compensatory actions.</p>	Michael
<p><b><u>3. Family Resilience and What Matters 2 You initiative- Geoff Leask</u></b></p>	
<p>Geoff provided some context around the aims of WM2U and the intension to empower residents to take control of matters that affect their family life. An initiative in Charleston/ Menzieshill is being planned as well as in Kirkton and he outlined some of the ideas generated on how WM2U target local people and gather stakeholders to form collaborative ventures.</p>	
<p>He outlined the success of a “test-of-change” around CLD staff engaging families in Charleston Community centre where up to 17 families are participating in weekly family activities and a meal. This success hopefully will identify those interested in making suggestions on improvements and Geoff outlined support that WM2U can offer on values based leadership through Columba 1400.</p>	
<p>A lengthy discussion was held and it was agreed to form a stakeholder group, an invite for which will be sent out soon for a potential first meeting in August.</p>	Mike

**4. Cost of Living work in Lochee**

Mike reported that the November LCPP meeting had a look at the impact of the cost of living in the community and heard of a number of new initiatives that had been started following a LCPP event. As 8 months had passed a number of stakeholders had been asked to attend and feedback the work done and the impact made on local residents. The following groups provided information;

Lochee Larder- Sam and Sam outlined the work of " Dave's Hotspot" on Tuesdays (6-8pm) and Saturdays (2-4pm). The numbers responding had been 5/6 per session at the beginning, but now 45 meals were produced on Tuesdays and 100 on Saturdays. They provided feedback comments from their attendees which exemplified the difference made by the service which had been supported by community regeneration funding.

Lochee Tenants and Residents Assoc family club- Patricia explained that her association operated a volunteer run family club on Fridays. This activity serviced families living in the Whorterbank area to the local lounge in Burnside Court. She explained the difference locally run activities have in attracting vulnerable people to essential lifeline services.

Beechwood Residents group- Val outlined what her new group had done at their fortnightly Friday family sessions, following the award of a community regeneration grant. She indicated that the activity based sessions had attracted up to 40 people although this had tailed off recently. The sessions had seen many "quiet residents coming out of themselves" whilst eating meals and sharing in the craft activities. Val said the group is hoping to look at creating their own space to continue to combat isolation for local residents.

Menzieshill Community Centre Management group- Claire reported on a family activity day hosted by the management group between Christmas and New Year at the centre. She added that approximately 150 people took part in craft/ sports activities as well as enjoying free food. Normally the community centre is closed at this time, but volunteers had successfully lobbied councillors to allow the building to open.

Charleston Community Centre Management Group- Elspeth reported on the Food For Thought food larder's work in the centre, particularly during Christmas and New year. Their weekly sessions had been enhanced by the Library and CLD team organising Open space initiatives. Wednesday and Friday lunch sessions had attracted large numbers over the winter which have been overtaken by local groups now facilitating these sessions. Elspeth added that activities seem to get the greatest response from local people especially when allied to available food.

Social Security Scotland- Fiona provided an overview of all the benefits available from the national agency. Providing more money for residents helps with the challenges of increasing living costs. A presentation was offered and Mike agreed to circulate around members and stakeholders.

Michael thanked all contributors for their interesting examples of communities responding to this societal challenge. It was agreed that there was a good strategic response to the challenges in Lochee and this should be encouraged this coming winter.

**5. Local Community Plan (LCP)**

**5.1 –Walkabouts–** Mike reported that in previous years walkabouts were successful ways of identifying environmental successes and challenges in communities, particularly when jointly led by a local residents group. After discussion, it was agreed to pursue this over the late summer eg August/ September. Neil indicated that this activity could identify places where residents were keen on clean-ups as this could facilitate some joint litter campaigns or community skip support, if necessary.

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Neil

<p><b>5.3- Future meeting themes-</b> Older People- It was agreed that data relating to the needs of this group as offered by Stewart Steen at the last meeting would help frame the discussion at the next meeting in August. Stewart to be asked to lead discussion at the next meeting.</p> <p><b>6 Working group updates</b></p> <p><b>6.1 – LCPP substance misuse group</b> – Mike circulated a note from the last meeting. The only new funded project since the last meeting was a family summer trip which is being organised on the back of the successful family firm nights by the local school and family development staff. The award of approx. £1000 was approved.</p> <p><b>6.2 – Community Safety working group</b> – Mike reported that incidences of anti-social behaviour by young people had calmed down in March and April, but the next meeting of this group is planned prior to the summer as an upturn in incidents is anticipated. He added that the local youth team is organising daily afternoon activities in Lochee park as well as their usual evening provision, and this allied to the success of the Friday night diversionary programme at Street Soccer’s premises is hoped to provide some diversion. Other planned activities will be reported on at the August meeting.</p> <p><b>6.3- Open Space meeting-</b> Following discussion at the last meeting, a walkabout was undertaken around the area south of Atholl st/ Yeamans Lane to identify potential improvements. Play and pathway improvements have been identified and it is hoped to attract funding to increase facilities to encourage active travel, environmental improvements and play opportunities in this area. Further details will be available by the end of the summer.</p> <p><b>7. Service Updates</b></p> <p><b>7.1 – Scottish Fire and Rescue Service</b> –the report from SF&amp;RS was distributed with no questions.</p> <p><b>7.2 – DCC environment</b> – Neil reported that the service was coping with increased growth in vegetation at this time of the year due to an increase in staffing capacity. He added that an increase in street operatives will keep on top of anticipated challenges.</p> <p><b>7.3 – Voluntary Sector Report</b> – Emma reported on the introduction of the Whole Family Well-being fund which would see an investment of over £1 Million per year over the next 3 years. The contact at DVVA for this fund which has a deadline of 17<sup>th</sup> July is Katie Angus.</p> <p>Emma also reported that volunteers week is held this week, between 1-7th June.</p> <p><b>7.4- Community Group update-</b> Patricia reported on the ambition for Lochee Tenants and Residents Association to cover the whole of the central Lochee area. They hope to recognise this expansion with a public meeting later in the year.</p> <p>Heather reported that this year’s community Christmas celebration will take place on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November in Lochee High Street. She added that all local stakeholders are on board organising a range of activities on the same evening which should create a variety of activities suitable for everyone.</p> <p><b>8. Date of next meeting</b></p> <p>Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> August at 6pm.</p>	<p>Stewart</p>
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