

MARYFIELD COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP

MINUTE OF MEETING Tuesday 15th February 2022 Arthurstone

1. ATTENDANCE

Johnny Lothian	Chairperson
David MacDougall	Maryfield Regeneration Forum
Chris Bonnar	Fire & Rescue
Stuart Fairweather	Neighbourhood Services - Communities
Fiona Reekie	Neighbourhood Services – Housing
Yvonne Mitchell	Neighbourhood Services – Housing
Colin Clement	Neighbourhood Services - Housing
Alan Bowman	Stobswell Forum
Robin Falconer	City Development
Bobbie Lawson	Health Equalities Team
Philippa Lyttle	We are With You
	DVVA

1.1 Apologies

Cllr Short, Cllr Lynn, Cllr Cruickshank, Sheila Allan, Stephen Page, Kirsten Kiddie, Derek Lohman

Johnny invited everyone to the meeting. Thanked them for their attendance asked them to introduce themselves. The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as accurate.

2. Matters Arising

2.1 Parking Consultation

Dave MacD enquired about the parking consultation. It was anticipated that John Berry would take report to a Council Committee reflecting on his recent consultation and the comments from Stobswell Forum.

2.2 South Baffin Street

Work has started on the steps at South Baffin Street. It was understood that the work would take place over the next three weeks.

Gary Brady in City Development asked:

“Can it be correctly minuted that this is a Neighbourhood Services asset and City Development have been remitted by NS to oversee masonry repairs and balustrade repairs for planned completion this financial year”.

3 Community Collectives and the new Local Community Plan

SF updated on the work so far and focussed on the attached paper (1). Any comments on the paper and/or ideas on the tackling of the issues raised would be welcome. A second round on Community Collectives will now be timetabled for March. The planned deadline for the final draft of the plan is now May following the council elections.

4 Updates on Activity in the Ward

4.1 Chris Bonnar talked to the paper (2) from Fire and Rescue. Consideration

was given to the ongoing issues of alarms prompting call outs where there are no fires, role of liaison officers in relation to secondary fires and concerns relating to empty buildings, particularly in the city centre.

4.2 Robin Falconer referred to the previously circulated strategic health paper (3). He spoke about thought needing to be given to how health is reflected in the new community plans. Jenny Gillespie's role in relation to children's obesity was also highlighted, as was the link between health and the ADP funding group mentioned below.

4.3 The paper (4) from Liz Allardice relating to youth work was noted as being a welcome development as was Liz's offer to update I person at a future meeting. Finding ways to promote young people's engagement in community planning and the forthcoming collectives was seen as important.

LA / SF

4.4 Kiera O'Rourke had produced a note (5) of the recent ADP Funding group. Stuart spoke about funding going to a hillwalking group, about the potential for a café at Stobswell Church and about a possible 'stepping stones' group focussed on building connection into the community.

Bobbie Lawson spoke about the importance of the hillwalking group that is supported about Ancrum Outdoor Centre and the learning and confidence building associated with the group.

4.5 Stuart spoke about the district shopping centre paper (6) provided by Stephen Page. The paper was welcomed and positive reference was made about the temporary work that has taken place in Craigie Street and Eliza Street.

However, there was also the view that there was a need for a more co-ordinated approach with an over-all vision for the Albert Street area.

I was noted that discussions are taking place between Stobswell Forum, City Development and Sustrans. More work is planned and this is likely to be a feature of the new community plan. Thought needs given to how we can outline work that is ambitious but achievable.

SF / SP

4.6 Colin Clement spoke about the recent meeting hosted by Ewan MacNaughton (City Development). At the meeting Ewan acknowledged that HGV vehicles and inter-city buses did cause an issue for Albert Street. This is view that has long been express in the community and at LCPP meetings. It was acknowledged that there was now a need to agree what the response should be to this. Again, it was recognised that this is likely to be feature of the forthcoming local community plan.

CC/AB/SF

4.7 Stuart shared the notes (7) from the recent LCPP walk-about. This had taken place in the City Centre with an attendance from the Community Council, the Police, the Environment Section, Johnny and others. Concern for abandoned buildings was a concern as were issues to do with traffic and importantly ensuring the different communities that use the city centre respect each other. Partners were asked the address any of the issues identified in the notes where they could. Stuart was asked to circulate the information and ask for updates.

All/SF

Quarterly walk-about will continue to be a feature of the LCPP calendar.

4.8 'Stobswell West' Stuart updated that the Chief Executive's section was focussing on Stobswell West as one of two areas in the city that have persistently featured in the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation's hardest hit areas.

Ensuring that the work that emerges from this above focus complements that community planning work going on across the ward will be an important feature of the LCPP's work over the coming period.

Whilst increasing financial security appear to be the key goal housing will be a key feature of this and Stuart agreed to ensure Fiona and other Housing colleagues were kept up-to-date with developments.

SF/FR

5 Approach to Future Meetings

It was agreed that from the next meeting in May that although papers highlighting issues in advance would could still be shared prior to the meeting only key highlighted issues would be discussed at LCPP meetings.

All

The agenda from May would feature (at most) two themes from the community plan to allow for in-depth discussion and updates on progress.

6 Dates of Future Meetings

May 17th 6pm Arthurstone
August 23rd 6pm Morgan Academy
November 22nd 2pm Arthurstone

