

**STRATHMARTINE LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP  
WEDNESDAY 30 MARCH 2022  
ONLINE AT 6.00PM**

**Present:**

Mark MacDonald (Chair)	DCC – Neighbourhood Services
Dorothy McHugh	Friends of Clatto
Eddie Baines	Strathmartine Regeneration Forum – Kirkton Rep
Ross Middlemass	DVVA
Melanie Kiyani	Strathmartine Community Larder
Jacky Nicoll	Kirkton Partnership
Alice Bovill	SMART
Cllr John Alexander	Strathmartine Ward
Fraser Scott	Scottish Fire and Rescue
Cllr Kevin Keenan	Strathmartine Ward

**Apologies:**

Cllr Stewart Hunter	Strathmartine Ward
Barbra Myloff	Strathmartine Regeneration Forum – St Mary's Rep
Lydia Thatcher	Police Scotland

		<b>Action</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Welcome</b> Mark welcomed everyone to the meeting	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Introductions and Apologies</b> Introductions were made and apologies noted	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Previous Minutes</b> Minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record	
<b>4.</b>	<b>Matters Arising</b>	
	<b>Housing</b> No Housing update received yet. Mark to check position and report back.	MM
	<b>Ulverston</b> The issue of the inverted doorways has been addressed – the issue with the doorway at the front has been rectified and Mark will get an update regarding the other doorways.	MM
	<b>Kirkton Community Hubs</b> Mark confirmed that no decision has yet been made regarding the future of Kirkton Community Centre – no confirmation of closure and also no confirmation of the Kirkton Community Hubs model.	
	<b>St Mary's – Scottish Water</b> Scottish Water have confirmed that a meeting will be arranged very soon and Mark will share the outcome of this with the Partnership as soon as possible.	MM
	<b>Sluice House</b> Dorothy asked for an update regarding this. She said work had been going on at the Water Tower but not at the Sluice House. She speculated that there was probably negotiation going on with the Insurance Company and this would probably take time. Mark confirmed that he would email his contact in Planning for an update.	MM
	<b>Pavement Parking</b> Dorothy asked if there was an update on Pavement Parking. Mark advised that he contacted Euan McNaughton and received an email back from John O'Neill which he forwarded on to LCPP. He confirmed that he would forward this on again to Dorothy.	MM

**5. Tactical Assessment – Fraser Scott, Scottish Fire & Rescue**

- Fires - Fraser advised that the report has been submitted and a lot of it is actually very positive. He did mention, however, that throughout the City at the moment we seem to have a lot of anti-social behaviour. Having said that the numbers, in comparison to last year, have reduced within the Strathmartine Ward and going into Q4 deliberate secondary fires are sitting at 44 compared to last year's figure of 87. Lewis Duncan, Local Authority Liaison is working closely with the schools to try to get in and established with Youth Groups. They have taken on 3 new Community Safety Advocates within Tayside and this will assist with any anti-social behaviour as well. As Covid rules change schools are more willing to let them go in so they are starting to work with them, the Police and the Community Wardens as well.
- Road Traffic Collisions – There have been 3 but not of a serious nature.
- Home Safety Visits – they are looking at the most vulnerable in the Community, getting information from other agencies and progressing them.
- Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals are also reducing which means that the crews are not racing to the call and causing potential damage in the process. For calls where there is no sleeping accommodation involved they will only send one crew initially.
- Dorothy praised the Report and commented on how, at a glance, it was easy to understand. She went on to say that there had been a few small fires at Clatto on Sunday night which the Fire Brigade attended. A suggestion had come out of this from a member of the community for a safe fire pit. Fraser was not a great fan of this idea and felt that individuals who wanted to set a fire would do so anyway, other fires may start accidentally with for example a dropped match.
- Eddie raised the issue of some of his neighbours burning general rubbish in oil drums. Fraser advised that if the fire was controlled and the people involved were over 18 then the Fire Service did not have any authority over this, unless there was a risk to property. He did appreciate and sympathise that this can be seen as anti-social behaviour but the guidelines are such that the Fire Service would not attend. Eddie went on to ask if there were smokeless zones in Dundee but Fraser did not know and advised that the Council or Environmental Agency should be able to advise. John advised that he was not aware of any smokeless zones in Dundee but said he would be happy to pick this up with Tom Stirling and Tony Boyle from Environment & Community Safety and report back. Alice was particularly worried as she lives in one of the wooden houses at the top of St Mary's. She asked if she was to phone in would her call be treated differently. Fraser advised that it wouldn't necessarily be treated differently but certainly if she felt there was a threat to her property then they would turn out to check. Alice mentioned her concern that her smoke alarm in the kitchen would be triggered by her neighbours burning but Fraser explained that the devices in kitchens were heat detectors not smoke detectors so this should not be a problem.

**6. Community Collectives**

Mark gave an update on the new Community Collectives and the new Community Plan. Back in November they had their first round of Community Collectives. This was an opportunity to bring people together with partner agencies and the general public and for Mark to speak to people about the results of the Engage Dundee Consultation and the Fairness Commission. People then went into breakout rooms and had the opportunity to discuss issues which were pertinent to them and their families. The second round of Community Collectives was really about Mark having the opportunity to feedback the things which had come up from the Engage Dundee Consultation and the first round of Community Collectives and through ongoing discussions with people in the community, Mark's staff and his team and to feedback and say these are potentially the areas we are going to look at for the second Community Plan. The attendance wasn't particularly good but the plan is to attend Community Cafes, Strathmartine Community Larder and Youth Work provisions and start having discussions with them. Social Media will also be used as a tool to drum up interest. Mark then shared his screen to show the Powerpoint he had used and talked through this:-

- “Just to reiterate, when we're talking about the new Community Plan there's a move across the City to look at less actions but to make them more meaningful so possibly 4-6 actions, more if it is felt there is a need.
- The first action we're looking at would be to focus in and create what we're referring to as Community Support Hubs. So, looking at supporting and expansion of Community Cafes and Larders such as Strathmartine Community Larder. Looking at potentially the creation of a Community Fridge in Ardler as well. But really looking at these as places where people in the community can go and access support. There was definitely a feeling from the first round of Community Collectives that people felt there was a need for people to be able to access support within their community rather than having to go into town for support agencies. Mark felt that we should create a working group of people who are involved in the Larder and Cafes to share resources, look at training opportunities for volunteers, look at recruitment of

volunteers, look at a joint funding bid so we don't have multiple projects vying against one another for funding. The Community Cafés in Kirkton CC and Ardler Complex have been hugely successful and we could be linking up with advice and support services to be present at these times as well. As a ward, rather than individually, we should be approaching these agencies to co-ordinate dates for attendance at all Centres. This means that not only would we be helping the community get affordable meals, we would also be providing support for them as well.

- Second action is around Environment and Green Space. Again, creating a Working Group to look across the Ward to see how we could support Community Growing initiatives, how we could look at improving playparks, arranging community clean-ups, organising outdoor events such as community health walks and also look at how we could improve and use neglected green space across the Ward. Maybe look at how people can grow their own food, support people to learn how to cook using ingredients to improve nutrition, maybe linking it in with the Child Healthy Weight Team and Public Health for example.
- Third action is around substance use. We have been given funding through Dundee Alcohol and Drug Partnership and we are looking at doing a focussed piece of work in St Mary's. I'm keen to put that in the Community Plan as long as everyone in the LCPP agrees because I think we need to make sure there is support put in place for people in Strathmartine around substance use. At the moment we are concentrating on St Mary's but if this is successful then there would be the opportunity to replicate this in Kirkton and Ardler. So, what we would really like to see is rolling out the Support Café in St Mary's but it's more a holistic support model so it's not just looking at the recovery, it's about mental health and physical health as well.
- Fourth action is around Kirkton Community Centre and the potential for something, either to replace it, or more importantly, that we as a LCPP make sure that there is going to be some engagement with the Kirkton Community about this. There is definitely a case that Baldragon and St Paul's should be better utilised but people in the community also need a safe environment during the day and there needs to be a space for that to happen.

These are the four options that we are looking at potentially".

Mark then asked for any questions.

Dorothy felt that what was missing from the options was infrastructure. She also felt that the Community Centres should be at the centre of the Community Support Hubs. Mark confirmed that, apart from the Church in St Mary's, the Centres would be used for this purpose, using the food element to bring people in the door but also making sure they were then directed to support services. This is also about supporting mental health and by doing so they can promote what is on at the Community Centres. Mark also confirmed that although they would start with four options, as and when an option was complete it could be replaced with another.

Mark confirmed that the next process for this would be that a draft of the Plan would be written up and presented at the May LCPP meeting and by August the Community Plan would be signed off by this Partnership.

Eddie commented that he felt that services should definitely be encouraged to return to the community like they did in the past. He also said that he thought infrastructure was very important as well. Eddie also asked for an update on the position with Kirkton Community Centre and Mark agreed to chase for this.

Ross said it was really positive to hear about the proposed substance use work in St Mary and suggested that it might be worth speaking with Pam McLaughlin at Lochee Hub as they have a very similar approach.

Alice said that although the food element of the Community Cafes was important what was also very important was giving people your time to sit and listen – sometimes that is what is needed most.

Mark clarified that what he felt was needed was a consistent safe space where people could come and build positive relationships and feel supported, whether that was with each other, a volunteer or one of his team.

Mark also mentioned that at the Community Collectives there was a sign-up sheet for anyone who may be interested in being part of any of the working groups and there were already a few interested. The next step would be to reach out to the Council and voluntary groups to set up the Working Groups.

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Eddie felt it was a good idea for someone from Fighting for Fairness to be involved and Mark said he was happy to take that away and see if someone from Dundee Fighting for Fairness could be involved on the Working Group.

#### 8. **ADP Resilient Communities Funding**

Mark went on to give an update on the recovery work at St Mary's. A Working Group has already been set up and four meetings have already taken place. Hillcrest Future, the Police, Community Health Nurses, Robin Falconer of the Community Health Team and Alice representing the St Mary's LMG have all been involved. About three weeks ago the Café part was opened and they are now looking at different therapeutic activities such as jewellery making, fitness instructors etc. The other thing they need to look at is funding as the ADP funding stops in November. Eddie questioned why this was only happening in St Mary's and not the rest of Strathmartine. Mark confirmed that we needed to walk before we could run and once it was up and running in St Mary's it would also be rolled out in Kirkton and Ardler. Eddie and John both offered their help tracking down further finance.

#### 9. **Partner Updates**

##### **Mark, Ardler Café**

For the past 3 years Café Ardler has been a partnership with MacMillan Cancer Support so it's a MacMillan Hub essentially. Funding was coming to an end and so Mark applied for further funding and has been successful - they will receive £137,000 for the project to be ongoing for a further two and a half years.

Cllr Kevin Keenan joined the meeting.

##### **Eddie, Kirkton CC**

The Regeneration Forum had its AGM but only a few groups attended. They heard from Dundee West about some of the amazing work they are doing, Mark Brash (L & C, Active Schools Coordinator) attended. Their work is well needed in schools and Mark Brash talked of some of the benchmarks he was going to hit and he far exceeded every single one of them. There are some new people on the Regeneration Forum and Eddie looks forward to doing some great work with them again in the coming year.

##### **Alice, SMART**

SMART are meeting more regularly now. They are still low on numbers but they do have the regular ones coming back. They can definitely do with a recruitment drive so are working on that. They would still like more consultation with Dundee City Council and are working on this as well. They heard yesterday that the funding they had applied for from Arnold Clark had been successful to the sum of £2,000. They have four new groups starting in the Centre this week so things are improving and they can see the light at the end of the tunnel.

##### **Dorothy, Friends of Clatto**

The last Minute recorded that Friends of Clatto had withdrawn from the formal partnership with the Council through the participation request process last October. Since then the informal relationship with the Council has been less than satisfactory, in fact non-existent. This is causing them to work at cross purposes.

New lifebelt stations have been put all round the reservoir which is excellent but unfortunately these have already been tampered with!

Dorothy was happy to report that there are now a pair of swans nesting on one of the islands so they are looking forward to some Signets soon.

Ron continues to work on the beach and is hopeful that this will be complete by Easter.

Funding for new seating and a replacement for the disabled table which was set alight last summer will go in shortly.

The swings need replaced along with a bit of general tlc to the playpark – the Council have been contacted regarding this.

Work is ongoing to repair the valves in the valve tower but unfortunately the solution they have come up with means that the pipe, which previously ran under the water level, now runs above it and so therefore the fear is that this will be vandalised as it is accessible.

Dorothy said that due to the lack of engagement with the various departments in the Council the Group are hugely disheartened and in a fragile position. They are 3 years down the road and haven't felt supported at all and she feels that their formal working group will be coming to an end!

Mark said he totally understood how they felt but would hope that following on from their meeting with Angela from Environment things may improve. He also said that he had a recent email from Environment asking for suggested playparks which would benefit from improvement and he had mentioned Clatto to them.

**Melanie/Jacky, Strathmartine Community Larder & Kirkton Partnership**

Not really any update regarding the Partnership as they are waiting to get quotes to apply for funding for the grass area down at the shops. That's about it as they haven't had enough people attending meetings recently. In view of this they have changed the time of the meeting in the hope that this will help with attendance.

Update on the Larder – shop opened a few weeks ago and is going really well. They will open more often when they can get a rota in place for the volunteers and they get the funding through for a staff member. Currently they are averaging about 80 families a week over both sessions.

They are being provided with lunches and breakfasts from Dundee Bairns over the Easter holidays and will be distributing these from the Shop and the Centre.

They also have an Easter Egg hunt planned for Good Friday and are working with the Local Management Group on this and have also had funding from Dundee Bairns to help with this.

The Charity Shop will be open as soon as they can get staff availability in place. There seems to be a lot of interest as they have had lots of enquiries at the Shop.

**Ross, DVVA**

In the last Minutes Anne mentioned the Communities Health & Wellbeing Fund – all that money has now been allocated. The programme was massively over subscribed so much so that the Scottish Government gave some supplementary funds to go over the applications which nearly got through but which maybe needed a bit more clarity. He also confirmed that they had confirmation that this would open again, probably about the end of November.

He also advised that Eric the Chief Executive retired and Christina Cooper has stepped up in his place and recruitment continues!

Mark went on to advise that the Communities Health & Wellbeing funding Ross mentioned was what Kirkton were using to fund their evening Community Café on a Monday. Ardler were also successful in obtaining funding from this and are using this to continue subsidising meals at their Café, to start up a Community Fridge in the shop in Turnberry Avenue and for other family activities.

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**Cllr John Alexander**

John mentioned that he was no longer getting any updates on the SMART meetings and asked that Alice check this and add him to the distribution again.

He mentioned that he is more than happy to put anything out on his Facebook page as he is sure Kevin would be as well.

John confirmed that he had recently met with both the Headteacher at Baldragon and at St Paul's. This was really the first opportunity for this since Covid. He flagged up some issues regarding conduct in the community and in particular littering and is following up with environment on the potential for a couple of initiatives linked with the school.

The one thing he is continuing to have conversations round is that since the last LCPP meeting the Council has set their budget and some additional funding was identified City wide. There's £400,000 of additional money which is looking at bringing in support for things like anti-social behaviour, environmental issues which have been expressed in the community and parks and green space across the City. There's 1.75 million extra in the budget.

John advised that he had visited Clatto with Dorothy and assured her that conversations had been taking place regarding the playpark in particular. There was also an additional 1.6 million for addressing social inequality. In addition to the budget the Scottish Government announced an additional £18 million for businesses and communities to deal with the cost of living crisis - Dundee's allocation of this is 2.3 million.

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John also advised that last year money was set aside for the creation of a Community Environment Officer, this was a person who would act as a conduit between the Environment Department and the communities. This person has now been appointed, a gentleman called Josh Lawton. John went on to mention the Eden Project and the wildflowers. He said he would link up with Dorothy as Clatto would be ideal for a wild flower initiative.

Dorothy made a comment on the Health & Social Care Partnership update which was sent out with the meeting papers. The Pensioners Forum had invited the Health & Social Care Partnership along to their meeting to discuss the review of their Strategic Plan. Unfortunately, it is a very high level Plan and the older people really want to talk about service delivery because that's what users understand, therefore it really didn't work.

Dorothy mentioned the moving on of Roger Mennie and felt they needed to thank him for all his contributions over the years. Kevin reiterated this and said he would be sorely missed.

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**AOB**

Eddie was hoping that Police Scotland would be here tonight as he was very concerned about the situation at Camperdown regarding the congestion of Deliveroo drivers etc at McDonalds/KFC beside Cineworld. Mark said he would be happy to pass these observations to the Acting Sergeant.

**NEXT MEETING – Wednesday 25 May 2022**