

DUNDEE

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**Minute of the Building Stronger Communities Group
held on Thursday, 22 March 2012
St Salvadors Church Hall (MIC), Carnegie Street, Dundee**

<u>Present:</u>	Peter Allan (Chair)	-	Community Planning, DCC
	Bryan Harris	-	Community Planning, DCC
	Alice Bovill	-	Strathmartine Regeneration Forum
	Ron Neave	-	North East Regeneration Forum
	Wilma Duncan	-	Coldside Regeneration Forum
	Paul Davies	-	Dundee Partnership Team, DCC
	Morna Wilson	-	Dundee Voluntary Action
<u>In Attendance:</u>	Elaine Pratt	-	Leisure and Communities, DCC
	John Wolstencroft	-	Housing, DCC
<u>Apologies:</u>	Nancy Farquharson	-	Housing, DCC
	Arline Easson	-	Maryfield Regeneration Forum
	Liz Kay	-	Community Safety, DCC
	Mark Duncan	-	Tayside Police
	Ray Wilson	-	Social Work, DCC
	Gladys Ramsay	-	Lochee Regeneration Forum
	Gordon Birrell	-	Housing, DCC
	John Hosie	-	Community Regeneration and Health, DCC
	Rena Smith	-	East End Regeneration Forum

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1. APOLOGIES / INTRODUCTIONS

Peter welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING - 16th FEBRUARY 2011

The Minute was agreed.

COLDSIDE - PRESENTATION

Elaine Pratt gave a presentation on the progress and achievements in the Coldside area and highlighted some of the engagement efforts and ongoing challenges and aspirations.

- 96% of actions have been completed in the last Community Plan. These include:
 - Creating more opportunities for local people to be involved.
 - Raising awareness of new and existing measures to address substance abuse.
 - Developing summer and holiday provision for children and young people.
 - Improved Open spaces.

- There have been a number of Environmental and Physical improvements in the Ward. Some of these are relatively small initiatives but have made a huge impact. These include improvements to seating paving and bins on the spine of the Hilltown at Dalfield multis. This compliments the ongoing improvements which are currently happening with the multis. Shop Fronts on the spine of the Hilltown and at Strathmartine Road have been improved. The corner of Rosebank Street and Constitution Street has also had a face lift. Other areas include the Miley (Courtesy of the Scottish Wildlife Trust) and The Law.
- Friends of Dudhope Park: the group continue to work hard at improving the park for users. Improvements include:
 - Funding for new lighting (floodlight and pathway)
 - The group are in the running for a National Award of £30K to become a flagship project.
 - Currently in talks with the Environment Dept to secure funding for the play area.
- Coldside Community Forum: continue to be the Neighbourhood Representative Structure for the area and hosted a very successful Hilltown festival with around 400+ people in attendance. They are key partners in pushing ahead with improvements on The Law and have been one of the motivating groups behind campaigns for a new Community Facility in the Ward.
- The Law: Talks began with key partners including the Environment Dept, allotment holders, local people and the City Archivist, geologist and archaeologist and the creation of a Master Plan for the Law is currently being developed. Funding has already been secure to replace old fencing around the allotments and to start improvements to the entrance area of the Law which will include signage, and a new sculpture. Additional funding will be sought to complete the actions on the Master Plan including paths and footways, road repairs, signage, leaflets, nature trails etc.
- The challenge always exists about targeting resources at the poorest areas of the Ward whilst ignoring others, and hoping other areas wont slip into becoming one of the poorest areas. A number of the organisations in the Ward are finding things a struggle, the difficulty is trying to support these and maintain the status quo – this some times requires a new way of working with each other. Example is Craigowl and Hillcrest.

Wilma informed members that the Forum is seeking wider views from other forums, Dundee City Council departments etc. on development of the Law.

Gregor (or replacement) to give some ideas on how to widen the project out to a city-wide emphasis at the April meeting. **GH**

Bryan to upload the presentation to the Building Stronger Communities page of the Dundee Partnership website. **BH**

3. MATTERS ARISING

3.1 CRF application form

Paul has amended the application form as required to include questions on

maintenance responsibility.

3.2 Environmental improvements issues

Peter, Gregor and Gary Robertson had met to discuss ongoing requirements from the LCPPs. It has been agreed that a Council officer will be assigned to assist each LCPP in taking forward environmental improvements.

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3.3 Social Economy Partnership reporting

Morna gave an update on the Dundee Social Enterprise Network:

- 16 social enterprises have been supported, many of which have gone for Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) status (a combination of charity and company).
- Training sessions have been held on cost/pricing techniques.
- Dundee Social Enterprise Network have now appointed a member of staff who may prepare reports for the group in the future.

Morna circulated copies of the new Dundee Social Enterprise Directory.

3.4 Rents and Lease issues in North East

Ron had spoken to David Dorward regarding this issue and feels that there is still insufficient momentum. It was noted that further follow up with Colin Craig, DCC Head of Property is required as matter of urgency as the next rents review is due in May 2012. If Ron does not have a successful outcome with Colin then the next step would be an approach to the Director of City Development. Ron agreed to keep members updated on progress.

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3.5 Forum Chairs Group

It was previously agreed that 'Chairs Group - Issues & Information Sharing' would become a standing item on the agenda. No issues were raised for March.

3.6 Launch of Local Community Plans

Elaine confirmed that the new Local Community Plans are to be launched on Tuesday 22nd May at the Marryat Hall, 10:00 - 11:00. All eight LCPP memberships will be invited. 2,000 Plan summaries will be available for circulation in each Ward and this will be backed up by additional publicity in the form of revised bus stop posters, bookmarks and display board materials.

4. PRIORITY UPDATES

4.1 Safety in Local Neighbourhoods

Bryan gave an update on behalf of Liz Kay and Mark Duncan:

- Preparation of the Community Safety action plan is ongoing and will link closely to both the Local Community Plans and to the SOA.
- The E-Safety group has been pulling together a number of recommendations based upon the Strategic Assessment (an intelligence document compiled by Tayside Police analysts and used to prioritise risks) and an Action Plan is being developed.
- Both plans will go to Committee in due course.
- Liz and Mark will attend a future meeting to discuss both plans in more

details with members.

4.2 Draft Local Housing Strategy

John Wolstencroft gave a presentation on the Draft Local Housing Strategy:

- The Local Housing Strategy is a 5 year plan informed by and influenced by other local strategies.
- Current phase includes a review of the strategic context for housing in Dundee, consultations with stakeholders, information days and meeting with all the LCPPs.

It is recognised within the Draft Strategy that there are housing provision issues facing the city with a mismatch between supply and demand. The Strategy goes on to set out how the Council and its partners plan to address the issue.

Peter noted that input is required from the Housing Department to help prepare narrative for the new SOA. John agreed to assist with this and would also forward details on the number of proposed houses (by Ward) in the Strategic Housing Investment Plan to Bryan to circulate to members.

JW

Bryan to upload the presentation to the Building Stronger Communities page of the Dundee Partnership website.

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5. SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT

5.1 Development of SOA Outcomes for 2012-2017

Bryan circulated copies of the draft SOA 2012-2017 Outcomes. These eleven strategic outcomes and their respective intermediated outcomes set out the objectives for the Dundee Partnership over the next five years. Work will continue in April to set indicators and targets for the outcomes to measure progress.

Peter asked that members review the draft document and return any comments they have back to Bryan. The proposed Dundee Outcomes and Indicators for 2012-2017 would be presented to the Dundee Partnership Forum on 25 April. If agreed, the SOA would be finalised in June for Government sign off in July.

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6. DUNDEE PARTNERSHIP COMMUNITY REGENERATION FUND

6.1 Grant Applications

23 applications were approved.

6.2 Projects Failing to Report

All projects required to report have done so.

7. LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING

Plans are well underway to host a Community Empowerment - Asset Transfer Conference on the 28th March. The event is being held to progress developments focusing on community ownership/lease buildings and/or open spaces.

Communities Officers are currently revising the Community Engagement Action Plans which will be endorsed and approved by the respective LCPP's at the May cycle of meetings.

The NHS Tayside Cash4Communities Fund is now operational and is beginning to attract a range of application from across Tayside. The main principle is that applications should be community-led and cannot be submitted by staff from NHS Tayside or Dundee City Council. Applications from the Voluntary Sector and Social Enterprises are eligible. For further information see: www.cash4communities.scot.nhs.uk

8. AOGB

None.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, 19th April 2012, Community Services Complex, 101 Whitfield Drive, Dundee.