

# DUNDEE

## PARTNERSHIP

### Minute of the Building Stronger Communities Group held on Thursday, 23 June 2011 in Conference Room, Wellgate Library, Dundee DD1 1DB

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| <u>Present:</u>       | Peter Allan (Chair) | - | Corporate Planning, DCC          |
|                       | Bryan Harris        | - | Corporate Planning, DCC          |
|                       | Rena Smith          | - | East End Forum                   |
|                       | Ina Brown           | - | Maryfield Regeneration Forum     |
|                       | Stuart Fairweather  | - | Leisure and Communities, DCC     |
|                       | Paul Davies         | - | Corporate Planning, DCC          |
|                       | Gregor Hamilton     | - | City Development, DCC            |
|                       | Gladys Ramsay       | - | Lochee Regeneration Forum        |
|                       | Morna Wilson        | - | Dundee Voluntary Action          |
|                       | Alice Bovill        | - | Strathmartine Regeneration Forum |
|                       | Wilma Duncan        | - | Coldside Regeneration Forum      |
|                       | John Hosie          | - | Leisure and Communities, DCC     |
|                       | Nancy Farquharson   | - | Housing, DCC                     |
| <u>In Attendance:</u> | Stuart Fairweather  | - | Leisure and Communities, DCC     |
|                       | Derek Miller        | - | Corporate Planning, DCC          |
| <u>Apologies:</u>     | Ray Wilson          | - | Social Work, DCC                 |
|                       | Gordon Reid         | - | City Development, DCC            |

#### Action

#### 1. APOLOGIES/INTRODUCTIONS

Peter Allan welcomed everyone to meeting.

#### 2. MARYFIELD - PRESENTATION

Stuart Fairweather gave a presentation on the progress and challenges in the Maryfield ward.

- Community Regeneration Forum:
  - The group's AGM was held in February.
  - Little appetite for the planned walkabout.
  - Young people are represented on the Forum which gives a good balance.
  - Other groups active in the ward have been brought in to talk about their work and help make links with the work of the Forum.
- Open Space:
  - Baxter Park is a key area of attention, including working with the Friends of Baxter Group as well as tying in other areas (litter clean ups, graffiti removal, play park improvements).

- The Community Carbon Exchange project is aiming to develop a community garden in Lyon Street.
- Council housing provision down to 9% with a good mix of tenure.
- Landscaping at Dundonald Street and now looking at adjacent area for potential play park.
- Good spread of community facilities in area (especially churches).
- StobsWELLbeing:
  - One of 8 test sites across Scotland linked to the Scottish Government's Equally Well priorities. The Dundee test site focuses on improving mental wellbeing.
  - Development Workers for 2 days per week working on social prescribing whereby people with poor mental wellbeing are being offered non-clinical methods of support.
- Youth Issues Group:
  - Ongoing news stories re. youth issues with Police/Youth Workers/Anti-social Behaviour Team response to link youth provision and diversionary activities.
  - Linking with youth workers for the Celebration in the Park event on the 13th August.
- Community Engagement:
  - 'Blank Space' publication provided to inform residents of work.
  - Number of new groups created with an additional residents group possible in future.
  - A lot of work to try and link the various community groups together.
  - Adult Learning/Morgan Academy - hope to develop an Adult Learning Association over next year.
  - Ongoing process to talk about content for next Local Community Plan.

Stuart reported that the print run of Blank Space was 1000 and the feedback they had received was that they needed more with a better distribution. Readers were happy with the good news stories but were also keen to hear about other stories facing people in the ward.

Ina Brown thanked the Maryfield Regeneration Forum for their hard work over the last year and members echoed this and thanked Ina for her input.

### 3. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING - 19 MAY 2011

The minute was agreed.

### 4. MATTERS ARISING

#### 4.1 Hilltown improvements - maintenance issues

Gregor Hamilton informed members that a list of maintenance issues in the Hilltown area had been identified and the City Development Dept. are liaising with other departments to address them in the short term. Remedial work is already commencing, particularly on graffiti removal. Longer term maintenance issues are to be looked at as part of the Council's new Environmental Services Department. This issue is to be discussed further at the next meeting.

## 5. PRIORITY UPDATES

### 5.1 Financial Inclusion / Anti-Poverty

Peter Allan informed members that the Dundee Partnership are now looking at an anti-poverty approach which links directly with Financial Inclusion.

Derek Miller circulated an update on the remaining three Single Outcome Agreement priorities relating to Financial Inclusion activity.

- Demand for money and fuel poverty advice services continues to grow.
- Dundee and Angus CABs have launched their lottery funded ADAPT programme - Avoid Debt Act Positively Today.
- Welfare Reforms impact - greater personal budgeting required for new monthly benefits.
- Money, Debt and Advice booklet available which lists all agencies and projects active in the city.
- Council developing a Corporate Debt Recovery Policy.
- Working with Education Department to host Save the Children Museum of Childhood Poverty workshops.
- Credit Union - new low cost loan product introduced and continuing to develop its products and marketing.
- Financial Inclusion Strategy - in place and now trying to expand to include anti-poverty agenda

Peter gave a presentation updating members on the need and current efforts to develop an anti-poverty outcome framework in Dundee.

Bryan Harris will make the presentation available on the website. The city-wide and local poverty profiles will be circulated to Housing Associations via Nicki Donaldson.

**BH**

Members were asked to share the presentation with their groups and discuss a number of points:

- How do you think issues like *welfare reform, employment and poverty* will show up in your area?
- What do the new local community plans say about them?
- Are there new ways you think you could respond to them as Forums?
- What would *local priorities* be and what support would you need to implement them?

**ALL**

### 5.2 Social Economy

Morna Wilson spoke to a report and summarised progress in delivering the Social Economy outcomes from the Business Plan 2011-2012.

- Work ongoing behind the scenes to develop the One Stop Shop. All staff within DVA are to be skilled to deal with enquiries to Level 1 and Case Workers to level 2.
- Growth of social economy - £4m growth fund to be launched by government in July.
- Concluding the third sector census that is being carried out in May/June.
- Currently updating the Social Enterprise directory for Dundee (31 social enterprises operating in Dundee).

Morna agreed to give a presentation on the One Stop Shop at her next update in October.

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6. FIT FOR PURPOSE REVIEW

Bryan reiterated to members that this year's Fit for Purpose Reviews of the Strategic Theme Groups would focus on the comments from the Audit Scotland Best Value 2 report of the Dundee Partnership. General discussions have taken place with all Theme Group Chairs on the groups structure, membership, performance management, reporting and any governance or cross cutting issues brought forward by the Chair/Lead Officer. As a follow up, a 'self-assessment' questionnaire has been prepared for chairs to give an indication of the strengths and weaknesses across the partnership. Its intention is to give a baseline and enable us to identify areas to concentrate on first. Once this part of the review is complete members of all Theme Groups will be asked for their views as part of a 360° appraisal.

7. DUNDEE ANNUAL SOCIAL SURVEY

John Hosie informed members that, as requested at the last meeting, the CRF's have been discussing the results of the Dundee Annual Social Survey. John is currently compiling the feedback and would send to Bryan to issue to the group.

JH

Some general comments received included:

- Results were useful in helping to shape the next LCP.
- Who was the sample - from CRF areas?
- Both high levels of satisfaction/dissatisfaction evident in the results.

At Ward level:

- Strathmartine - the LCPP felt significant efforts had been made on engaging with communities so looking to follow up the results.
- Lochee - some anomalies noted (e.g. fear of crime figures). Feeling there is a lack of influence on developments (e.g. shopping, school closures).
- Coldside - issue around planning and influencing applications. Those who are involved in trying to influence feel they have no influence.
- Maryfield - acknowledged mixed picture and 83% influence figure not surprising but of concern. Looking to incorporate into development of LCP.
- East End - closure of facilities/services may be of influence in high level of dissatisfaction. Lack of green/open space for events noted.

Peter informed members that more information can be given to the groups on the survey sample sizes, how representative they are, how they were made up etc..

8. LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING

John circulated a Position Statement on 'Involving Young People in Local Community Planning Processes'. Put together by Youth Workers and Regeneration staff, the Statement shows existing examples of involvement, opportunities for further development, and planned developments in relation to young people informing the creation of the next LCP's. Bryan to circulate with the minute.

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9 DUNDEE COMMUNITY REGENERATION FUND

9.1 Grant Applications

All 12 applications were approved.

9.2 Projects failing to report

Paul Davies noted that reports had not been received for:

- NE003: Friends of Fintry Parent Council (first reported to BSC in April/Head Teacher asked to assist 24/5/11).
- L001: Charleston Healthy Action Troopers (email and letter sent in May)

A letter had been received from 6/8th Boys Brigade who had previously submitted three applications but because of their reserves level had not been eligible for funding. Peter noted that this scenario may happen more in the future. Gladys suggested that because there are groups who regularly apply annually, other groups may suffer from lack of available funds and this issue may warrant further discussion.

10 AOCB

None.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, 21st July 2011 at 10.00 am, St Mary's Community Facility, St Kilda Road, Dundee