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| **MEETING TITLE:** | | **Priority Neighbourhood partnership** | | | **MEETING DATE:** |  | | | |
| **PRESENT:** | | Aileen Davidson, Rae Christie, Claire Holdsworth, Graham Donal, Jane Hogg, Andrew Machray, Tricia MacLean, Neil Carnegie, Neil Copland, Sam Raion, Elaine Sinclair, Derek Bain, Samantha Bain. | | | | | | | |
| **APOLOGIES:** | | Susan Morrison, Susan Ironside, Chris Smilie, Jane Fullerton, Murray Dawson, Jim Currie, Councillor Lesley Dunbar, Councillor Ross Grant, Councillor Freddie John, Councillor Alexander McLellan, Councillor James Noble, Claire Bloomfield, Mark Lovie, Lewis McGill, Bryan Nelson, Angie Johnson, Scott Robertson. | | | | | | | |
| **NO** | **AGENDA ITEM** | | **NOTES OF DISCUSSION** | **ACTION/DECISIONS** | | | **BY WHOM** | **WHEN** |
| **1.** | **Welcome and introductions** | | Neil said that he had picked up the interim chair for the group, but anybody could hold the meeting any time. All present introduced themselves. | N/A | | | N/A | N/A |
| **2.** | **Minutes from previous meeting**  **Actions**    **Matters arising** | | Notes of the last meeting were approved. We then went through the actions and were reviewed.   1. Look out the evidence information that LOIP was based on. It will be on the population needs assessment. It should be on the community planning Aberdeen website. 2. Ask Gillian about training for Naloxone 3. Provide links for the training to Amy to get them in the minutes 4. Give an update with regards to the opening of centres to the group. 5. Question was asked about when the lighting would be going in the underpass? 6. Question was asked about when the work will be starting at the Woodside fountain? 7. Question was asked about the traffic on Don Street. 8. Abeer asked how we are allowed to do a project that does not consider people in a wheelchair. Is that legal? | 1. Graham looked at this and fed back the statistics to the group. Simon and Fraser from ADA could not make the meeting. Fraser from ADA looked at the priority list that we have from a few years ago. He supplied feedback and Graham will give this to Amy to send out to the group with the minutes. 2. Online training can still be offered for this. Can ask Gillian to provide training for the network. 3. Sam is still waiting to hear back from the John Muir trust. They are getting the containers from the recovery fund; they will then have storage for the gardening equipment. 4. Neil said that there was limited opening of the office but then omicron came along. Restriction’s easing was announced by the first minister today. So further updates pending. 5. Paula was to attend the meeting to provide an update was unable to due to illness. Further update to requested. Jane has an email dated 21st of Dec that says that “the lights were due to be delivered on the 17th of January and would be installed after. The panels were also due in January but need to be fabricated so instillation may be the end of February. Waiting for conformation on this.” 6. Further updates to be provided 7. Further updates to be provided. 8. Neil C said that he would check what further development of the site could be considered and what has already been looked at already. | | | Graham Donald  Jane Hogg to continue this conversation.    Sam Raion  Neil Carnegie  Paula Martin/ Neil Carnegie  Neil Carnegie  Neil Carnegie  Neil Carnegie | To be sent out with the minutes  On going  Further update for the next meeting  For next meeting  For next meeting  For next meeting  For next meeting |
| **3.** | **Paula Martin – Update on projects** | | Paula was unable to attend the meeting due to Illness. | Further updates will be requested and brought to the next meeting. | | |  |  |
| **4.** | **Partnership Forum update:**  **Tricia MacLean (Police Scotland) and Claire Holdsworth (NHS)** | | In response to the rising drug deaths in Scotland the ADP were funded to pick up a project to address this within each area in Scotland. In Grampian particularly Aberdeen city they settled on the Drugs Related Death Prevention Assertive Outreach Service Model (DRDPAOS). They are a multi-agency team. There are social workers, NHS, Police Scotland, ADA, housing officers, Integrated Drugs Service and a new service called the drug addiction Care team. There is a meeting twice a week. They discuss referrals and come up with a plan to get those people seen. The referrals come in from various places and are all people with substance misuse. The people that they think that they can help are people that have had a non-fatal accidental overdose, Polly drug use is a big issue with drug deaths in Scotland, this is where people use their methadone or heroin and then topping up with other drugs. Taken in combination they could quite easily have an accidental overdose. Every effort is made to go and get in touch with these people. Other risk factors are long term drug use. The average age is over 40 and male. If they have recently left hospital, prison, or any sort of supported accommodation their levels have dipped, and they are more susceptible to overdosing. Isolated people, those who previously worked with services and for whatever reason dipped off the radar, mental health issues and those in poverty are all major risks. The referrals will then be sent out to the partners for research, and they will get information back. If somebody is working with another agency and it is working well it is not worth somebody else getting involved and confusing the issue. From the meetings a list of people who are assertive outreach referrals and this information will be passed on to the assertive outreach workers. They are turning point Scotland staff, the majority of which have a housing support background. They are not giving advice about drugs; they are finding people that are hard to find. They will check all the addresses that they know, their begging spots or any areas that we know they hang out in. This could take days, weeks months. It is not a statutory service, so they are not required to take help. Another chance will be given though. Very often they have other issues going on apart from drugs so the support workers can signpost them to they right agency. Reviews are as often as needed and hopefully close them after a few months because they are engaged in service, harm reduction or have stabilised. It has been successful so far. Very hard to measure but we have contacted 50% of the people that we are trying too. When people go into custody there is nurses that we have a very good relationship with and enter referrals. The seniors in housing attend the meetings on a rota bases and a lot of the people that we are looking for are council tenants, so we have good working relationship.  In 2021 there was over 400 referrals in total across the city. Of those that came in 60% when on to support through assertive outreach. A third of all referrals came from AB24, which means that the attendees had a postcode residence in that area when they were referred. About 80 individuals after triage went on to get the offer of support. However, a handful of there will be repeat referrals. Throughout the process  Abeer asked if there was anything lacking. Tricia said that this was a very difficult question. There is a lack of understanding about addiction, there is a lack of empathy, there is a huge stigma that people must overcome. People with addiction may not go to the GP for a simple medical condition because they fear the way they will be treated by the DR because of the drug use. One of the main things that we can do is be less judgemental about those with substance misuse issues.  Councillor Copland asked if the anti-social behaviour team are doing referrals? Jane was not aware of any referrals through this service. Not at the meetings where I have been at least. Housing officers, seniors, case officers when they are approaching housing for homeless accommodation are making referrals. Tricia said that yes, the anti-social team are aware, and they have had discussions about referrals, and supportive.  Aileen congratulated the team and said that it has taken a long time for all these departments and services to get together to tackle the issue. Neil said that if there was anything that the group could help with to get in contact. Councillor Copland asked if Mark and Woodside and Printfield were aware. Councillor Copland said that it was for the next Woodside network meeting. Tricia offered to come along to speak to get more awareness out there. |  | | |  |  |
| **5.** | **Locality Plan/Community Connectors** | | Jane shared a document on screen that showed how Graham, Chris Smilie and herself were tracking the locality plan and community connectors. Jane explained that the process reviewing the aims that came in, identifying if they had community connectors and how we try to identify them. Within the improvement project aims there is a long list of those, and they were identifying ones that came in from the project leads. They are then matching community members or organisations who might be a good community connector and start conversations. There are some that are finalised and still work on going. This is an ongoing process and we do meet to match. Neil said that there was still a bit of work to be done around engaging the wider community about what is the priority as there is still a long list of these. The issue that we need to escalate is that there is work around Drugs going on in the community and we have not had a community connector come forward. The community connector is someone in the area who had knowledge on the subject matter. The community connector is not being asked to do any additional work apart from inform the project lead and project team of what their experience are and knowledge base on any subject. The community connector has a key role in this group to that project. So, the community connector would come along to this group and be able to update what is happening with that project and what progress has been made. Sam asked in the chat how he could become a community connector? Graham said that because Sam had said that he was interested he could have that conversation with him. It was explained that it was an ongoing document and could be changed at any time. If anybody is interested in becoming a connector, please get in touch with Graham or Jane. Please don’t just put your name on the document please get in touch and don’t be put off is somebody else already has their name down already. We can have more than one connector and it is good to be spread across the city. | Seek progress on the drug and alcohol related projects  Jane and Graham to tidy up the community connector list so that Amy Can then distribute. | | | Neil Carnegie  Graham. Jane and Amy | Before next meeting. |
| **6.** | **Emerging issues** | | Aileen asked how we were getting on with more community reps to attend the group? Neil said that we had made some progress. Aileen said that the names that we send the meetings to, some of them have not attended in years. Are we going to ask if they plan on attending or do, they just want to be on the mailing list? Neil C said that it was an open door. So, any community rep interested could come forward and their participation can be discussed. Nobody is to be excluded. Graham said that some ACC staff had been taken of the list so that we are trimming it at our end, and he is having conversations with people to get them to attend. They respond but do not come to them meeting for whatever reason. There is some communication with those who are on the list but not attending. We have moved times and done surveys and all that thing. do not know what else we can do; it is a slow burn, but we are working on it.  Councillor Copland brought up that we are going to have to tackle fuel poverty and the ramifications in the future. Shortly people are going to have to choose between heating their home or feeding their children, and therefore a bigger increase in food poverty. The knock-on effect id that people can go to a food back to get food but if they haven’t got gas and electric, they can’t cook it. Neil C that if anybody was struggling for energy then we direct them towards S.C.A.R.F. <https://www.scarf.org.uk/> they can provide support getting emergency supplies and tokens. Neil C said the council also got significant winter funding from the Scottish Government, to tackle poverty and some of this has been provided to Scarf to help alleviate the issue. He also said that what he would take this to the poverty group as a matter of urgency, as this is a city-wide issue. Councillor Copland suggested linking in with the schools too as the breakfast clubs are starting to see the issue. Graham commented that cFine does different types of food bags. Councillor Copland mentioned cooking classes? Graham said that there was a training kitchen in Tilly Campus. When it opened the plan was to get food from cFine and the do cooking classes. cFine were unable to deliver on a regular basis so that never happened. Derek asked what the issue was around cFine not being able to deliver regularly. He asked what regularly was and could people in the group chip in and make that happen? Regular was tice a week and Graham said that he could count on one hand the number of times it happened. There is a lot of operational issues out of our hands. This was pre covid. Derek offered his own services to make it happen so that people can be taught in the campus. Tillydrone garden was asking about using the kitchen in the campus as 95% of what they grow in the garden is edible including flowers, but it then demonstrating what you can then do with it. Samantha put in the chat if there are people going to food banks that don’t know how to cook it could they be sign posted to the community kitchen and shown how to cook it? They would only have to go a few times to get some ideas. Neil C asked for clarification on what Derek was offering. He said that he would personally pick up the food and deliver it. Neil C that the council has delivered significant funding to cFine and was keen to influence their commitment to deliver when would be most beneficial. Some great ideas have come out of this discussion and when Covid eases lets see what we can do. Abeer said that there was a community kitchen at Woodside could classes be run out of that kitchen. Neil C said that there is funding to get the kitchen redeveloped and this is something that we need to think about in the design. | Neil to take the Fuel poverty issue to the city Anti-Poverty Group.  Derek and Graham to come together to see what can be done about getting collections from cFine and then teaching people what to do with the food they receive. | | | Neil Carnegie  Derek and Graham | Next meeting. |
| **7** | **Pre-agenda representation** | | There was an email put out about the responses to the Survey and developing the PNP meetings. That was about looking getting members of the community to attend a pre agenda meeting so that it was owned by the community and not the feeling that previously that it was owned by the council and partner agencies. We need some community reps to come forward to meet in a pre-agenda meeting, 2 to 3 weeks prior of the full meeting to set the agenda and get any outside persons in, it gives us time to set it up. Aileen and Mark Lovie got back saying that they would be interested. The pre agenda meeting is shorter than this and will include looking back those minutes. Sam Raion and Samantha Bain offered. It was decided than evening slot was best for about half an hour. | Graham to contact all who all offered to be on the pre agenda meeting. | | | Graham | ASAP |
| **8.** | **Communication and engagement opportunities**  **Community Walkabouts – Seaton/Woodside/Tillydrone** | | Councillor Grant brought this up at the last meeting and the benefits of these. Since that time walkabouts have been arranged for Seaton, Woodside and Tillydrone. Councillor Grant was unable to attend this meeting, but it was to open it up to other organisations. The Seaton walkabout is arranged for 8th of February at 1.30pm. Woodside is the 16th of February at 10am, and Tillydrone is the 1st of March at 10.30. They are about 2 hours, and the director Andy MacDonald has said he will attend. If you are interested in attending, please let us know and wee can extend the invitation to you. It would be very useful to have community reps there too. If you cannot attend, please flag any issues to Jane and they can be looked at on the walkabouts. Please spread the word too. These have been very positive in the past for getting things fixed. The areas to be covered and starting places are still to be discussed with Councillor Grant. |  | | |  |  |
| **9.** | **Partnership meeting dates for 2022 (including pre-meetings** | | There is no dates proposed as yet. For the next meeting we were thinking the week of 7th of March which is 7 weeks away. It is up for discussion by the group. It then determines the future meetings and pre agenda meetings. We could try another night of the week to try and get more people to come. Monday nights are generally when the community councils and networks meet, so best to avoid a Monday. It was decided that a meeting in the week commencing the 7th of March was best and then decide the day of the week later, to make sure that it does not clash with any other groups. We could then propose a schedule of meetings on a 6 weekly cycle and take these dates back to the next meeting. |  | | |  |  |
| **10.** | **A.O.C.B** | | Abeer mentioned the Health Improvement Fund and that there was some applications that might be operating projects within the area. We have not yet heard who has been given the money. Aileen was unable to tell the meting as the letters had not been sent out yet. | At the next meeting get an update about what funding has been received in the Tillydrone, Woodside and Seaton areas. This to hopefully be an agenda item. | | | Aileen | Next meeting |
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| **Date of Next Meeting** | | |  |  | | |  |  |