

**DUNDEE CITY CENTRE AND HARBOUR COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**Thursday 21 February 2008, Central Library**  
**Notes of Meeting**

<b>In attendance</b>	Brian Massie Rene Culley Sheena Wellington Angie Hastie Jake Reid Shaun White (Liaison constable) Douglas Marshall (LIDL) Councillor Ken Lynn
<b>Arrived later</b>	Councillor Joe Morrow Ellen Langdon (Overgate Manager) Ron Neve (Fintry Community Council)
<b>Apologies</b>	Jill Darling

**1. Welcome.**

The meeting wasn't quorate so no decisions could be made. It was agreed to take notes of the meeting. Brian chaired the meeting and welcomed Douglas Marshall from LIDL and Constable Shaun White to the meeting.

**2. Minutes of the Last Meeting**

Note of last minute approved.

**3. Matters arising**

Further discussion took place. Still awaiting an update from Cllr McPherson.

**4. Office bearers reports**

Sheena reported on the current financial position and distributed a report.

## **5. LIDL - Update on future in the City Centre**

Douglas Marshall gave the group a brief history of the position till now. He stated that there is not much to report and that negotiations are ongoing.

Lend Lease sold the current site to LIDL in 2002. Original discussion with the city council was regarding the move of Tayside House, the Overgate extension was a surprise. A series of meetings were held with DCC but there has been no contact for some time.

LIDL have a mixed customer profile at this site and have not identified another site in the city centre as attractive, close to the current site. There is no confirmed timescale for Overgate Phase 2. Demolition for Dundee House is due to begin in March with a site start in June. If Overgate Phase 2 goes ahead then LIDL would expect to petition the council for land on that site.

LIDL is committed to stay in the city centre and Councillor Morrow confirmed that that is also the wish of the City Council as they encourage diversity. Potential locations would have to be near the current store and LIDL would listen to the community in the city centre if they thought City Quay for example would be appropriate. One of LIDL's prime concerns is of accessibility to customers. There was some discussion over the site at the Car Park in North Lindsay but this has never formally been tabled.

Douglas was thanked for coming along and agreed to keep in touch with the group re any developments.

## **6. Policing Issues**

Shaun White gave apologies for Sergeant Kenny Bell and Constable Ronnie Keay. The police liaison section are committed to coming along regularly the Community Council meetings.

Shaun explained that there is a cross over of boundaries in the city centre with the harbour part being covered by Maryfield.

Any issues that crossed over would be passed on to the appropriate team.

Update on current city centre initiatives:

Operation "Dry Up" - members were encouraged to contact the police if they see alcohol being sold to young people. This project is funded by the Community Safety Partnership.

Centre Safe - this is a government funded initiative to deter crime and reduce anti-social behaviour. Extra patrols are in the city centre on Fri/Sat night.

Night time noise team - Sgt Harvey gave the group details of phone numbers and hours etc at a previous meeting. An information leaflet would be helpful for city centre residents. Cllr Morrow informed the group that Environmental Health Department are to refocus the activity with community wardens covering some of the noise team duties. This would ensure access to wardens across the city rather than specific areas only.

Duncan Initiative - a discussion took place on the success of this initiative and Cllr Morrow talked about a perception survey carried out in Dundee that highlighted Dundee as a place seen to be hard on crime in the city centre.

## **7. Waterfront Advisory Panel**

Mike Galloway has indicated to the community council that the long awaited design panel will come together in Spring 2008. This was welcomed by the group and a definite timescale will be sought.

Positions have changed since last meeting with Planning and Transportation Dept no longer wishing to be involved in the consultation event. Mike Galloway replied to an e-mail stating that they have limited resources and need to prioritise their spending. Sheena explained that the event need not be a costly.

Sheena to write back to Mike Galloway to ask if we could borrow resources for an event run by community council and civic forum.

Cllr Morrow was asked about the change in position and he speculated that it may be a timing issue as the civic space would not be ready for 10 years.

There was a long discussion on issues arising from the Waterfront Development, in particular, the wish for a bus station/bus interchange located near the rail station, balance of office/residential in the waterfront development and the proposed road network. Cllr Morrow advised that a retail impact study will be carried out in the city centre.

Members agreed that it makes sense for the people of Dundee to have a say in how the development progresses. Details of possible event to be talked about at next committee meeting. Possibility of tying this issue in with the AGM in May. Brian to draft a questionnaire.

#### **8. Hogmanay 2008.**

The group discussed the outcome of the recent Evening Telegraph letters and the internet forum. This issue is currently being talked about at the City Centre Action Group meetings that the community council is feeding into.

David Kett/MVS have proposed doing a larger scale event but would need security fencing for safety.

Other ideas proposed - fireworks display on the Law and small-scale event in city square with links to pub activities.

#### **9. Issues arising from Wishart Place Residents Association**

Angie went along to the last meeting of the group where they agreed to send along a representative every month to community council meetings. No one was in attendance from Wishart Place so no issues arising.

#### **10. Community Planning Partnership**

The first meeting of the new Maryfield community planning partnership is taking place on 18th March. Sheena Wellington is

representing the community council and the chair of Wishart Place RA has also been invited to take a place. An induction event is planned for 15th April 2008.

### **11. Community Plan Research**

Emma Coles from Dundee University is carrying out research re impact of the last community plan. Questionnaires were given to community council members at their committee meeting. Angie will also distribute by mail to the small database for the city centre.

### **12. AOCB**

Details of a Community Art & Participation Workshop were given to group. It is being held on 17th March in Committee Rooms, 14 City Square at 6.30pm.

Fintry Community Council. Ron Neve gave the group an update on bus services which were raised at the recent civic forum. Ron has met with Bill Murphy, Traffic Manager who informed him that the Kick-start funding has been withdrawn. This fund allowed for increased bus services. The Kirkton Partnership are also having difficulty. Ron suggested the group talks to Planning and Transportation Dept to see how we take this forward. It was also suggested that the group approaches Stagecoach/Strathtay.

Ellen Langdon is the new manager of Overgate. Ellen requested a copy of the monthly minutes.

### **Date of Next Meeting**

Committee meeting on Monday 10th March 2008. Next open meeting on Thursday 20th March 2008.

