



Easterhouse Thriving Places Steering Group

24th August 2018 @ 10am,

Blairtummock House, 20 Baldinnie Road, Glasgow, G34 9EE

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Note of meeting held on 22 May 2018
3. Community Safety and Environment consultation: June 2018
4. Support for Community Residents Group
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EASTERHOUSE THRIVING PLACES STEERING GROUP

**Note of meeting held on 22nd May @ 10am
Drawing Room, Blairtummock House, Easterhouse**

Present:	Jenny Crowe	Platform
	Craig Green	Glasgow Kelvin College
	Derek Speirs	GCC Partnership & Development
	David A Gibson	GCC - DRS
	Cllr Mandy Morgan	GCC
	Cllr Ruairi Kelly	GCC
	Cllr Maureen Burke	GCC
	John McMorrow	EHRA (Easterhouse Housing & Regen Alliance)
	Simon Bilcock	Glasgow Life
	Leigh-Ann Miller (mins)	Glasgow Health & Social Care Partnership
	Ruth Donnelly	Glasgow Health & Social Care Partnership
	Maureen Morris	Local Resident
	Paul Tyrell	Police Scotland
	Barbara Fearnside	Glasgow Community Safety Services
	Martin Lundie	Glasgow Community Safety Services
	Laurence Bayston	Skills Development Scotland

Apologies:

Martin Hawkins	GCC Partnership & Development
Debbie McGowan	Urban Fox

1. Welcome and Introductions

Welcome and apologies noted above.

2. Note of meeting held on 27th February 2018

Maureen Morris – requested an amendment on the page four, Scottish Government deadline is 31st March 2019.

David Gibson – page 2, item 3, section 75 agreement– the sum will be £6M available in total with a further £1M for the Shandwick Centre to be match funded by City Property.

3. Community Organiser Update

The HSCP and GCC are currently agreeing a Service Level Agreement with anchor organisations for the three available posts. IGF funding decisions will not take place until 31st May, therefore we need to wait until then to find out if the funding is confirmed.

Currently the Community Organiser job description and person specification is as it was previously although changes can be made if the group feel this is necessary. It is proposed the title of the post changes from Community Organiser to Community Connector this better describes the role. No objection was voiced from the meeting.

Currently, the post will be funded to 31st March 2019. The HSCP match fund the Community Organisers post across the city but are not anticipating HSCP funding beyond 2019. John McMorrow suggested it's beneficial to have some form of commitment for this role and it might help to give a background to Thriving Places when advertising the job i.e. it's a ten year commitment. Maureen Morris expressed concern about the length of the post as it wouldn't even be a full 1 year role by the time it's advertised and recruited.

Ruth Donnelly stated that to date there have been only two funders for this post, if we could find a way to collectively come together as partners to allocate funding this may be an idea. Maureen Burke stated that people like to know that there is security within a job and a discussion needs to take place with HSCP and IGF community planning regarding this. Derek Speirs clarified that the council budget is allocated on a yearly basis.

John McMorrow asked if Lottery funding is an option. Ruth Donnelly advised that she has been in touch with the Lottery and they prefer to fund local organisations and are unlikely to fund Community Planning Initiatives. Jenny Crowe added that the Lottery provides core funding to many third sector organisations which would make a bid challenging. Discussion is taking place at a senior level in the council about a longer funding period with Baillie Roberston exploring this. There was discussion around the Community Organiser post as a secondment from GCC however, it was also noted that this would not help to underline the Thriving Places approach of community based. It was generally agreed that the principle of longevity for the role is something to work towards. The group discussed the futility of recruiting for such a short term post. The group agreed instead to look at what partners can commit to taking forward and use the funding for the post to support a local third sector organisations to provide capacity and resource to take engagement forward. There was a general agreement that some areas were likely to be priority for that organisation in light of the post not being recruited. The Action Planning group are meeting and will look at this in more detail to agree some key actions to be taken forward using the above approach.

4. Thriving Places Action Plan

a. Community safety and the environment community consultation (brief attached)

The Community Safety family includes Community Safety, Police Scotland, Fire and Rescue and Land and Environmental Services. Martin Lundie of Community Safety is currently leading a consultation asking people how safe they feel in their area. The consultation will run in The Bridge on 14th and 15th June and the local residents in the Thriving Places area will be invited along via letter for a tea/coffee and chat and to give their views on community safety. It is hoped that a group of residents will eventually take the lead on the action plan. If anyone from the group knows of anyone who may be interested in taking part please let Martin or Barbara know.

Community Safety have three local schools involved, Oakwood, Aultmore Park and St Benedict's who will be using an art demo to show what they like and don't like in their area. The arts projects will be shown on the consultation days of 14th/15th June. Selected students from each school will give a presentation on their art project. There will also be a twilight session on 14th June .

Feedback on the consultation should be available to the steering group in August / September. Letters will go out to all residents with results of the consultation. Ruth to pass details of for Solis screen contact to Martin/Barbara.

b. Report on Community Engagement undertaken by the Community Organiser- report to follow

This report was produced by Jonny Pickering, Locality Planning Officer with GCC, Derek spoke to this.

c. Developing the action plan – report to follow

Derek noted that Action Plan working group had not met since the last meeting. With progress being slower than preferred. The action plan working group will meet in the next few weeks and agree some key actions to be taken forward. This will then inform discussion about using funding for delivery capacity from local organisations.

5. Partner updates – round the table on activities partners are delivering in the area

Cllr Kelly reported that he is undertaking the political lead role for the Easterhouse area and will act as the conduit for working with council departments. Cllr Kelly reported:

Shandwick - City Property are in the process of repainting the shopping centre and new signage and branding for the Shandwick Centre, now The Lochs, is taking place. There is also a planning team who have visited in relation to the location of the new toilets and will move on to start this work once the appropriate planning permission has been approved. The planning team are also looking at replacing the lights in the centre and looking at heating options too. No dates are committed as yet.

Employment - Discussions have taken place between Glasgow Fort and Jobs and Business Glasgow about creating a portal where employers at the Fort can share up to date job opportunities.

Universal Credit - There will be a meeting with the DWP next week to discuss the Universal Credit issues and will have more of an update on this at the next meeting. Universal Credit is planned to be rolled out in September although some partners have heard of a possible delay until November 18.

There was a general discussion that the cart outside the old Saver's Unit in the shopping centre can be used to share local information or promote events.

David Gibson noted that the funding bid to Sustrans was unsuccessful however there's an opportunity to apply for Community Links Funding. Seven Lochs is also applying for Community Links Funding and seeking partnership working, David will progress with Scott Ferguson at Seven Lochs.

New architects (Manor Architects) engaged for potential development at Heatheryknowe farm with a Facebook page set up. The City Plan now takes a 'place-making approach to development' and this site in particular has a number of restrictions in place.

6. AOB
None.

7. DONM
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Easterhouse Thriving Places Action Plan – June 2018

Thriving Places Priority	Commitment (what we are going to do).	Actions (how we will meet our commitments)	Lead partner (who will provide updates on progress)	Timescale (when will we meet our commitment)	Progress (regular updates on progress to the Steering Group)
Community engagement and involvement	publish this plan and tell as many people as we reasonably can about it	publish the plan on Pathfinder; develop the Pathfinder website to include a wider range of services and activities in the area	Craig Green, GKC All to provide information to Craig	November 2017 Ongoing	Plan published.
		promote the plan through partners' networks	all Steering Group partners	Ongoing	
	use the most appropriate methods to engage widely with local people from diverse backgrounds	Partners to identify groups of residents where the Place Standard can be used to gather views. and to identify priorities and opportunities for involvement	Craig Green, Glasgow Kelvin College	60 people involved by March 2019	Partners to identify groups of residents and GKC will provide CLD workers to facilitate Place Standard sessions.
		Develop Community Involvement Strategy linked to Locality Plan and Charrette Action Plan	Martin Hawkins, GCC	November 2017	Plan agreed by Steering Group
	empower local people to decide which local projects get funded through Community Budgeting where	Use the Participatory Budgeting (PB) Community Champions, trained by Glasgow Homelessness Network in Thriving Places, to	Derek Speirs, GCC – to provide update on PB Community Champions.	By the next Steering group meeting Ongoing	

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	project ideas are voted on by local people;	support a system of PB in Easterhouse. Identify funding opportunities or ways of introducing a form of PB to existing decision-making processes, eg. Area Partnership, Winterfest, Youth Bank.	All partners to consider opportunities for PB		
	support local people to get involved in decisions about the services in the area,	Develop a Community Involvement Strategy and Action Plan. Facilitate a review of this action plan by local people	Martin Hawkins, GCC All	May 2018 March 2019	Community Involvement Strategy was agreed by the Steering Group.
		Support development of Residents' Group	Community Connector/Martin Hawkins, GCC	Ongoing	
		to develop Community Breakfasts - attended by 150 local people. Continue to organise community breakfasts	Community Connector/Martin Hawkins, GCC	October 2018	30 people were intending to attend the last breakfast before it was cancelled. Consider targeting specific groups rather than open invites.

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		Representatives of Residents Group to be asked and then supported to attend Steering Group	Community Connector/Martin Hawkins, GCC	Target: a quarter of the members should be local residents by June 2019	
		Deliver 'Winterfest' 2018	Community Connector/GEAC	December 2018	
	meet with local community groups, organisations and services to create a programme of activity in the old 'Savers' Unit in Shandwick Square	Create programme of activities	Community Connector	Ongoing	
Easterhouse Town Centre Charrette	Keep people informed in relation to development and investment	create a central point of information to update the local community regularly when sites are due to be developed, for example map/ information leaflets for Easterhouse as a whole	DRS, City Property		
		develop a 'timeline' to show proposed and aspirational development activity – both directly	DRS, City Property		

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		related to the action plan and also wider partners			
		Promote on Pathfinder 'what's on' in terms of events, activities, heritage, business	Craig Green, GKC to create @thrivingeasterhouse mailing list to allow partners to share information.		
		better signage and 'map' of Easterhouse – facilities, services – physical buildings as well as what's on, including events and activities organised by community groups and businesses	Community Connector through asset mapping; DRS		
	Deliver the Town Centre Action Plan	Develop a strong, positive identity for the town centre	Town Centre Action Plan team		
		Market the town centre: attract new businesses, enterprises, activities and retailers			
	Create and sustain a Town Centre Action Team to lead and co-ordinate	resourcing to be committed for a staff role / officer to lead development and establishment of the	DRS?		

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	partnership delivery, communication and future review of the Town Centre Action Plan	Town Centre Action Team			
		basic proposal for membership, purpose, authority and operation needs to be agreed ()	Easterhouse Thriving Place Steering Group		
Community safety & the environment	Respond to local views on community safety and the environment	Analyse results of community consultation. Prepare a set of actions with, and based on the views of, local people	Martin Lundie and Barbara Fearnside, CSG	June 2018 August 2018?	consultation took place on 14 & 15 June 2018
young people	Provide services and activities that local young people want	Engage with young people, identify gaps and develop appropriate activities	Glasgow North East Strategic Youth Alliance		