



Easterhouse Thriving Places Steering Group

25th April 2019 at 2pm

Blairtummock House, 20 Baldinnie Road, G34 9EE

Agenda

1. Note of meeting held on 14th March 2019
2. Community Anchor Organisation update
3. Community Hub update
4. Community Newspaper update
5. Chance to Change Charrette Action Plan Update
6. Asset mapping
7. Partner Updates
8. Date of next meeting





Easterhouse Thriving Places Steering Group

14th March 2019 at 2pm

Drawing Room, Blairtummock House, 20 Baldinnie Road, G34 9EE

Present: Councillor Ruairi Kelly, Glasgow City Council (GCC) (Chair); Councillor Maureen Burke, GCC; Jenny Crowe, Platform; Jane Horne, Glasgow Kelvin College; Derek Speirs, Jonny Pickering and Heather McMillan, GCC Community Empowerment Services; Maureen Morris, Local Resident; John McMorrow, Easterhouse Housing Regeneration Alliance; Ruth Donnelly and Michelle Hunt, Glasgow Health and Social Care Partnership; Martin Lundie, GCC Neighbourhoods and Sustainability; Scott Ferguson, Seven Lochs; Will McKay, Glasgow Life; Marc Barrow, Police Scotland.

Apologies: Laurence Bayston, Skills Development Scotland; Councillor Mandy Morgan, GCC; David A Gibson, GCC Development & Regeneration Services; Paul Tyrell, Scottish Fire and Rescue; Richard Watson, City Property, Craig Green, Glasgow Kelvin College

1. **Note of Meeting held on 20th November 2018**

The note of the meeting on 20th November 2018 was agreed as an accurate record.

2. **Glasgow Kelvin College Update**

The new community connector Donna McGill has been appointed and will begin on 8th April, all key stakeholders will arrange to meet with her individually as part of her induction.

3. **Community Hub proposal**

HSCP presented a proposal of all the organisations, groups and activities that could be held or have visibility in the community hub which varies from community cookery classes, mental health training to Citizens advice, Scottish Fire and Rescue and the community connector being based in the hub on certain days of the week.

There have been delays in progressing the hub due to funding required for the refit of the vacant unit in the Lochs Shopping Centre and discussions around the lease being delayed due to a recent change in letting agents. The following actions were agreed to progress the community hub:

- HSCP (Michelle Hunt and Ruth Donnelly) progress talks with partner organisations to develop the proposal for use of the community hub including adding Neighbourhoods and Sustainability as a key partner with a presence in the hub
- Ruth Donnelly to draft a letter of support for the development of the community hub, on behalf of the Steering Group, for Cllr Ruairi Kelly to sign
- Cllr Kelly would discuss further with council officials regarding funding for the refit of the vacant unit

4. Easterhouse Community Newsletter

Jenny provided an update on the community newspaper; Easterhouse Today which will be a 24 page tabloid style newspaper that Platform are developing on behalf of Easterhouse Thriving Place. Request for content has now been issued and contributors are to provide details to Platform by **22nd March 2019**. The paper is a one off and will be distributed throughout Easterhouse.

Jenny asked all members of the steering group to spread the word through networks for content for the paper.

5. Winterfest 2018 Evaluation

Jenny and Jane provided an overview of Winterfest held in the Lochs Shopping Centre on 1st December 2018.

As well as having lots of Christmas themed activities and stalls for all ages, Glasgow Kelvin College students and staff carried out consultation with local residents to promote Thriving Places to find out what people think of the area, they engaged with 57 people:

In general people felt positively about their area, with only 2 people feeling that the area had a poor reputation, one of which felt it was undeserved. Over 38% of respondents felt there was a good community spirit and that the people were the main asset of the area.

People did recognise the need focus on specific areas to improve their local community. 63% of people consulted felt that there were insufficient community activities, with 50% mentioning the lack of service provision for young people and children.

45% of respondents stated that they would like to be involved in developing the local plan and 20 respondents stated they would be interested in volunteering in their local community.

The full evaluation including recommendations are in the report that was issued by email for this meeting on 11th March.

6. Community Consultation

Martin provided an update on the merger of CSG and LES which are now Neighbourhood and Sustainability and that his responsibility now lies with the North East.

He also provided an update on the community consultation that NS (previously CSG) carried out last year which resulted in a week of action in October 2018.

7. Digital Glasgow Strategy and Glasgow's Community Learning and Development Plan

Jane provided an overview of Glasgow's digital strategy and CLD plan and its relevance to Thriving Places

There was a discussion about these plans and the possibility of Digital Inclusion being picked out as a themed group for Easterhouse Thriving Places to progress.

There was also a discussion around resilient cities and possible funding we could access via the Our Resilient Glasgow Strategy.

Jane will send a copy of the full report on Glasgow's CLD plan and the Digital Strategy to the group.

8. Glasgow Community Plan

Derek provided an overview of the Glasgow Community Action Plan and efforts were continuing to connect citywide and local priorities through meetings with the strategic leads for each themed area. These would continue with the Community Connector, once in post, and would inform the development of the Easterhouse Thriving Places action plan.

9. 2018/19 Budget Statement

Derek provided an overview of budget spend for 2018/19, there is a significant underspend due to the vacant role of the community connector.

There was a discussion around the group about using this money for the community hub however funding conditions state that this money would need to be spent by 31/03/2019. However, the group supported an allocation of £10k from Thriving Places resources as a contribution to the refit of the vacant unit and Cllr Kelly would discuss with council officials how/if this could be achieved, given that we are nearing the end of the financial year

The group also agreed to an allocation of up £3,500 for voting pads for an upcoming participatory budgeting event being held this month on the condition that these will be available for use in Easterhouse and the North East in the future.

10. Date of Next Meeting

25th April 2019 at 2pm.