



Easterhouse Thriving Places Steering Group

6th June 2019 at 2pm

**Room S/09 – Glasgow Kelvin College, Easterhouse Campus,
1200 Westerhouse Rd, Glasgow G34 9HZ**

Agenda

1. Note of meeting held on 25th April 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. Sustainable Travel
8. Update from Action Plan Sub Group
9. Partner Updates
10. Date of next meeting





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Blairtummnock House, 20 Baldinnie Road, G34 9EE

Present: Councillor Ruairi Kelly, Glasgow City Council (GCC) (Chair); Councillor Maureen Burke, GCC; Jenny Crowe, Platform; Jane Horne and Donna McGill Glasgow Kelvin College; Derek Speirs and Heather McMillan, GCC Community Empowerment Services; Will McKay, Glasgow Life; Barbara Fernside and Tracey Boyle, GCC Neighbourhoods and Sustainability; Elizabeth Moore, Skills Development Scotland; Will McKay, Glasgow Life; Andrew Small, Police Scotland; Irene Young, City Property Glasgow; David Dunlop, GCC, Mandy Morgan, GCC.

Apologies: Craig Green, Glasgow Kelvin College

1. Note of meeting held on 14th March 2019
The note of the meeting on 14th March 2019 was agreed as an accurate record.

2. Community Anchor Organisation update
Jane Horne introduced the new community connector, Donna McGill to the Steering Group.
It was decided that the CLD Plan should be added to a future agenda and discussed in more detail.

3. Community Hub update
Derek Speirs gave an update on the community hub, confirming a 2 to 3 year rent free period. It was confirmed that a large capital investment was required, with Cllr Kelly stating £10,000 had been secured. Unfortunately, Chest, Heart & Stroke Scotland cannot progress with the lease at this time. Cllr Kelly will meet with CHSS to discuss this in more detail. There is another organisation interested in taking over the lease. If this is another charitable organisation, the offer extended to CHSS would be extended to the new organisation.

4. Community Newspaper update
Jenny Crowe confirmed this was in the final stages of production. She requested that any last minute additions should be forwarded to her as soon as possible. Jenny will distribute a draft prior to circulation. The final edition would be ready for distribution prior to the school recess.

It was suggested that this could be used as an asset map, giving residents a flavour of what is happening in the area, with a list of activities and contact



details. Jenny confirmed that there was no advertising space within the newspaper.

5. Chance to Change Charrette Action Plan Update

David Dunlop has started to look at the charrette to identify key priorities. Existing customers will be retained as a priority. David is liaising with Kenneth McCormack to discuss how to obtain the maximum leverage for the funding available. Opening times will be compared with other, similar centres.

Construction of the toilets has commenced, with completion anticipated July 19th. Donna will put this on Facebook.

As part of the plan, Mandy Morgan suggested that traffic lights should be placed on Westerhouse Road, adjacent to St Benedict's. Cllr Kelly will look at the possibility of siting a zebra crossing in the vicinity of McDonalds.

6. Asset mapping

David Dunlop stated new map based website is under construction. This will help identify gaps in local services.

7. Partner Updates

Neighbourhoods and Sustainability

- Barbara confirmed their commitment to The Hub ½ day per month
- Work is continuing at Bishop's Loch to engage the community, with a deep clean and week of action planned

Glasgow City Council

- Cllr Burke confirmed that 7 Lochs are organising a clean-up over the month of May. Donna will keep an eye open for areas that need cleaned
- Cllr Burke expressed concern over the bin area at the Bridge and the amount of smokers in the area

Police Scotland

- Andrew Small expressed their eagerness to support Thriving Places and get involved with community activity.
- They are keen to place an article in the newspaper

Glasgow Life

- Will MacKay gave details of the summer programme
- The Community Budgeting event was very successful with £20,000 being co-ordinated by the Connie and YoMo
- Modern apprenticeships with GNESYA have been agreed for NE



- Training is being co-ordinated

Platform

- Jenny Crowe confirmed that the Family Festival Day will be held in July
- GHA pulled funding from the event which means there will be no procession this year
- Alexandra Park Festival will be held the following week
- James Dean will be leaving the Bridge. The new contact will be Anna.
- Jenny confirmed that they have engaged with around 2500 people

Skills development Scotland

- Elizabeth Moore confirmed a careers event, linking in with Lochend school leavers on 9th May
- Every school leaver has a clear path, although approximately 20 young people without a positive destination. Each young person will be allocated a member of staff
- An update will be provided at the next meeting

8. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will take place on June 6th at 2pm in Blairtummnock House.



Introduction

1. The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 requires Community Planning Partnerships to produce Locality Plans for areas that experience significantly poorer outcomes. In Glasgow, it was agreed to develop Locality Plans based on the Thriving Places in the City.
2. The Thriving Places/Locality Plan should take into account the needs and circumstances of residents and should be based on both statistical evidence and consultation with local people.
3. We are also required to publish annual progress reports on Thriving Places/Locality Plans, with the aim of identifying improvements in the local outcomes as well as reviewing and, if necessary, revising the plans on a periodic basis. Plans will evolve over time and should be regarded as living documents.
4. The Guidance on the Act provides more specific information on annual progress reports (emphasis added):

*CPPs have to let **their communities** know what progress they have made in improving the lives of local people. Reports about progress, whether good or bad, should be **easily available to the local community**, so that **communities** can see and understand what has changed because of community planning. **Reports should explain what the priorities are and show how things have improved or worsened.***

*CPPs must report every year to **their communities**. The reporting year usually runs from 1 April to 31 March. CPPs must publish this report no more than 6 months after the end of the reporting year reports to communities must be made available by **30 September** of the same year.*

*These reports should be laid out so that people can easily see how **things that are important to communities** are changing. CPPs should think about how **their communities** get to know this information. There are lots of ways to share information and CPPs should ask **local communities** what works best for them. This could include for example local face to face meetings, displays in local libraries or*

shops, newsletters or paper reports. Information could be provided through PCs, laptops or smart phones.¹

5. A practical consequence of this could be that a communication strategy is developed for Easterhouse. This should lay out how local communities will be informed of not just progress, but upcoming opportunities to participate. This should include detail on how and where physical outputs such as newsletters or reports will be disseminated locally and how social media will be utilised.
6. The 2015 Act also requires Locality Plans to be reviewed 'from time to time'. The guidance states that 'CPPs [...] keep the continued suitability of these plans under review'. The Easterhouse Plan was published on 1st October 2017. Partners recognised that the plan was prepared in a tight timescale and without an adequate level of community input and agreed to revise the plan. The absence of a Community Connector, amongst other things, has delayed the update of the plan.

Action Plan Sub Group

7. The Steering Group agreed on 25th April 2019 that an action plan sub-group should begin the process of updating the Thriving Place/Locality Plan, taking into account the community views expressed during the Chance to Change Charrette, the Community Safety and Environment consultation in 2018 as well as other relevant data held by partners (eg. SIMD, child poverty). An invitation was sent to all members of the Steering Group to volunteer to take part in the sub group.
8. The sub group met on 21st May 2019, with representatives of Glasgow Life, Glasgow Kelvin College, GCC Neighbourhoods and Sustainability and GCC Community Empowerment Services present, and agreed to **oversee** the following tasks by the end of September 2019.
 - analysis of the views expressed by local people during the various community consultations over the past 2 years as well as the other data held by partners
 - suggest updated priorities for Easterhouse Thriving Place
 - The production of a draft Thriving Place/Locality Action Plan and communications strategy – both for discussion and approval at the Steering Group
9. The sub group agreed to oversee this process but it will require input from across the range of CPP partners over the next few months.

¹ <https://beta.gov.scot/publications/community-empowerment-scotland-act-2015-part-2-community-planning-plain/>

Initial proposals

10. The sub group reviewed the aforementioned documents and information. Common themes were identified from the various consultations with a view to proposing priorities for Easterhouse Thriving Place.
11. Initial discussions identified the following themes:
 - a. Children and young people
 - b. Community safety and the environment
 - c. Signposting/improving communication
 - d. Identity and sense of community
 - e. Empowering local people
 - f. Employability
12. The sub group also reviewed the approaches taken in some other Thriving Places in the City, namely Ruchill/Possilpark, Govan and Priesthill/Househillwood. Through that process, and being keen not to have too many priorities, the sub group felt that having three broad priority themes of **People, Place and the Economy** would cover the common themes highlighted in the above paragraph, provide a framework for a flexible and ambitious long term plan and also make the implementation of an action plan more manageable.
13. GCC Neighbourhoods and Sustainability has agreed to lead on a Place theme and Glasgow Life offered to lead on the People theme but would like this discussed at the Steering Group to consider if there is a more appropriate partner for this theme. Discussions will take place with other partners regarding the Economy theme.
14. Short, medium and long term outcomes as well as priority actions would need to be updated and the leads would look to bring together relevant parties to start to draft the action plan. Local people must be involved in updating the action plan and consideration will be given on how best to ensure that a broad range of local people are involved.
15. The Springboig & Barlanark Thriving Place Steering Group considered a similar proposal on 29th May 2019 and agreed to adopt the three priority themes of People, Place and Economy which increases the opportunities for joint working across the two Thriving Places.

Next Steps

16. Neighbourhoods and Sustainability will arrange to meet with stakeholders to start the process of developing that part of the action plan. Discussions will take place with other potential leads.
17. Subject to the Steering Group's views, the sub group will meet again on 20th June 2019 to discuss progress and the development of a communications strategy to ensure that more people in Easterhouse are aware of our plans and opportunities to get involved if they wish to do so.

Recommendations

18. The Steering Group is asked to:

- Note the requirement for annual progress reports and review of Thriving Places/Locality Plans,
- Consider the sub group's initial proposals and how the range of partners can support the production of a revised plan and communications strategy
- Agree the next steps; and
- Note that the sub group will continue to meet and will produce a draft plan and communication strategy to be presented to the Steering Group before 30th September 2019