



Easterhouse Thriving Places Steering Group

20th November 2018 at 10am,

**Venue: Chest Heart and Stroke Scotland, Drumchapel Community Hub,
16 Dunkenny Square, Drumchapel, Glasgow G15 8NB**

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Note of meeting held on 9th October 2018 (attached)
3. Community Hub proposal
4. Chance to Change Charrette update.
5. Community anchor organisation update
6. Thriving Places Action Plan (to follow)
7. AOB
8. Date of next meeting

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9th October 2018 at 10am

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

Present: Councillor Ruairi Kelly, Glasgow City Council (Chair); Jenny Crowe, Platform; Craig Green, Glasgow Kelvin College; Councillor Maureen Burke, Glasgow City Council; Derek Speirs, GCC Partnership and Development; Maureen Morris, Local Resident; David A Gibson, GCC Development & Regeneration Services; Ruth Donnelly, Glasgow Health and Social Care Partnership; Paul Tyrrell, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Lorna Godfrey and Elizabeth Muir, Skills Development Scotland; Niall Fulton, Easterhouse Baptist Church; Barbara Fearnside, Community Safety Glasgow.

Apologies: John McMorrow, Easterhouse Housing Regeneration Alliance; Councillor Mandy Morgan, Glasgow City Council; Laurence Bayston, Skills Development Scotland; Simon Bilcock, Glasgow Life; Kevin Dougall, Police Scotland; Scott Ferguson, Seven Lochs.

1. Welcome and Introductions

Councillor Kelly welcomed everyone along to the meeting and introductions were made around the table.

2. Note of Meeting held on 24th August 2018

The note of the meeting on 24th August 2018 was agreed as an accurate record.

3. Community anchor organisation update

A report had been circulated by Derek confirming that Platform had withdrawn from the role as Thriving Place anchor organisation for Easterhouse and that this, together with the vacancy in Springboig & Barlanark, had led to the Chairs of both Thriving Places Steering Groups approaching Glasgow Kelvin College.

The group was asked to consider appointing the College as the Thriving Place anchor organisation for Easterhouse (the Springboig & Barlanark group had already agreed to this). Ruth stated that the HSCP would prefer there to be a process where other interested organisations could express an interest in becoming the anchor organisation, however the other partners present were supportive of the College being appointed and, after some discussion, this was agreed. The group agreed that the position could be evaluated when funding was renewed or if other organisations expressed an interest.

It was agreed that Derek and Craig would discuss actions that had been previously assigned to Platform as the anchor organisation and report back to the group at the next meeting.

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Ruth suggested, and the group agreed, that a local person should be involved in the interviewing panel and after some discussion, Maureen agreed to take part.

4. **Chance to Change Charrette**

David provided a verbal update to the group on the 'Chance to Change Charrette: Easterhouse' report that was presented to the GCC Neighbourhoods, Housing and Public Realm City Policy Committee on 21 August 2018. A copy was circulated around the table and a link is provided [here](#).

This links the Charrette report and action plan to a Section 75 Agreement (capital funding) which is available to develop the area outlined within the designated Easterhouse Town Centre boundary and by the production of the Greater Easterhouse Strategic Development Framework.

The Steering Group would continue to play a part in the delivery of the Charrette action plan and informing the allocation of the Section 75 money. The group noted that Cllr Kelly was seeking wider Thriving Places regeneration investment linked to the Section 75 money and delivery plan.

5. **Community Hub Proposal**

Jenny circulated a proposal to establish a community hub within the old Savers unit in the Lochs Shopping Centre. The proposal involves initial set up costs for refitting the unit to create a community space (where the Thriving Places Community Connector could have a base) and a discount shop which would be run by Chest Heart Stroke Scotland (CHSS). CHSS will consider a 5 year commitment to run the unit (subject to its Board's approval) if initial costs can be found. It would run on a similar basis to the hub they operate in Drumchapel Thriving Place.

The proposal contained costs of £50,000, with £20,000 being met by Platform and HSCP.

The Steering Group agreed:

- That the proposal was worth pursuing
- It would not be appropriate to use the remaining Thriving Places resources to refit the unit
- City Property, at a senior level, should be contacted for its view – Cllr Kelly agreed to make contact
- There was a discussion on the capital funding set aside for Easterhouse Town Centre (Section 75 funding) – Cllr Kelly agreed to write to the Executive Director of Regeneration and the Economy in GCC to ask if this funding, or any other budget within DRS, could appropriately be used to contribute to the refit of the unit.

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- That Derek would look to identify other potential funding sources within the Council
- That Ruth would develop a business case for investment for the hub and that partners were welcome to contribute to this

6. Funding

Derek discussed a report that had been previously circulated on the funding available to the Steering Group in 2018/19. £28,902 remained unallocated.

Jenny circulated a proposal to produce a Community Newspaper for the Thriving Places area.

The Steering Group:

- Allocated £6,500 for the Community Newspaper
- Noted that, with Glasgow Kelvin College taking on the anchor organisation role, up to £17,500 would be required to fund a Community Connector for the remainder of 2018/19
- The £12,000 set aside at the previous meeting to commission a local organisation to undertake a number of tasks should be discussed with the College and potentially re-allocated.

7. Thriving Places Action Plan

The action plan was circulated and an update was provided by Derek on opportunities for participatory budgeting in the future.

Jenny updated on the plans for Winterfest 2018 which required to be scaled back to a 1 day event. Platform would lead on the planning of Winterfest subject to funding being secured for the event. The indicative cost for the event was £5,600 including £3,500 for a Christmas tree. Cllrs Kelly and Burke agreed to look at other ways of securing a tree for the event. Therefore, the Steering Group allocated £2,100 towards Winterfest and suggested Platform also apply for funding from the North East Area Partnership if further funds were needed.

Other action points had been covered earlier in the agenda or related to the Charrette action plan which was to be discussed further at a meeting on 17th October 2018.

8. Date of Next Meeting

20th November 2018 at 10am. The Chair suggested meeting in the Drumchapel Thriving Places hub (see item 5 above) and Jenny agreed to discuss with CHSS.

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Easterhouse Thriving Places Action Plan – October 2018

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)	RAG Status
Community engagement & involvement	Promote the Thriving Place & action plan to local people	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	Ongoing		
		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.	
	empower local people to decide which local projects get funded through Community Budgeting where project ideas are voted on by local people;	Use the Participatory Budgeting (PB) Community Champions, trained by Glasgow Homelessness Network in Thriving Places, to 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.	Derek Speirs, GCC – to provide update on PB Community Champions. All partners to consider opportunities for PB	By the next Steering group meeting Ongoing		

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	support local people to get involved in decisions about the services in the area,	Facilitate a review of this action plan by local people	All	March 2019		
		Support development of Residents' Group. Representatives of Residents Group to be asked and then supported to attend Steering Group	Local organisation to be identified	Not yet started	Target: a quarter of the members should be local residents by June 2019	
		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.	
		Deliver 'Winterfest' 2018		December 2018		
	Establish a permanent community drop in / cafe space in the Lochs	create a programme of activity in the old 'Savers' Unit	Platform/HSCP	Not yet started	Steering group to consider a proposal to support the Chest, Heart and Stroke Association to run the unit	
Easterhouse Town Centre Charrette	Keep people informed in relation to	create a central point of information to update the local community regularly when sites are due to be	DRS, City Property		To be discussed with Charrette planning group on 17 th October 2018	

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	development and investment	developed, for example map/ information leaflets for Easterhouse as a whole				
		develop a 'timeline' to show proposed and aspirational development activity – both directly related to the action plan and also wider partners	DRS, City Property		To be discussed with Charrette planning group on 17 th October 2018	
		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		To be discussed with Charrette planning group on 17 th October 2018	
	Deliver the Town Centre Action Plan	Develop a strong, positive identity for the town centre	Town Centre Action Plan team		To be discussed with Charrette planning group on 17 th October 2018	
		Market the town centre: attract new businesses, enterprises, activities and retailers			To be discussed with Charrette planning group on 17 th October 2018	

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	Create and sustain a Town Centre Action Team to lead and co-ordinate partnership delivery, communication and future review of the Town Centre Action Plan	resourcing to be committed for a staff role / officer to lead development and establishment of the Town Centre Action Team	DRS		To be discussed with Charrette planning group on 17 th October 2018	
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			

Completed actions

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Community engagement and involvement	publish this plan	publish the plan on Pathfinder	Craig Green, GKC	November 2017	Plan published.

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	use the most appropriate methods to engage widely with local people from diverse backgrounds	Develop Community Involvement Strategy linked to Locality Plan and Charrette Action Plan	Martin Hawkins, GCC	November 2017	Plan agreed by Steering Group
	support local people to get involved in decisions about the services in the area,	Develop a Community Involvement Strategy and Action Plan.	Martin Hawkins, GCC	May 2018	Community Involvement Strategy was agreed by the Steering Group.