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Thriving Places – Lead Group - Meeting held on 13.02.19

Attendees: Andy, Eric, Linda, Joyce, Morven, William & Ted. **Apologies:** Alison, Audrey & Wendy

As agreed at our last meeting in December, the Thriving Places funds available, accumulated over the past two years, would be used to employ some of the team members who conducted the research last year, namely, Andy, Charles and Tracy, coordinated by Morven. Samantha from GHA will also be part of the team but has a salary paid by GHA.

Update: Morven presented an update of our work over the period commencing January to date. The team meet on a weekly basis to decide upon the different tasks at hand. Everyone was actively involved in promoting the successful MERO event on 25th January and the team is now focusing on the schools to discuss “Living in Drumchapel” both with parents and pupils. The team is meeting with Mark Langdon, the Family Learning Officer, and has planned events in 4 primary schools. These activities will involve more Charles, Tracy, Samantha and Morven.

Andy, as chair of the community council, is focusing on the organisation of the first community gathering around the issues of the physical assets and land usage in Drumchapel. Andy has also helped to solve some problems that have arisen in the shopping centre around staff harassment at the Savers shop and graffiti outside the Turkish barbers.

Morven is in the shop on a daily basis during certain hours, and attends to different people in need of help on a wide range of issues. A considerable number of asylum seekers come to the shop to buy clothes and we have engaged with them, channelling towards Friendship House. Morven is responsible for the overall monitoring of how Thriving Places is working in Drumchapel and the shop has become a central element in this process, whether attending to local people’s individual issues or taking advantage of the space to organise different events.

Miscellaneous:

- submitted a bid to the ACF to support our work over the next 18 months;
- promoted and attended the event around suicide in the community centre;
- promoted Valentine’s Day messages at the shopping centre;
- supported the Drumchapel Asian Forum with two successful funding bids;
- taking part in the Gender Equality Group and the Drumchapel Learning Together Group;
- involved with the NGVSN in the discussion about the future of the IGF;
- represented Thriving Places at the Wheatley Academy in an event for 54 graduates from England and Northern Ireland, involved in social housing and social regeneration;
- supporting the “Glencoe in the snow” initiative to take some people from Drumchapel on an outing to Glencoe;
- planning the second issue of the Drumchapel News to be distributed, week commencing 18th March;
- involved in preparing the FERO event to be held on the 8th March.

Towards the end of our meeting we discussed the need and the possibility of training and noted the following:

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- * contact Margaret Ann Prentice and Christine Tait around training on issues of suicide;
- * organise a group of 10 people to do training on social media supported by the NWHIT.

We received a request from a community member, Michelle Donaldson, in Garthamlock, asking if she could take up her student placement with us in Drumchapel, to which we agreed. Ted had previously worked with Michelle in Garthamlock and vouched for her commitment. The placement will run from September 2019 to May 2020, for 10 hours per week, during Michelle's first year at Glasgow University on the Community Development undergraduate course.

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