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Thriving Places - Meeting held on 26.10.18

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

Apologies: Audrey & Ryan

After welcoming Linda and Wendy to our group we discussed the following:

Drumchapel News: Morven presented a proposal for discussion about a Drumchapel Newspaper which we want to launch in November, accessing every household in Drumchapel. It would initially consist of four pages. The front page would be our editorial about Thriving Places. The second page would be on Universal Credit, informing about what it is, who will be affected and how to access help. The third page would inform of community events and organisations in Drumchapel and the final page would have a crossword, sudoku, a quiz offering a prize and perhaps an activity for children. We also discussed the possibility of, in future numbers, should the initiative continue, discussing themes, for example zero tolerance in relation to school bullying, racism, homophobia and promote an equalities agenda.

Asylum Seekers & Refugees: We were contacted by SERCO about the possibility of connecting with the 143 asylum seekers who live in Drumchapel. We agreed to promote a Community Thanksgiving Lunch combining with a "Support fare" at Essenside Church on Wednesday, 21st November, between 11:30am and 3pm. We will invite organisations who wish to be there and who could eventually support asylum seekers informing them about the services available in Drumchapel. Wendy mentioned Anyiso who work from Blairdardie with asylum seekers and we agreed to invite them to come along on the day. William will prepare a flyer and will contact the Orchard Cafe and the Friendship House group about the food to be prepared and served to all who come along.

Bus Service – DOTS: We exchanged some ideas about the bus service which would run between Drumchapel and the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital as Wendy had been in contact with the people promoting this idea but with little clarity. Andy mentioned that this idea had been discussed at the Community Council but had not come to fruition. We agreed not to engage with this without further clarity.

Drumchapel's Alright: William proposed that we record the song from our research "Living in Drumchapel" and everyone agreed. William will contact some people he knows who can help us with the recording and we will then engage with local schools to see how some children can take part. Once these contacts have been made we can look at the cost and take this forward.

Seed corn Funding: Ted informed that Thriving Places throughout the city is allocated an amount of money called seed corn funding. The money is to support community initiatives in each area. Up until today Ted decided how to use the money but now with this group becoming the Thriving Places group, we can decide together how best to use these funds. In Drumchapel Thriving Places has £14,000.00.

This discussion led us on to how we can support people who contribute with Thriving Places on a voluntary basis. Morven has contributed as a volunteer over the past two years with Thriving Places and received payment for her work coordinating our research project funded by ACF. The payment was initially for two months but Morven worked for eight months for the same amount. Since

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concluding the research Morven has represented Thriving Places in work resulting from the research like presentations and participation at different events and the surplus from Stage 1 of the ACF has been used to cover some of her expenses. We agreed to look into possibilities of funding to support Morven, and other volunteers, who contribute considerably with Thriving Places. Stage 2 of the ACF could be a possible source of funding in this respect as also the BIG Lottery.

Map & Buddy group, App & Signposts: To tackle isolation and inform the community about services available in Drumchapel we agreed to elaborate on the map originally produced by the churches. Ted will send a copy to Wendy who will look into the possibility of how to produce this. We also agreed that it would be good to have a group of people who could welcome new residents to Drumchapel, a Buddy group, as well as an App and some signposts in different parts of the area so that new residents can situate themselves better and access places and services much easier. Again Stage 2 of ACF and the BIG Lottery could be funding sources for these activities as well as our own Thriving Places seed corn funds. Wendy will be in touch with a proposal for the map and we will take it from there.

Next Meeting: There are several activities taking places in the run up to Christmas so we agreed to participate in these activities and reconvene in January. Should the criteria for Stage 2 of the ACF be published before then, and we need to submit a bid within a tight timescale, then we will convene to solve this issue.

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