

Thriving Places - Aspiring Communities Project - Meeting held on 05.10.18

Attendees: Alison, Andy, Audrey, Eric, Morven, William & Ted. Apologies: Joyce & Ryan

We discussed the possibility of taking our consultation report into the schools using the storyboard, the film and eventually the actual written report. Audrey already has access to Drumchapel High and agreed to think about which student group would be the most appropriate, linking also with G15 as a possible space for engaging in the community. We also talked about the possibility of engaging with P7. To this end Ted will contact Mark Langdon to find out about the different possibilities which could also include engaging with parents at the different parents' nights.

Morven brought some of her reflections about the future of our group. Now that we have concluded the consultation process we need to think about the future of the group and what would be our next steps. We agreed that the group has moved on and is now identifiable as the Thriving Places group. At our previous meeting we had mentioned the importance of increasing the participation in the group and to this end we agreed to invite Linda from Community Planning and Wendy from GHA/Wheatley Group to join the group.

In terms of immediate actions we agreed to support the Universal Credit- IT activities in the shop every Wednesday morning as an initial response to another one of our themes, financial hardship. We also agreed to publish a "Drumchapel News" newspaper to inform of Universal Credit and also the activities which different organisations are delivering in Drumchapel. This would also attend to another two emerging themes in our consultation, isolation and promoting positive activities in the community.

We talked about the community budgeting which is currently ongoing in Drumchapel and how in the near future, with the government's proposal to allocate £1 million to each ward for community budgeting, we should take advantage of our current activity to gain experience. It was suggested that we invite Martina from the North West Voluntary Sector Network to inform us of the participatory budgeting process she has engaged with in Milton.

We touched on other emerging themes which we want to tackle, among which were organising some trips to combat isolation and programming our community gatherings around relevant themes, one of which being hate crime, whether racist or homophobic or other. To this end we agreed initially to support the activities promoted by the White Ribbon group during the 16 days of action which challenge violence against women.

The Scottish Government Aspiring Communities Fund Team informed that shortly they will publish the criteria for applying to the fund.

Our next meeting will be on Friday 26th October at 9:30 at Cernach.