

Note of meeting
Ruchill and Possilpark Thriving Place
Steering Group
20 February 2019
Ruchill Golf Centre, Brassey Street



Present: Kathy Owens, NHS Health Improvement Team (Chair)
Bailie Jacqueline McLaren, Glasgow City Council
Linda Devlin, Community Empowerment Services Glasgow City Council
Kirsty Anne Park, CBS Glasgow City Council (Minute taker)
Brian Land, Community Connector (RPTP)
Ann Lawrance, Community Resident
Sadie Gordon, Community Resident
Robert Stewart, Community Resident
Roisin Craig, St Matthews Centre
Melanie Fyfe, Possibilities
Jim McCabe, Possibilities
Martina Johnstone Gray, Third Sector Voluntary Network
David Fair, Glasgow Life
Jim Corbett, Development and Regeneration Services
Anna Grady, NHS Health Improvement Team
Fran Lundie, Community Safety Glasgow

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Attendance: Helen Douglas, Development and Regeneration Services
Nick Cotton, Development and Regeneration Service

Apologies: David Wolstenholm (St Matthews Centre)

1. Welcome and Introductions

Kathy welcomed everyone to the meeting and requested that each person introduce themselves to the Group.

2. Note of the meeting of 18 November 2018

2.1 The note of the previous meeting held on 18 November 2018 was agreed as accurate.

3. Matters Arising

3.1 Community Connector's work plan – Brian Land advised that he continued to engage and connect local people and provided some examples of his work to date. It was noted that his work plan was adaptable to enable him to work with as many people as possible and that it was monitored against the framework of the current Locality Plan.

- 3.2 Developing Local Partnerships – members heard that this strategic element of work would be developed in conjunction with the Political Lead, Bailie McLaren and that progress would be reported at future meetings.
- 3.3 Spirit Panel – Emma McIntosh advised of the Participatory Budgeting event held on Burns night (25th January 2019) at which £15,000 was distributed to various groups and organisations. The event had been well attended and the Spirit Panel was now looking to its future purpose. Members heard that the Foundation Scotland Support Officer, Kirsty Neale was leaving her current post and that a new officer had been appointed to assist the Panel with a start date of 1 April 2019.
- 3.4 Christmas Winter Festival – Ann Lawrance provided a verbal report on the success of the event which was supported by many local groups and organisations. The wide diversity of activities available throughout the day and evening of 3rd December 2019 ensured that there had been a real festive atmosphere with very high attendance numbers. However it had only been possible thanks to the hard work and commitment of the partners who all contributed to the wider programme. It was noted that there had been technicality issues with regard to the Christmas lights and that an apology had been received from Glasgow City Council in this regard. The planning of the event brought many contributions from across the Thriving Place area, both in funding and in-kind support. Lessons had been learned with regard to planning and delivery of an event of this scale and could only serve to make the 2019 event an even bigger success.
- 3.5 Investigative and Learning – an invite had been received to participate in the Woodlands Community meal on 11th March as part of learning about Dignity in Food. A report would be provided by attendees at the next Steering Group.
- 3.6 Business Improvement District (BID) – It was noted that the Scottish Government was supporting the employment of a BID Manager for a period of 3 years and that a Committee was currently being formed as part of the process which would fit within the Economy and Place thematic groups.
- 3.7 Possilpark People's Trust – Ann and Robert advised that the Trust was awaiting the decision of the Scottish Government with regard to funding from the Capital Regeneration Fund for the proposed new Possilpoint Community Centre. In the meantime the Trust was working on improving its visibility, increasing its membership and discussing funding opportunities with other funding providers

4. Cowlares Development Plan

- 4.1 Helen Douglas and Nick Hopkins, Glasgow City Council Development and Regeneration Services (DRS) gave a short update on the status of the proposed development of the Cowlares site in Possilpark. Members heard the objective was housing-led regeneration of a derelict site with plans to build 750 new homes, 200 of which would be for rental market and the remainder for sale. Testing was underway with regard to utilities, road networks, community facilities, shops, educational facilities and health care provision in the area to support the proposed development.
- 4.2 Members raised concerns regarding

- the capacity of local schools to cope with an influx of families at not only the Cowlairs site but also the current development at Hamiltonhill and proposed development for the site of the former Ruchill hospital;
 - scope within the plans to increase community facilities across the whole area for all residents;
 - the potential to relocate Cowlairs Park as an amenity space which would bring the current educational estate of Keppoch Campus within a park area; and
 - the lack of community representation at the Place Making walk through the area;
- 4.3 Helen and Nick advised that a programme of works was being developed between February and April to deliver a continued process for ideas. A Place making report would be submitted to a Council meeting in June 2019 to procure the site in order to attract developers only at this stage. The design of a Masterplan will include community consultation/ ongoing engagement. The scale of the developments in the north of the city will require ongoing discussions with relevant partners such as Public Transport, Education, Scottish Canals re SUDS points,
- 4.4 Members further heard that a meeting as to take place with the Headteacher of St Theresa's Primary with regard to consultation with pupils on the proposed development.
- 4.5 Members requested that further discussions and updates with regard to the proposed development of Cowlairs site be held with the Place Thematic Group.

5. Locality Plan – Steering Group, Thematic Groups and 2019/20 meeting schedule

- 5.1 Kathy spoke about the ongoing review of Thriving Place to determine progress against the Locality Plan objectives. Members were asked to note that whilst progress had been made against some of the short term objectives we hadn't actually achieved very much in the last few months. It was recognised that everyone has competing priorities but that there needs to be consistent drive by the Thematic Groups to achieve the agreed objectives.
- 5.2 Members agreed that it was not one person's job to drive forward the relevant Thematic Groups and that there had to be more commitment initially to build up membership and share the various work programmes. After discussion it was identified that the locations of the meetings were not without their issues i.e. accessible via public transport, central to the area and of a relevant size to accommodate the numbers of attendees.
- 5.3 After discussion it was agreed that
- the Steering Group would remain as a quarterly meeting with the current number of members;
 - the Thematic Groups (People, Place, Economy, Young People and Families, Communications) would ensure they meet regularly by developing a calendar of meeting dates to 31 March 2020;
 - suitable venues would be identified and booked in advance according to the proposed calendar of meeting dates;
 - Representative(s) of each thematic group would attend the quarterly Steering Group meetings and feedback relevant information to their members thereafter;

- Members should take account of pressure point times such as diary commitments for their main remits, holiday periods, reporting timelines and funding deadlines; and
- A further review of the ongoing structures and meeting timetables would take place in 6 months.

- 5.4 People Thematic Group – members heard that Brian was continuing his programme of work connecting people. A Community Networking Breakfast event was held recently which was attended by 25 people. Health Improvement Team were also developing a defined pilot ‘Keep Active’ which was derived from a previous physical activity event. Members were asked to contact Kathy if they were interested in helping to deliver aspect(s) of the pilot
- 5.5 Place Thematic Group – Linda advised that whilst this group had not met regularly there were a number of ongoing pieces of work taking place, namely the development of a feasibility study of Vacant and Derelict Land and Buildings and a requirement to secure further community representation on the Group.
- 5.6 Economy Thematic Group – Kathy advised that a request had been made to the members, partners and appropriate services/organisations to identify a suitable Chairperson for this group and that to date this had not been achieved.

Martina provided an update on Glasgow City Council's pilot Participatory Budgeting (PB) process for which the theme for the Canal ward was ‘Employability’. Members heard that the PB Panel, whose membership was made up of local people from across the ward area, had chosen a different approach from that of the other three pilot areas, namely Deliberation. A Focus Group had to date spoken to approximately 170 local people which identified the same issues around apprenticeships for young people, travel barriers to and from work, childcare and access to appropriate training to remove barriers to accessing further education, skills training and preparing for work. As part of the whole process local people were also being asked about local issues that affected them and this would be reported back to the Group at a later date. The panel had worked tirelessly to meet deadlines for their own training needs and put in place the required processes to deliver PB for the ward area. Work also included the development of criteria, application forms and voting systems. The proposed date of the actual PB event was 27 April 2019.

- 5.7 Communications Group – work was being co-developed with Lambill Milton Caddet Thriving Places ward to ensure continuity of communications within the entire ward area. Discussions were also ongoing with colleges regarding support and the Group was due to meet again on 5th March 2019.
- 5.8 Young People and Families Group – Kathy reported that the Group had not met since October 2018. However Bobby Smith (Health Improvement Team) proposed to call a meeting of the Group in the near future to discuss priorities moving forward.

6. 2018/19 Funding report

- 6.1 Linda reported on the current status of the 2018/19 IGF award which included the costs of the Community Connector post and the seed corn fund to support local projects and work streams as identified by the relevant Thematic Groups. Members
- (a) noted that the total budget for 2018/19 was £62,928 which included carry forward funds of £13,428 from 2017/18, Community Connector costs (including annual

salary, employer costs and purchase of equipment) of £35,549 and an allocation of £27,349 to the seed corn budget;

- (b) noted the projects/programmes that had received funding to date from the seed corn budget 2018/19 of which the remaining balance of was £19,743;
- (c) approved funding to the following projects:
 - £2,000 to purchase and install a Community Noticeboard at the Millennium Space;
 - £1,500 to design and publish a 'What's Available' guide for Ruchill and Possilpark;
 - £1,390 to deliver two x 2 day training sessions on Social Media Skills and Video/Audio Storytelling;
 - £690 to St Matthews Centre for a 'Wellbeing' pilot programme of Yoga and Crafts;
 - and
 - £1,600 to support ethnic events and activities in the Chinese Integration Centre;
 - and
- (d) noted that the 2018/19 funding allocation had to be fully spent by 31 March 2019 as there was no mechanism available to request carry forward monies into 2019/20; and
- (e) agreed that the Place Thematic Group access the balance of funds circa £12,563 to support a defined programme of activity to address environmental issues within Ruchill and Possilpark.

7. Any other Business

- 7.1 Holiday (Hunger) Programme - members noted that as a result of partnership working and the successful application(s) to the Holiday Programme fund there were more apparent positive changes in the area, mainly due to being able to access annual funds rather than having to apply for each holiday period.
- 7.2 Glasgow Life – David Fair advised of the launch of new event 'Big Lunch' to be held on 1st/2nd June 2019. Further information to be made available to members once the event details are finalised. Detailed website to be launched advising of the proposed programmes/events.

Members also heard of work underway to identify a more localised approach to the opening and closing of local facilities by identified 'community key holders' to address access and affordability of centres out with the core staff hours of Glasgow Life staff. Consultation will have to take place initially within Glasgow Life and with community organisations to determine how this can be delivered for the benefit of all concerned.

- 7.3 Possibilities Gym membership - Melanie Fyfe requested financial support of £4,500 from the Group's seed corn funding to purchase 100 annual gym memberships at a cost of £45 per person for the new facility installed within the summer house of Possibilities. The gym has equipment that is suited to the needs of disabled people. After discussion members agreed not to award funding as it did not meet the criteria of the seed corn funding.
- 7.4 David Wolstenholm (St Mathews Centre) had submitted information regarding the planting of hedges along the walking route to Benview Campus schools in Ruchill in

memory of the late Eleanor Brown. Members noted that this would be within the remit of the Place Thematic Group to action.

8. Date of next meeting

Kathy thanked everyone for their input into the meeting and advised that the date of the next meeting was 23 May 2019 for which a suitable venue would be identified.