

Note of meeting

Ruchill and Possilpark Thriving Place

9.30- 11.30am Wednesday 21 November 2018

Boardroom, Westercommon Courtyard, Westercommon Drive



1. Welcome and Introductions

Attendees: Kathy Owens (Chair, Health Improvement); Rose Daly (Queens Cross Housing Association); Irene Steward (health Improvement); Robert Mooney (Cllr, GCC); Sadie Gordon (Possilpark Community Council); Iain McGregor (Glasgow Life, Sport); Fran Lundie (Community Safety Glasgow); Brian Land (TP Community Connector); Emma MacIntosh (Bethany Christine Trust); Roisin Craig (St Matthews Centre); Ann Lawrance (Young People's Futures/ Possilpark People's Trust); Melaine Fyfe (Possibilities); Robert Stewart (Possilpark People's Trust); Anna Grady (Health improvement); Frances Stokes (Hamiltonhill F.L.C); Linda Devlin (GCC, CPP); Heather Callaghan (Glasgow Life); Kirsty Anne Park (GCC, Note taker)

Apologies: Cllr Gray, Cllr Gow, Baillie McLaren (Glasgow City council); Alan Milson (Glasgow Clyde college); Barrie McCutcheon (Scottish Fire and Rescue Service); Isobel Lawson (Stepping Stones for Families); Gillian Halliday (Link-up); Debbie Barclay (St Teresa's Primary); Kevin Smith (Maryhill Housing Association).

2. Note Of Meeting Of 21st November Meeting

The note of the previous meeting was agreed as accurate.

Matters Arising:

- Brian is still working on the work plan for CC.
- Canal Community Budgeting – Update scheduled at the Canal Area Partnership on Friday, this can then be shared.
- Economy group, first meeting took place looking for a suitable chair, local Cllr has agreed to explore with DRS.
- Developing our Local partnership. Arlene and Kathy considering options to further develop this, considering develop vision of each thematic group.
- Spirit panel: Panel has recruited new members. Reducing Elderly isolation work is at early stages. 12 Sparks's applications have been submitted, the panel meet tomorrow to discuss. Community budgeting event planned for January, registered charities can apply for up-to £3000. Some of the Spirit panel are also on Canal CB citizens panel.

3. Speed Updates

Christmas Lights

- Christmas lights at Saracen on 1/12/18 at 5.30pm. 11 local organisations signed up including: activities at the back garden event, YPF activities, and NG Homes event. 3 – 5pm live entertainment at Sarceen Cross; 5-5.30pm carols. After light switch on there will be community in Possilpoint. Hoping to have all shop fronts and tenants involved depending on funding at Area Partnership.

- Support on the night. Organisations involved taking care of their own groups. Parade down both sides of the street. Police involved.

Food Insecurity in Canal Ward

- Anna provided a background to this project and shared the outcomes of the event funded through TP seedcorn budget. The group continue to work and will update periodically
- E-mail anna.grady@ggc.scot.nsh.uk to join the google mail group or for further information.
- A discussion took place on universal credit and how it will affect people and how completing the online aspect may affect vulnerable people. It was noted that welfare rights officers will provide help and computers are available in local libraries for people to use.

Business Improvement District Update

- This project has been discussed at the Economy group.
- Brian provided an overview of the approach and some of the steps which have been taking so far by local business owners and NGHomes.
- Brian outlined that the vision of local people and businesses resonate with each other.
- Streetscape – Scot Loan Partnership – have developed some visuals of Saracen Street, with lollypop trees with better lighting
- Keen to develop ideas relating to the Millennium Space in partnership.

4. Possilpark People's Trust

Ann and Robert gave a presentation to the group on the background to the Trust and progression to date. The Trust has a broad remit for regeneration.

Achievements

- Community as directors and members of the Trust
- Private, public, third sector support for the Development trust.
- Opened memberships to local people.
- Charitable status granted.
- Asset transfer request for Possilpoint Community Centre Oct 18 – March 2019
- Seedcorn funding supported the Trust to update their business plan.
- Applied for Capital Regeneration Grant Funding November '18, for £1.5 million towards £3 million required spend. Also in discussion with lottery for £1million contribution.

Time Scale if successful

- Strategic Plan – Feb 2019
- Planning Permission – 2019
- Onsite – Nov 2019
- Hoping to be complete - December 2020
- Find match funding – Aug 2019
- Official Opening – March 2021

Other information

- Applied successfully to VAF Holiday Hunger Programme in partnership with 4 local organisations. Money did make a difference everyday.
- Ruchill and Possilpark Spirit Panel. Funding to support volunteers, open to local people who want capacity building training.
- Membership open to anyone in G22 5 – G22 6 over 16 years old, more locals involved the better.
- Associate membership available to those who have an interest, £1 membership. Different act and events

5. Findings of Possilpark Tobacco Research: What are the wider lessons

Irene Stewart gave a presentation of the findings of Possilpark Tobacco Research. 27 local people participated in the research; 4 were smokers, 6 had cut down and 17 were smoke free.

Reasons people have for stopping smoking are personal and include: receiving advice from professionals, pressure from family, social embarrassment, inspired by others. They found out about the service through sign-posting, publicity, health centres, information from family, friends and neighbours. Quitters received support from smoking cessation services, pharmacy, and social media. The benefit to individual's included health, social, and saving money.

Community influences were evident, community assets inspire people to quit, from seeing people promote success on Facebook, co-workers discussing success. People have liked the one to one support in NW. open door and continued support, social interaction and immediate access to nicotine replacement theory.

One person saved enough money from quitting to pay off her mortgage.

Young people less likely to smoke, established smokers are stopping, not smoking around others. Smoking has become socially unacceptable.

A group discussion took place, splitting into workshops. To look at different methods improving face-to-face communication and sharing of information among community members.

6. Seedcorn Funding

Linda Devlin provided an overview of proposals.

Communications actions – discussed later on agenda

Place Theme

- Development of Keppoch Campus Outdoor play area (Phase 1)- £1000
- Highpark Primary School – facelift to school railings - £1500
- Millennium Space and Bandstand improvements - £1000
- Vacant and derelict land/buildings feasibility study - £2820
- Friends of Possilpark Greenspace Sessional Hours - £5455

People Theme

- Possilpark People's Trust – support Christmas event - £2000

Total costs of proposals £13,755 Budget remaining as all above approved - £8654

The group agreed the Christmas event. Linda agreed to work up the Place theme requests and circulate to the group for approval as not enough information was available.

7. Communication Working Group

- The group discussed on different levels of communication in neighbourhoods.
- Face-to-face: looking at options discussed in group discussion earlier on agenda.
- Hardcopy info: What notice boards are available and the process to use them needs to be made available. Drumchapel Thriving Places have a service information booklet with activities, events, welfare section, and headline generic contact information. Keen to adapt for use in Ruchill and Possilpark – Seedcorn monies to support.
- Online Community website. The group reviewed currently available online platforms for use. Agreed that none meet the full needs of the area. The group will consider requirements and how this can support employability skills development through volunteer led model.
- The group feel that some of this work should be taken across Canal Ward if Lambhill/Milton TP area are agreeable.

8. AOCB

Louise updated on MissMsMrs Saturday morning Girl Power self empowerment programme for 10+ year olds.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 20TH February 2019 2pm at Ruchill Golf Centre, Brasseley Street.