



Easterhouse Thriving Places Steering Group

9th October 2019 at 2pm

**Room S/09 – Glasgow Kelvin College, Easterhouse Campus,
1200 Westerhouse Rd, Glasgow G34 9HZ**

Attending: Cclr Ruairi Kelly, Donna McGill/Thriving Places, Mark Ravenscroft/Resident, Norman Ferguson/ Glasgow Life, Tracey Boyle/NaS, Irene Young/ City Property, Jenny Crowe/Platform, Maureen Morris/Resident, Michelle Hunt/HSCP, Pam Fulton/ Easterhouse Baptist Church, Scott Ferguson/Seven Lochs, Nicola Byfield/Glasgow Life, Jane Horne/GKC, Heather McMillan/PPP GCC, Martin Lundie/NaS, Mark Barrow/Police Scotland

Apologies: Cllr Maureen Burke, Cclr Mandy Morgan, John McMorrow/EHRA, Laurence Bayston/SDS, Ruth Donnelly/HIT

Agenda

1. Note of meeting held on 06th June 2019
2. Community Anchor Organisation update
 - a. Craig is still off unwell. The College is covering his absence as best as possible.
 - b. The new Principle Derek Smeal is now in post, as is the Assistant Principle Robin Ashton.
 - c. The new launch of the new Pathfinder website is imminent
3. Community Hub update
 - a. Cclr Kelly advised that he had spoken with Jay at CH&S and they are still interested in progressing this in the next financial year
 - b. City Property have a new managing agent for The Lochs, (Graham and Sibbald) from October.
4. Update from Action Plan Sub Group
 - a. Martin from NaS suggested that there should be someone from Community Engagement to pull together all data which has been gathered to inform the sub groups action plans.
 - b. Cllr Kelly suggested that the Sub Groups may be broken down into smaller groups to tackle specific demographics
 - c. It was noted that DRS have not engaged with the Economy group

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5. Update from DRS re. Town Centre Action Plan spending
 - a. To be carried on to next meeting. Disappointment was voiced at the lack of attendance at the meeting from DRS. No apology for attendance at the meeting appears to have been given.
 - b. Provan Hall has been given £500,000 funding. Tenders being sent out with work commencing next April and being completed in 2021

6. Partner Updates
 - a. Partners to email their updates to Jane
 - b. The Lochs
 - The toilets are now complete
 - The out of order escalator will be fixed by Thursday
 - c. City Property
 - City Property have a new managing agent for The Lochs, (Graham and Sibbald) from October.
 - Old JCP unit – there has been interest, from an unnamed organisation, regarding this vacant unit and it may progress to letting.
 - B&M will advise, after Christmas, if they intend to renew their lease
 - The lease, held by JBG, for Westwood Business Centre is at an end. There is consideration for it to be a “Space for Growth” – a letting initiative for local groups
 - d. Glasgow Life
 - Glasgow Life hosted a City Wide Age Well Event on 2nd October at St Mungos
The event was to allow us to engage with local partners and showcase the good work and programmes that we deliver to Older People within Glasgow. There was 75 – 80 partners in attendance. Nicola showcased the good work in the North East and provided partners with information regarding programmes we deliver within our community centres and libraries. This also included programmes delivered by third party lets within our venues.

The event also allowed us to gather feedback on the following:

- What are the barrier so participation
- What are the main areas of focus that we should be delivering
- Communication – how can we improve our communication to others on what we deliver?
This information is currently being collated and a debriefing date has to be set.

Library at The Bridge staff are launching their Reminiscence Group:

Glasgow Memories @ Library at The Bridge Tuesday 19th November 1pm – 3pm.

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Aim

To provide a social and inclusive service for people living with dementia and those who care for them using digital tools to develop materials for relaxation and reminiscence, which may be used in the library or at home.

Objectives

Confidence building and familiarisation of participants with digital tools.

Increasing skills.

Increase Calmness and mindfulness.

Gathering of personal choice information e.g. photographs and/or music.

Social discussions around the selections and common themes (a development from the chats that currently take place as an afternoon tea session).

Putting together personal 'books/films'

Accessing resources.

Increasing social contact

All sessions are free and drop in!

We are currently engaging with local care homes but are looking at better ways to engage/target with the local community to encourage individuals to attend with their unpaid carers.

We have a number of Glasgow Memories sessions being delivered across the North East. For more information please contact 01412761785

Communities and Libraries

- The Library at the Bridge continues to support benefit claimants and provide advice and guidance to those claiming Universal Credit through co-located providers. Jobs and Business Glasgow (5 surgeries per week), Revenues and Benefits (3 surgeries per week) and Universal Credit (2 surgeries per week). In addition Macmillan Cancer support assists cancer sufferers and their families with a weekly drop in service.
- Debbie O'Brien from Sport is re-establishing the strategic partnership group for the Glasgow Life and third sector partners sharing the space at Library at the Bridge. The partnership group will aim to join services and provide as broad a provision as possible to existing and new visitors to the complex. Partnership working has recently successfully delivered an initiative where Platform provided lunches during the summer holidays to alleviate poverty hunger, complimented by activities in the Library and free swimming. The Library staff also held 8 induction sessions for new students of Kelvin College, resulting in over 100 memberships to the Library.
- Glasgow Life provide activities to a wide range of ages in the Library and partner spaces. Families with children 0-4 years attend 2 Bookbug sessions per week with an additional Bookbug provided by Health Services. In order to attract parents unable to attend weekdays, a Saturday session of



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Bookbug has started 11-12 pm. The Youth Access programme deliver issue based services with teenagers twice per week, exploring topics of health, alcohol and drug awareness amongst other topics. The Library continues to have class visits to the Library from most nurseries and primary Schools in the catchment and link pupils into sport and partner services as well as the Library provision. A new Digital Coding group starts early November introducing Science, Technology, Engineering and Science topics to Primary School age children delivered out with school hours complimenting subjects provided in school curriculum.

e. HSCP

- As part of the expansion of the Community Links Worker programme across Scotland, three new Community Links Workers have been recruited for Greater Easterhouse. The new workers will join the existing Links Worker attached to Lochend Practice and are anticipated to be in post within Oakwood, Newhills and Gilbertfield Medical Practice around November time. Michelle will pass on contact details for the new workers when known

f. Platform (Investing in Communities Fund)

- Platform will be delivering the Breakfast and Lunch Club from the Café with Bridge partners during the October holiday – please feel free to promote – this includes free swims from Glasgow Sport
- Platform have applied to the Investing in Communities fund with Blairtummock Housing Association and EHRA to support community based activity. This includes provision of 200 free tickets for Platform's in-house Christmas production Mother Goose fae Easterhouse, to each of the EHRA RSLs to distribute. If the fund is unsuccessful Platform and EHRA are exploring alternative arrangements in order to still provide the free tickets.
- We recently hosted our Big Band Tea Dance with 150 local residents in attendance also attended by Cllr Kelly and David Linden

g. Glasgow CPP update (Heather)

h. Police Scotland update (Mark Barrow)

i. NaS

- Asset mapping will see NS contribute important contact details for services for inclusion within the Pathfinder website
- More people will feel safe within their community – specific actions still be fleshed out via second meeting but this could be looked at from a variety of perspectives
- Reduce/impact on anti-social behaviour-joint objective with people sub group looking to see a reduction in youth disorder calls to Police Scotland
- An increase in civic pride in relation to the environment – to improve/increase volunteering opportunities and to use existing local groups to influence the clean Glasgow campaign
- Reduction in dog fouling – highlighted focus as being to educate local dog walkers to become more responsible – potential to investigate Falkirk Councils green dog walker pilot
- Improve attractiveness of places to live, work and visit – focus here on establishing vacant and derelict land for potential community use

j. GKC

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- Craig Green is still off work sick
 - Pathfinder will be up and running very soon
 - There are new Principal's and Vice Principal's for the college. Derek Smeall and Robin Ashton, respectively.
- k. Donna McGill, Community Connector
- Donna is still basing herself in the old Savers Unit in the Lochs Shopping Centre on Monday and Wednesday afternoons, with a view to making herself more accessible to local residents and to do consultations.
 - She is undertaking Social Enterprise training to enable her to better support local residents, who may be considering this as a future goal.
 - A film has been produced, as a means of reporting Thriving Places progress to date. It is available on <https://www.glasgowcpp.org.uk/index.aspx?articleid=24889>
 - In partnership with Claire Williams, from Glasgow Community Energy, Donna will be supporting some local volunteers to undertake repairs/painting of fencing/planters and replacing some bedding plants in the nursery garden at GKC Easterhouse Campus.
7. Input re. Child Poverty from Gena Howe – Gina did not attend the meeting.
8. Fireworks Display
- a. Going ahead at the Fort. Scheme have confirmed their attendance. There is space for 5,000 people.
 - b. Christmas lights: Fort have donated lights to be donated to organisations.
9. Date of next meeting:
- a. 20th November