



Drumchapel Thriving Places

Breakfast & Blether

Tuesday 27th April 2021

10am

Microsoft Teams

Minutes

Attendance:

Will Thomson
Anne Ainsworth
Hilda Campbell
Tracy Anderson
Carol Smith
Cllr Elspeth Kerr
Lynn Lovelock - NWGVSN
Ted Scanlon
Linda Hendry
Gillian Pollock
Tracy Mckenzie
Fiona Farris
Geraldine Donnan
Mindy Sangha
Karen Venables (NRS)
Mhairi Shepherd
Eric Duncan

Apologies:

Shona Mcleod
John Docherty

1. Welcome – Eric

Eric welcomed all who attended this morning and thanked for coming along.

2. Growchapel - Hilda Campbell

Hilda informed that Karen Venables will provide an update on the Growchapel community garden.

On March 16th people met at the “Scented Sitooterie” to discuss what attracted people to Growchapel community garden and the importance of ownership and how governance will be conducted and operated. It was also mentioned that Drumhub is interested in the bowling greens and tennis courts at Drumchapel park. The Growchapel group is focusing on building a sense of being part of something by involving as many people as possible. Providing work experience and training sessions is also important to those locally and this can be conducted by linking in with colleges and organisations. There is also a labyrinth behind Essenside Church, and it was suggested that, if the church is happy for us to investigate that further, to see if it can be used.

The question was raised about how to create a place that will encourage people to come to Drumchapel; for example, the Mercat used to host many theatrical events and on a Thursday, there used to be a massive outdoor market.

Hilda provided a presentation.

Geraldine D, from Glasgow Life, can offer support for Growchapel volunteers. Glasgow Life should be re-starting their volunteers. Drumchapel Library has greenspace with a huge potential for development. We could possibly look at volunteers from Friendship House where there is the intention of creating a world garden, developed by asylum /refugee residents within the community.

Anne A, from Fortune Works, informed that they work with 117 adults Monday – Friday and are also involved in a new project in partnership with Glasgow University that has funding to work with the high school to meet and break the barriers of hate crimes. We are also restructuring Fortune Works and there is potential work coming soon.

Karen V, from NRS, informed that they are working alongside Hilda as part of the steering group for Growchapel. The location for this is the spare land between Halgreen Avenue and Abbotshall Avenue and it is for the local community to grow fruit and vegetables but also for those who are most vulnerable, such as, people who have addiction or mental health issues.

- Phase 1:
Construction has begun with new paths and drainage being installed, plus the installation of a portacabin. The first 24 growing plots will be installed.
- Phase 2:
Depending on funding.
For those who share an interest we will discuss with organisations and individuals if there are not enough plots available that there will be a waiting list or we will enquire if some groups would like to come together and share a plot.
- Hoping to be on sight by the end of June/start of July.
- The second newsletter has been launched and the next meeting will be the 5th May.
- Also looking at launching a storyboard.
- Looking at having a timeline and provide different types of training for those with little or no gardening skills.

- karen.venables@glasgow.gov.uk provided for those who require more information.

3. Thriving Places Update – Charles Bailey

Apologies from Charles Bailey at Thriving Places; having IT issues.

Ted explained that the Thriving Places team still has funds available from the Scottish Government Recovery Fund. This is to help those during the pandemic focusing on those who have been furloughed, zero-hour contracts, or are a family living with someone who has additional needs. If any of the organisations know of anyone who fits these criteria, please send the team an email with contact details of those they would like to refer. Thriving Places also has funding available for those who are struggling with digital inclusion. The team has provided laptops, tablets, mobile phones, and data, to those who cannot afford to purchase any of these items. The organisations that provided these services for free drop-in usage are now closed resulting in a greater need of devices in people's homes to help them tackle either, isolation, benefit claims, or for educational skills and training. Again, if any organisations know of anyone that needs this service please get in touch.

Thriving Places alongside NWHIT will deliver a workshop on the importance of receiving the covid vaccine as there has been a low intake on this from ethnic minorities. This will hopefully be delivered live but if restrictions are still in place, we will try deliver it online. There is also a workshop from "We journey together" that will help us challenge the myths behind the assumptions of asylum seekers and refugees coming to the UK to steal 'our homes and jobs', Charles has had some training on this and will be one of the facilitators.

On the issue of the localised litter problem. The whole month of June will see a community clean-up campaign led by the Community Council, Thriving places, G15, and residents. The idea is to provoke/embarass Glasgow City Council to come along and show them what they should be doing. The press will be invited, and we are looking for plenty more volunteers. We will be contacting schools, local groups and organisations and housing association to take part in this monthly event. The proper equipment will be provided, and we are organising group litter picks in certain areas at certain times and bulk uplifts.

We have also been contacted by Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS) to discuss the key spatial issues from the community's perspective and consider the most effective way for them to engage with the local community going forward. They are at a very early stage in the development of the Local Development Framework (LDF) for Drumchapel. Andy Corletto (NRS) has undertaken some initial analysis to develop an understanding of the place from his perspective and has identified what they think are likely to be the priority issues that the LDF.

Hilda - asked is this a one off or do you want me to include something on the Map around Thriving places and cleaning up local environment? Let me know and I can add as I wonder with COP26 there is a real need for some kind of local environment work not just cleaning up but e.g., planting wildflowers etc.

Lynn L from NWGVSN asked if Thriving Places would like this information to be included in the NWGVSN newsletter and asked if he had been in contact with the People Make

Glasgow Communities. Ted responded that Thriving Places were in discussions with Jackie Sunderland from this Council organisation.

Eric D from the NWHIT shared that Glasgow City Council are launching a clean Glasgow campaign and will forward on the information. It is based on the 4 E's

- Education
- Engagement
- Enforcement
- Enhancement

4. Member Updates –

Hilda - shared that COPE is still offering support to the G15 area and it is a full phone service. Wanted to assure all that even though there is no base they are still around virtually.

Tracy, from Thriving Places, shared that Women Matter are trying to re-establish themselves after a slow start before the country went into lockdown. Tracy explained that she is not part of the group but is there to offer Thriving Places support to help the women get up and running. Tracy explained that the group is looking for a venue, new members and a treasurer. There will be a consultation, week commencing 3rd May, to gather information from local women to see what is needed most in the community and the group will then discuss if they will be able to deliver the required service. Tracy will discuss the findings of the consultation at the next Breakfast and Blether and asked if anyone/group interested in contributing with this group, that they get in touch with Tracy to discuss this further. Geraldine has asked Tracy to get in touch regarding a venue in the future. Hilda suggested to try link in with Drumhub, Promising Links, and Chance to Change. Hilda will also provide a wellbeing pack if the group requires it; they only need to send an email. Eric D suggested being part of the white ribbon campaign as domestic violence has magnified during lockdown and that we not only support local people but the broader community. Elspeth suggested that the campaign should be not only about violence against women, but about any type of violence against any person. Hilda feels there will be a crisis for wellbeing. We need to look at what counselling services are around in Drumchapel and looking at what all the partners face and we all work on it together which will be more beneficial. Perhaps consider a wider population-based campaign due to the stress and tension lockdown has put on people's relationships?

5. DONM

Eric discussed that these meetings are very stimulating, interesting, and useful and on the note suggested that the next meeting take place on Tuesday 8th June at 10am.

