

Drumchapel Thriving Places

Breakfast & Blether

Tuesday 8th June 2021

10am

Microsoft Teams

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Attendance:

Tracy Mckenzie (Thriving Places)
Tracey Groom (CHSS)
Roseann Maguire
Chloe Robertson (Women's Aid)
Daniel Band (Glasgow Life)
Eric Duncan (NWHIT)
Lynn Lovelock (NWGVSN)
Joyce Orr (Pineview Housing Association)
Kathleen (COPE Scotland)
Tracy Anderson (Glasgow Life)
Sarah Morrison
Mhairi Shepherd (NWHIT)
Peter Clough (JBG)
Linda Hendry (GCC)
Stuart Brown (CHSS)
Lyndsay Borland
Charles Bailey (Thriving Places)
Elspeth Kerr (Councillor)
Johnny Howes (Glasgow Life)
Mark Langdon (Glasgow Life)
Mindy Sangha (GHA)
Geraldine Donnan (Glasgow Life)
Fiona Kirk
May Simpson (NWLEF)
John Docherty

1. Welcome – Eric

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

2. Thriving Places Update – Charles Bailey

- **Keep Drumchapel Tidy Campaign**
This campaign started with a local resident Tanith Diggory who linked in with Thriving Places, Drumchapel Community Council, G15 Youth Project, Children and Neighbourhood Scotland, and GHA. After some initial meetings, the group decided to organise a clean-up campaign in the month of June, and the idea was to get as many people as possible to pledge at least 30 minutes of their time to do a litter pick. If anyone is interested, they can send an email to keepdrumchapeltidy@gmail.com or message the Facebook page to register your interest. We want to see your photos and document what has been collected as we want to put pressure on GCC. There is also an educational process in the campaign, with Tanith drawing up posters of Drumchapel for the school children to colour and was funded by CNS. The teachers will have discussions about how important it is to put litter into bins. Joyce Orr said that education is a big thing as the Council has limited resources, we do need more bins in the area, they need to be metal as the plastic ones are set on fire and they need to be emptied regularly. Elspeth Kerr said that as far as she was aware there are two hand carts (litter pickers) in the whole of Glasgow. All bins were replaced, they were not fit for purpose as the plastic bins on posts were set on fire, so pull-out bins in casing were put up and there was not enough.
- **We Journey Together**
This is a resource that was produced by Govan Community Project. Questions were asked about the perceptions of refugees and asylum seekers regarding their life journey and a piece of Participatory Action Research was conducted demonstrating that it is not all as shown on the main media outlets. A short film was made that should help educate people on what is really happening around the world. Charles and Mhairi, took part in training and can now facilitate workshops for those who are interested. The intention is to train workers and volunteers before it goes out to the community. Lynn Lovelock asked if this information could be shared in her newsletter, to which we agreed. Tracey Groom would also like to be involved. Joyce Orr from Pineview is keen to know more and become involved. Elspeth Kerr would like to be involved in the training also. Geraldine Donnan informed that she would pass the information on to the Equalities Team at Glasgow Life and partnership training will go forward with Stephanie McCulloch and GL. We hope that the workshops will be run as citywide training. Mindy Sangha requested more information on this.

- **Thriving Places Recovery Update**

We have continued to help families who have been struggling financially directly and indirectly throughout the Covid pandemic. We have also helped several families to become digitally included, providing devices such as, laptops, tablets, mobile phones, and data dongles. These went mainly to asylum seekers who were finding it even harder to stay in touch with their family and friends. We are in the process of purchasing vouchers, which has proven to be difficult as most stores prefer you to go inside to buy them and we must do it through bank transfer. Now we can purchase Argos vouchers for white goods and are awaiting Aldi vouchers that will help with other essential items. Joyce Orr informed that Pineview used "Love to Shop" vouchers in the past and can order online. Isobel at Pineview could give us information. Tracey Groom said that Digital Inclusion is a priority for the reopening of the CHSS and we have a tiny budget to make the hub more accessible and will connect with Charles & TP over the next week or so.

Mark Langdon asked if there was anything happening for refugee week. Charles informed that he knew of nothing in Drumchapel that he was aware of. However, it is a good opportunity to do something. Mark said that the "We Journey Together" package is a great start. Lynn Lovelock informed that GNWVSN has also been recycling old laptops and PC's and providing 6 month Wi-Fi and asked us to keep her in mind if we need some.

3. Member Updates:

- **Tracey Groom**

The hub closed on the 17th March and then re-opened in September and closed in December. I know there are rumours about the shop not opening, however, between the signage and shutters being damaged it will take some time to repair. We will be back, and work is going on inside from next week. We hope to have the repairs and staffing issues resolved by the end of July/beginning of August. Peter from LCP has been great in removing the donations from the back door and we will be taking bookings for the community room in due course, which is now restricted to only 8 people. We cannot wait to have Thriving Places back in their room and a new job will be advertised for a full-time assistant manager and we would like to see this going to someone from Drumchapel. We have also pledged a day for a litter pick and have been participating in the "connecting together campaign", which has been heavily supported by celebrities. This will commence on the 4th of July, and it is about reconnecting after Covid. I will send information out to everyone. Could this be included in the meeting notes, really appreciated.

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Pater Clough – If you can send us the job advertisement we can put it in our database, we would also like to connect those who are unsuccessful and look at why this was the case and help them. I will email and discuss this further with you. Geraldine Donnan informed that she would share the CHSS assistant managers post on the NW mailing list

Eric Duncan informed that the NWHIT has also allocated £20,000 for Drumchapel to have during the recovery process from Covid and try and bring the community back together. This is in Thriving Places hands and will happen in due course.

- **Stuart Brown – Health Defence**
Rocket Science have been looking through the Health Defence 1.0 and the plan is to continue when the hub opens, and we will also be expanding to Maryhill. The health walk is back on Tuesdays, and we are keen to get volunteers trained up for walk leader training. We have appointed a health specialist and the idea is to have free activities for the community to be involved in from July.
- **Daniel Band** informed of benefit take up which focuses on devolved benefits and how we can sign post potential clients. There are different criteria that need to be met. A Power Point presentation was shared to the group and a PDF with a QR code that will access the website. The information entails background information of Social Security Scotland, what is available to children and families, grants for young people, and other benefits. There is also information on the eligibility with the applications and contact details. Tracy will send this to the mailing list. Peter Cough would like to discuss this further via email and maybe deliver it to our advisors.
- **May Simpson – NWLEF** informed that about carers week and there are 3 Carers Centre in Northwest Glasgow working together to providing support and services to carers and families. Join us to find out about:
 - The range of Carers supports and services available
 - What happens when you are referred to carers' services
 - How we have adapted and are delivering services during Covid restrictions
 - What difference carers support, and services, can make to carers and families
 - How to refer into the serviceTo book a place at NW Locality Carers Engagement Sessions contact May.Simpson@ggc.scot.nhs.uk – after registration, a joining link will be sent out.
Eric – if anyone wants to get involved with LEF please get in touch.
- **General updates/information sharing**
Mark Langdon is involved on a voluntary basis with Green Drumchapel and has a meeting tomorrow with the local schools and nurseries. The group is to connect people with the nature around the area. Alison Horner from Drumhub and Andy Lynch from the Community Council are involved in creating a Friends of Drumchapel Park group and if anyone is interested then please get

in touch and Tracy will forward on the contact information. I think that in the next "Breakfast and Blether" we should maybe discuss COP26 as climate emergency is ongoing and I have joined the board from Glasgow eco trust and could maybe have someone from there to discuss this.

Eric – maybe have a separate session on COP26 and climate and if so, we can work out the details as it is important, and we need to hear local voices. Mark said that he would love to do something more community based maybe on a Saturday and again maybe convene separate meeting for this too. Eric – if people agree we will chat with Mark and sort a date and what platform to use.

Kathleen – COPE has produced a nature poster and if anyone would like it altered could they get in touch by the 17th June.

Lynn Lovelock – If anyone wants anything advertised in our newsletter please get in touch.

4. D.O.N.M – 20th July at 10am