

Drumchapel Thriving Places
Breakfast & Blether
Thursday 31st August 2021
10am
Microsoft Teams
MINUTES

Attendance:

Tracy Mckenzie (Thriving Places Drumchapel)
Tracy Anderson (Glasgow Life)
Anne Ainsworth (Enable Glasgow)
John Docherty (Glasgow Anniesland)
Lesley Crawford (Community services officer)
Hilda Campbell (COPE Scotland)
Elspeth Kerr (Councillor)
Mark Langdon (Glasgow Life)
Mr Will Thomson (G15 Buses)
Mhairi Shepherd (NWHIT)
Ted Scanlon (Thriving Places Drumchapel)
Roseann Maguire
Claire Torrens
Charles Bailey (Thriving Places Drumchapel)
Lynn Lovelock (NWGVS Network)
May Simpson (Community engagement officer)
Eric Duncan (NWHIT)
Lyndsay Thomson (NWHIT)
Iain Corbett (CNS)
Sarah Morrison
Fiona Farris (Community links practitioner)
Linda Hendry (GCC)

1. Welcome – Eric

Eric welcomed and thanked those who came along. Also, asked how Growchapel was coming along. Iain – Karen identified a few plots and will discuss this with the owners of the land and will share this information later.

Eric – asked how the thrive under 5 was going. Lyndsay – No update yet, still looking for more people to be involved. If you want to be involved, please get in contact. Hoping to start in October but people can still be part of it after that.

Eric – Any feedback on CHSS. Tracy – Linda and some volunteers are in putting things in place for the shop opening but there is still no set date for this. The Thriving Places team have a meeting on Thursday with Tracey Groom to discuss getting back into the shop and what we need to do to safeguard ourselves and others.

2. Thriving Places Update – Charles / Ted

Charles – we are still offering one-off financial support, digital inclusion devices and vouchers to support families and individuals who need extra help. If you know of anyone who needs our support, please let us know.

We received £20,000 funding from NWHIT for our next community budgeting activity. This will be split into £10,000 pre-Christmas and £10,000 post-Christmas. Together with delivering a project we consider important for the groups we work with community budgeting is an exercise in participation and accountability regarding public funds. It is also an opportunity for us to learn how to engage democratically with one another. As in the past three occasions, when we promoted community budgeting, all the decisions were made by the participants, and we propose that we continue in this way.

Friendship House is starting its weekly get-together for asylum seekers and refugees. This will help them become more a part of the community, link them with services they may need, building friendships and sitting down with some food. The open day is Wednesday 8th September from 12pm.

Participatory Action Research will begin soon. This consultation process will be as participatory as possible, resulting in the creation of Drumchapel Community Hub, under community control, reflecting the will of the people who live and work in Drumchapel. Our objective is to reach out to as many people as possible to create a robust and evidenced case for the creation of community hub(s) in Drumchapel. We will engage in door-to-door contact, engage with a wide range of community, statutory and voluntary organisations working in Drumchapel, establish online access to the questionnaire, engage with the residents and workers in public places (shopping centre, health centre, schools, churches etc) and participate in local events. Ted – this research comes at a crucial time as we do not have a space that belongs to the community and ran by the community. G15 Youth Project is now up at KCEGD and 3D are in St Andrews Church, the Stonedyke centre remains a mystery. The NHS have renewed their contract in the community centre till June next year. We are also part of a campaign called Glasgow Against Closures (GAC) and we were part of a protest that marched from St Mungo's to Glasgow Green. In September there will be a rally in Edinburgh and in Glasgow there will be one on the 16th October. On the 6th of November we

will be part of the COP26 but will identify as GAC. We are balancing what we are doing locally but also nationally.

Tracy – fed back information from Joyce. “All good at G15, moving from the community centre enough is enough. We had a very busy summer programme with 49 new members; we should be out the centre by September and thank you to everyone for all your support”.

The Activate course, which is a beginner level to community development, will start on Thursday 16th September with the previous group that initially started before the pandemic. Essenside Church will be the new venue for the course.

We produced another successful Drumchapel News which was sent out to approximately 8,000 doors as well as electronically.

Eric – very happy that the Activate course is starting again, this is a fantastic piece of work bringing together a whole new collective of people.

3. Member Updates:

- We journey together – Charles & Mhairi (10 mins)

Mhairi – We Journey Together is a tool you can use to facilitate myths against asylum seekers and refugees. Naasra and Mhairi are looking to develop similar discussions for younger people, once that is ready Mhairi will share it. The NWHIT and Thriving Places shared their own experiences and information about discriminations and inequalities. This is not a training course it is more an informal meeting providing information. If you are interested, please let Mhairi or Charles know. A link will be posted in the chat and could confirm some potential dates.

<https://www.wejourneytogether.org.uk/>

Mark – really interested in this. I know there are stories in the libraries, we need to be careful not to display stereotypes. I have spoken with MaryAnn (Head teacher of St Clare’s) about anti-racism and there is a working group on this and maybe partner up to support each other.

<https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/councillorsandcommittees/viewSelectedDocument.asp?c=P62AFQDNT1Z3UTT1DX>

Cllr Kerr – Wonder how we can get a link with anti-racism that is not just to do with colour but there is anti-Irish for example. This was more noticeable over the weekend. It is important to discuss who we are and where we come from? How do we get this into schools?

Mark – it can’t just come from schools. Cllr Kerr – It is the adults, but it must be across the board. Eric – Thriving Places hosted Show Racism The Red Card event and I’m sure the team are keen to keep this going as it didn’t stop and Covid held it up. I’m sure the team will ensure Drumchapel is an inclusive community. Charles – the events in the past were positive and the next Show Racism The Red Card is on the 22nd October. Maybe we can work together again outside CHSS and write messages and pledges and include the schools. Eric – the people of Drumchapel were appalled that this behaviour is still happening. Iain – maybe look at green spaces etc and host a football event. Eric – Tracy will put out a call for those to come together to combat this.

- Flooding & climate change – Hilda

First, I would like to remind everyone that there is an opportunity for a community event with Growchapel. I will send out the link. COPE has spoken with “Mind and Draw” and the launch is for community space.

I would like to talk about existential angst, where people’s heads are. We can have strong community activists but others saying what’s the point. If we don’t address this people can fall into despair. What we can do is talk about how we feel and maybe seek professional support. We are offering is talking basic details and thematics just so people can off load. Also, we have a new website with self-help books and mindfulness videos. There are 25 hard copies of little exercises to help with existential angst. We had 50 households affected by flooding, I don’t know if there are plans in place for a local emergency contingency plan – how can we help people get back on their feet again? As we go forward, we still see images on fires/hurricanes etc. It is about what we do and how we do it. Blocked drains are a problem there are only 2 machines in Glasgow to deal with blocked drains, this is not enough. Slippery leaves can be major causes for surgery, what can we do to get them swept up. Our houses are not built for climate changes so how do we help people prepare for next summer?

Will – why don’t we ask to put £5 a month to cover a resilience fund, like business 500. Cllr Kerr – I can bring this up with RSL’s and see if it can be delivered at a cheaper rate, in Drumchapel the insurance is higher because of crime rates. Hilda – The post code is an issue, maybe bring in the police to share what the reality actually is. May – wondered if the community budgeting could be a start to the resilience fund. Eric – I don’t think the fund is suitable for that. Someone should look at how do you get community insurance and support. Maybe bring a group together to tackle this. Breakfast and a Blether doesn’t have the power to start with this structure.

- World suicide prevention day 10th September – Hilda (10 mins)

If people are interested, I will send out a zoom link for 6.30pm on the 10th September. There is a petition called Luke’s Law which was discussed at parliament and was created by Ann-Marie Ashton. This was set up because Ann-Marie’s husband took his own life after placing a free bet which then led to him wanting to gamble more which put him in a lot of debt. This petition is about hope through action.

- G15 Buses update – Will (10 mins)

A lot of people don’t know G15 Buses. This was set up because Drumchapel was cut-off from NHS and secondary care. Will asked Breakfast and Blether attendees to become members of G15 Buses and informed that the membership is free. The aim is to continue to deliver a demand responsive bus service, under their Section 19 Permit for residents of the G15 postal area, working alongside as many community based community delivery projects, to ensure connections to medical and employment requirements etc.

- General updates/information sharing

Sarah Morrison – Mick Doyle is providing some training about community ownership and asset transfers. I will send the information out and the date for this is 7th September at 7pm.

Ted – Halfway through September there will be a billboard on the bridge at the Goodyear advertising the Keep Drumchapel Tidy event. The funding for this came from CNS and it shows what was achieved during the month of June during the community clean-up process.

John – The Robertson Trust are celebrating their 60th year and during the month of October they will contribute £3 to every £1 basically trebling whatever donations they receive.

Mhairi – Drumchapel Children and Families Network have rebranded their name and are having their launch on the 30th September; I will email the flyer to the mailing list. Hilda – why don't you build a link with City Wide CFN?

4. D.O.N.M

12th October at 10 am.