

Breakfast & Blether

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The Phoenix Hall

Ted Scanlon – Thriving Places

Michelle Donaldson – Thriving Places

Lyndsay Thompson – NWHP

Dianne McMillan – Drumchapel Community Council

Mindy Sangha – GHA

Christina Miles – Glasgow Life

Rosanne McGuire – University of Glasgow

Margaret Anne Prentice – Community Link Practitioner

Alexis Kerr – VINE

Elsbeth Kerr – VINE

Carol Smith – Community Safety Advocate, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service

Catherine - Community Safety Advocate, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service

Joyce Bell – G15 Youth Project

Liz Atkinson – Drumchapel Foodbank

John Docherty – Antonine Court

Welcome:

Ted thanked all for attending and everyone introduced themselves by name and organisation. The group were informed there was no fixed agenda at this meeting as it was the first since the pandemic.

Thriving Places: Ted informed the meeting that Charles was currently off sick and Michelle would be covering for him until November. Thriving Places are now back in the Chest Heart & Stroke shop Monday – Friday 10am-4pm and back to a drop-in service – masks and hand sanitiser are available as well as an enhanced cleaning schedule by the staff. Ten local people have completed The University of Glasgow Activate Course, with four being accepted to study community development at the university. A special edition of the Drumchapel news was produced to celebrate this achievement. Another course will be starting September-October this year, anyone interested should get in touch with Thriving Places.

Community Budgeting: It was decided by the group attending the community budgeting meetings that there would be a quick turnaround of this round of funding as some groups wanted to use the funds to run events in the school holidays. Any further rounds will be announced.

Community Links – Outreach surgeries are running from the Sports Centre, across from the police station. Young Adults Project (Mental Health) is ongoing as well as the Hope Project, for people touched by suicide. Referrals for both groups should be made through community links practitioners. Yoga sessions are running on Mondays with Arthritis UK. Regarding Growchapel, feedback from participants has been positive.

Scottish Fire & Rescue – Catherine informed that she is available for events, de-fib training, for general safety talks. Her diary is filling up fast. Catherine asked about space in the Chest Heart & Stroke shop, Ted confirmed the meeting room in the shop is still not being used and it is up to CHSS when this will be available to book. Catherine added the fire station is available for sessions such as anti-social behaviour talks.

Community Council – Dianne informed about the meeting with Jonathan Pickering from People Make Glasgow /Communities and his boss who attended a community council meeting to speak about an application being made to the Levelling Up Fund which will fund the Public Civic Realm on the spare ground at the shopping centre. Elsbeth confirmed the application for the fund had been submitted.

Antonine Court - John informed the result of the Levelling Up fund will be in October and the Drumchapel application was rushed as there may not be a third round. John also informed that Antonine Court promote a family autism morning on 1st Saturday of the month for over 5 years.

G15 Youth Project – Joyce informed the group G15 has moved from the community centre as it was not going to open again, and the project had to find space to reopen and run its programmes. The project suffered a 62% cut in funding but received a grant from the

National Lottery which basically saved the project. Currently the project is delivering a busy summer programme with more people wanting to access than they can accept.

D70 – Joyce informed that the 70 years of Drumchapel celebration starts on 1st January 2023 to celebrate 70 years of Drumchapel and the heritage in the area. A meeting will take place in August to get everyone involved in the planning. A festival in the park will be part of the celebration to showcase people's talents. On another note, Joyce informed that Drumchapel T.V is a new project with young people taking the lead in promoting organisations in the community.

Foodbank - Liz reported some figures from the foodbank which were:

Pre COVID – 70 people/families per week

During Covid – 400 people/families per week

Now – 120 people/families per week

The foodbank remained open throughout the pandemic every day.

Liz also informed that Housing Associations have received funding from the Scottish Government to help tenants with fuel costs. Only GHA seem to be telling people about the fund, tenants should ask their housing officer. The increase in the cost of fuel is having an impact on the amount of people attending the foodbank. The foodbank is sharing premises with DMAC. Ukrainian families are starting to come to the foodbank. There was a positive response to the media campaign for the foodbank and it now has stock and funds to help so won't be making an application to community budgeting as they don't need it now. The Foodbank is trying to get a fuel poverty advisor for the whole area as the foodbank covers all areas, and you do not have to be from Drumchapel to access.

DMAC – Needs more workers to deal with people. People with disabilities are being told they are not entitled to benefits.

Thrive Under 5 – Lindsay informed of a financial inclusion referral process to help families maximise their income. Help with budgeting, financial health checks, enhanced support is also available. Anyone wanting to make referrals should contact Lindsay. The project also supplies ingredients and recipe cards to feed families as well as food pantry membership with 12 free shops. The project can also provide vouchers for basic cooking equipment (pots & pans, baking trays etc).

University of Glasgow – Ran sessions with High School and Fortune Works, brought 8 from each group together to run 6 workshops of baking and football. Core group will evaluate.

Library – Libraries are open across Glasgow. They are recruiting staff to ensure there is enough to enable them to open. Books and I.T are available. Covid measures are in place (masks, sanitising, cleaning). Book bug, adult education ESOL, Literacy and numeracy classes, JBG are slowly coming back all over Glasgow. Bus pass applications are available and the library will help to apply online.

Chance 2 Change – The group aims at empowering people to make healthy changes in their lives. Leanne informed about the report of the Chance 2 Change expert reference group in partnership with Scottish Government, which was published recently.

Donald Dewar – Tracy informed that the use of the Centre by NHS has come to an end. City Building are in putting things back to normal. Drum United have taken over the pitches but not the building. Anyone wanting to use the pitch must go through Drum United. Tracy was unsure as to an opening date but would inform eventually.

VINE Scotland – This is a new group starting September offering Adventure Group, Drama Group, Men's Group, Signposting, Advocating for housing. Elsbeth has been working on group for 3 years and is now working on a constitution.

Lottery – Chris informed that from March 2023 new programmes are being launched, we can find out more through Facebook and Twitter. Awards for all continues open, as well as Young Start. There are no multiyear programmes open from September 22 – March 23.

GHA – There are 11 stronger voices officers in Glasgow recruiting a customer panel and so far, we have 200 participants from Drumchapel. These will replace committees with the task of providing feedback to shape services i.e., repairs, allocation, environment. through consultation, walkabouts, and convention. Shopping vouchers are being offered to tenants for taking part. "Eat-well" referral vouchers for GHA tenants are available 3 times per year for Asda, Tesco and Morrisons. Fuel advisor can provide up £49 3 times per year on a dry and pre-payment meter. The Wheatly Foundation can help with employability and higher education bursary.

Proposed date of next meeting 18th August, 10am Phoenix Hall.