



Drumchapel Thriving Places

Breakfast & Blether

Thursday 26/1/23

10am

Phoenix Hall

5 Moneymusk Place, G15 8JH

## **MINUTES**

### **Attendance:**

Tracy Mckenzie (Thriving Places Drumchapel)  
Ted Scanlon (Thriving Places Drumchapel)  
Michelle Donaldson (Thriving Places Drumchapel)  
Charles Bailey (Thriving Places)  
Anne Ainsworth (Enable Glasgow)  
John Docherty (Antonine Court/ Bill Kidd's Office)  
Elspeth Kerr (VINE)  
Alexis Kerr (VINE)  
Joyce Bell (G15 Youth Project)  
Mhairi Shepherd (NWHIT)  
Leeann McBride (Chance to Change)  
Lynn Lovelock (NWGVS Network)  
Dougie Taylor (Drumchapel life)  
Kellie Ann Lawson (NRS)  
Linda Hendry (GCC)  
Andy Cartwright (Pineview Housing Association)  
Eric Flack (Blairdardie/ Old Drumchapel CC)  
Chris Docherty (CHSS)  
Caroline Meiklejohn (Drumchapel Housing Co-op)  
Andy Lynch (Drumchapel Community Council)  
Eric Duncan (NWHIT)  
Catherine Wallace (SFRS)  
Henry Smith (3D)  
Lyndsay Thomson (NWHIT)  
James McCulloch (SFRS)  
Jennifer Fulton (C2C)  
Jillian Fearnside (Kingsridge Cleddans HA)  
Louise Lawson (Antonine Court)

Jonny Pickering (GCC)

Julia Lapthorn (GCC)

**Apologies:**

Tracy Anderson (Glasgow Life)

May Simpson (NWHIT)

Anne Glass (Drumchapel Cycle Hub)

Marisa McCarthy (Drumchapel Housing Co-op)

Joanne Galbraith (Police Scotland)

Hilda Campbell (COPE)

Emma McShane (Cernach Housing Association)

**1. Welcome – Eric**

Thanks for coming and looking forward to a prosperous new year. We have to shift the agenda around as Jonny and Julia need to leave.

**Member Updates:**

Glasgow Communities Fund – Dougie

Martina was approached by Thriving Places to speak about this but could not come so Dougie informed the group. It was a dramatic process, the last time it was a dreadful application process, this time was slightly better. The assessment process had changed as it looked as though they were going to score them, however, it was looked at with strategic leads but I'm not really sure how that works. It then went to a review panel. The first criticism was the third sector had to ask why only 1 elected member was in attendance. 270 applications were to be read in 2 hours. Dumbarton Road corridor suffered. Heart of Scotstoun, Whiteinch, and Yoker Resource Centre were not included for any funding. What was supposed to be a 2-hour meeting turned into a 5-hour meeting. It was a bloodbath, there were arguments about no funding for youth projects along that corridor. 3D received 58% of what they asked for, the Sport Centre 100%, Drumchapel Life 58%, G15 Youth Project 38% and Fortune Works 50%. The question is how many of these organisations can deliver their service with the money they received? I am worrying if the work that is needed can be delivered. A series of recommendations went to the Northwest sector. The local officers were not involved in the process, and a couple of things I think GCC got wrong. For a start they talked about the fund being discretionary and the point I'm making is, when it started, they had £60million per annum and now it is less than that for over 3 years. Also, the organisations that survived don't do this for fun, we keep people out of hospital and prison etc, and they miss that point. What they don't realise is that we do not have HR or finance departments. We all deliver the project we are not an organisation that can survive without support. The process shouldn't rely on senior Council officers.

Henry – It's easier to get funding to cover staff but we find it hard to cover CEO etc. For the council not to do this is shocking.

Andy – Glasgow relies on volunteers and community groups to sustain it and tackle poverty. I asked if it could be risen to £70m to be replied with the money is set.

Leanne – I am feeling the frustration, what you were saying about the concerns is that being fed back.

Dougie – Yes, the strategic leads will be asked about the experience.

Eric – I have heard of people saying it was deeply flawed.

Dougie – Can't really answer that but it was part of the IGF.

Ted – Underlying issue is we need to look at the role of the state and the third sector. The third sector has a propositional role, it's a three-year period, can we intervene in this process after the first year?

Dougie – We need to push harder. Interrupting the 3-year process might not happen.

Ted – Who is responsible?

Dougie – The planning team.

Ted – Can we not have our own planning team?

Dougie – We need to look at how we look at council procedures. We must break through the process that was applied. There is stuff that needs to be challenged, i.e. 60% for first time funders and for successful applicants previously they get what they received three year ago plus 5%.

Eric – We can talk for hours on this. It doesn't just affect the organisations and groups but also the people. Sorry to cut this short but I think we should recommend the community team who fought for local communities.

Levelling Up Fund – Julia

The team are looking at the Councils Land and Property Strategy. There have been lots of consultations and we have a good idea of the gaps in Drumchapel. We put in for LUF however nowhere in Glasgow got funding, we are waiting on feedback to see what we could have done better. There was a lot of good data, and we would like to do what is needed for Drumchapel. We have a lot of information and want to work with the community. We are now thinking about plan B. We are really focused on the town centre. We will keep you involved and feedback to here. It's disappointing but we will continue to source funding.

Andy - Where does that leave the community hub?

Julia – We still have funding for the hub.

Eric – We are all disappointed that Glasgow never received funding and it's great that you are looking at a plan B.

Community Centre – Ted

Thriving Places were made aware that Manorview expressed an interest for the Community Centre. They work in hospitality and have 10 hotels and leisure facilities. We then heard that the closing date to express an interest for the community centre was the 28/12/2022. We brought together 18 local groups who were willing to work as part of a collective to express an interest for the community centre. We know there are 4 applications in including ours, 1 is

Manorview, the 2<sup>nd</sup> is 3D, 3<sup>rd</sup> is the Collective and we are unsure who the 4<sup>th</sup> is. We want local control, and from the meeting we had with the Manorview representative we believe that is not what Manorview is proposing.

Eric – If there is a consortium maybe the community hub money could be invested.

Julia – We do have a number of proposals and we will be in touch with them all in the next 2-3 weeks.

Community Conversation – Charles

Prior to Christmas at the last B&B we discussed we would do a small piece of research for service users, groups and organisations. I think most people around the table completed it. I have written a report that will help us prepare and shape the future of Thriving Places.

Andy – I think Thriving Places are fantastic, they are inundated especially with people from abroad.

Ted – At the next Area Partnership, we will be presenting a report. This is a chance to revisit our approach, we are thinking what our future is, moving on from being a Council initiative to an autonomous organisation. We think Thriving Places has grown and is now more a collective of community development workers. Now the funding comes from HSCP and GCC to cover Thriving Places but the funding for this year has not been approved yet. We accessed Lottery funding for Tracy and Charles but that is approved depending on the GCC funding being approved. Michelle is funded until 31<sup>st</sup> March, but we have applied for future funding.

Eric – There is evidence there of the value of Thriving Places, the report is an excellent example of what Thriving Places can be. There are 10 positions in the city but 6 are active. The success is also because of all the partners involved.

Kingsridge Cleddans Housing Association

Jillian – We are a small community based RSL. We have vacancies on our management committee, it is voluntary and there are 10 meetings a year which is on the last Tuesday of the month and lasts around an hour. It is an opportunity for some training and if there is a chance for us to help people that's what we are about. If anyone is interested, we are keen to involve local people.

International Women's Day – Michelle

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> of March is International Women's Day. Thriving Places is supporting 3D women's group. The event will be held in St Andrews church from 11 am, they hope to have stalls etc. They are also planning a march from 9:15 and want as many people as possible to become involved.

Scottish Fire Service – Catherine

We will be in Drumchapel in the next couple of weeks. As part of the cost-of-living crisis we have noticed some people have been living dangerously in their homes, i.e. people cooking with fire pits in their living room. We will be giving out winter packs to stop people using candles etc. I will email when we are around and hand out leaflets.

## G15 Youth Project – Joyce

I know Liz from the foodbank has sent her apologies, but she has asked if you all could do a collection for the foodbank. They are dealing with approximately 170 people a week.

G15 – The funding application was a traumatic time, we will survive as we accessed other funding, but if it was only from the Council we would have to close. We have football sessions, dance classes, pickleball sessions, still working with the film and media group on Drumchapel T.V, the street work is still ongoing, and we have a learning group. We see approximately 155-165 young people a week.

D70 – Celebrating Drumchapel's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday. There is a whole team of us involved and last Saturday was the start of celebrations with Robbie Burns dinner and a Ceilidh, just over 100 came along to the free event. Tracy will send out my email and if anyone wants to get involved, please get in touch. D in the Park will be Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July and it will be a festival of music, everything is free, and Tracy will send out the timeline of events.

Mhairi – 2 sets of 6-week cooking skills. Looking for a community chef and it will be running soon. Looking for a suitable venue to do the cooking skills course and a flyer will be shared.