

Drumchapel Thriving Places

Breakfast & Blether

Thursday 16th of March 2023

10am

St Marks Church

281 Kinfauns Drive, Glasgow G15 7BD

Minutes

1. Welcome:

Eric – Thanked everyone for attending and asked everyone to briefly introduce themselves.

2. Thriving Places Update:

- Moving Premises – Ted – Our premises have been excellent for the last 5 years in the charity shop. In the shopping centre everyone comes, we asked the owners if they have availability and there is none. The reason is insurance which is costing an extra £30,000 as we are not retail. We have until the end of May and Audrey has kindly offered here at the church. I spoke with Joe Lambie, and we looked at a shop up in Glenkirk but it needs a lot of work. This also depends on funding, we know HSCP have put their contribution in to Thriving Places but are waiting for GCC. AL – Are the three workers are funded through the National Lottery? Ted – Yes, I am funded through GCC and HSCP and the three workers will be funded if GCC provides the funding. LL – What about other match funding? Ted – We accessed funding through covid. We have tried a few and not been successful in one of them but still waiting on the other. MS – I think having a shop front is important, I think in terms of health buildings we don't have the capacity. Eric – We should really thank CHSS for all they have done.
- International Women's Day – Michelle – Women of Wonder (WOW) from 3D wanted to do a march for IWD. Approximately 240 attended. Thriving

Places supported this and you can also watch it on Drumchapel T.V, and there will be a special edition in the Drumchapel News. Eric – I went to St Andrew’s church and it was amazing, a great response from the community. Andy – What struck me was the pot-holes around Drumchapel. It was a brilliant day everyone seemed to enjoy it and it was electric, I was really proud of Drumchapel. Michelle – It really was, this group was established in November, imagine what they can achieve next. Eric – is this all local women? Michelle – Yes. Ted – The issues about IWD, the video from the women who have issues that was shown on the day and is worth a look. On that note refugee week is in June and we have applied for funding and if we are still here, there will be an event on June 24th. Elspeth – It would be good to do this as there are too many people jumping on the band wagon with negativity so providing information will be a good thing. May – There is a pack available for “We journey together” and it is a useful tool. There is a film and other stuff there and you can take parts from the pack if you want to use it. Mental Health Foundation focus on refugees and asylum seekers. There is a woman whose son is very active in Drumchapel and I will pass on their details.

Audrey – We are having a pamper day on Saturday from 11am to 2 pm.

- Community Centre –
- Ted – I am sure everyone knows the story; the Community Centre will be vacated by June and the idea is expressions of interest can happen. Four expressions of interest were expressed, us who are a group of third sector organisations who came together to keep this in the community. We had a visit last week but we are still discussing how to go about this. 3D and Play Center will withdraw if we are successful. We have four venues, how do we complement them. We want this to work and grow. Andy – There seems to be barriers as most groups don’t have funding and we need a business plan. As I keep saying the Council owe us something back, they have the resources and we are due something back. We need the community centre for the community especially after Covid. John – The Lottery Fund has £10,000 for businesses and you tick all the boxes for this. Jonathan – I’ve been involved in a couple of ways. I am PMGC but I deal with community centre’s and halls. A couple things about the community centre, there are currently 4 expressions of interest but Manorview is not a hotel group it is a SCIO and each interest will be offered the same support. Andy spoke about the loss of facilities, and I can’t argue with that. As much as the population has declined it is the running costs. After the 4th of June there is a digging phase so hopefully it will be opened by the end of June. Andy – When Glasgow Life take it over in June what will it be open to? Jonathan – We have one tenant that is going back. Elspeth – I was told by one of the elected members that the opening will be November can you find out if this is the case, I assume all elected members know this. John – There is absolutely nothing about an extension. Andy – Two elected members were at the Community Council meeting, and they said nothing. Jonathan – If you are talking about the community taking it over, we don’t deal with ownership we look at case by case of what is possible. It is

difficult for the Council to give outright ownership to the Community Centre. Elspeth – What other Community Centre does the Council own in Drumchapel. John – I am on the board of Antonine Court and we are looking to renovate which will take approximately one year, we would still like to stay in Drumchapel. Audrey – The Church is re-organising itself, it is a SCIO, which means we can take over this building, however it is a high possibility that we can lose this. We have plenty going on and we have a business plan which is needing updated. It is one of these things that it can slip under the carpet. I encourage everyone to help save this building. We are trying hard to keep this and we have a deadline for the end of the year. I know this is needed. Eric – I like the idea of the four venues connecting with each other.

- Activate – Charles - Is to give people who are active in the community an opportunity to reflect on what they do and why they do it. Participants get the opportunity to examine different practice approaches to working in the community, all of which will assist them in being even more effective in their practice. It is now in week 4 and it is held in the Goodyear social club. Glasgow University provides a lecturer and there are 11 or 12 participants ranging from local people young and old and local groups. We did this a couple of years ago which was successful. David – I am on this course and it has been brilliant.

3. Member Update:

- Camstradden Primary – Elspeth Reside – I am here on behalf of Laura Davidson and I am here to promote and encourage partners to get children to school. Covid was one of the barriers and attendance has plummeted and affected their mental health and wellbeing. There was a significant number of children reaching national benchmarks. Engaged with Forth Valley and West Lothian Partnership to look at how they reached out to parents to help their children attend school. We did work with families about the impact of attendance and learning and they didn't realise. By making this transparent to parents we know about getting into schools is strong relationships and we do but we are asking partners around the table for support and the same with schools. Robust attendance, call parents etc. We need some strategic mapping work on linking families. Pre-covid we had a soft start for primary ones and this eases transition from home to school, this has now been extended from primary 1 to 4. Promoting breakfast club to get kids to school and we work closely with social work who help with transport. We have the bluebell room which is a nurture room and we fund acorn base, this aids getting kids who are challenging to school. Camstradden was inspected in December and we were delighted as HMIE recommended us good from unsatisfactory, we want great and to do this we need help with attendance. D70 celebrations on Tuesday 28th of March there is the Easter extravaganza all primary 1's with PEEK play in school easter egg hunt. Andy – Is there a link to the attendance. Elspeth – It has always been a problem it is hard to re-establish the attendance that we have. Eric – You should also demonstrate the achievements and positive messages of the school. Ann – The PEEK project have been coming along to

fortune works and the children will be going to Growchapel and encourage parents.

4. A.O.C.B:

- Tracy – Sent out information regarding part of the D70 celebrations that the Donald Dewar's birthday party is on the 25th of March 11am till 2pm.
- Carol – The fire service are giving out warm packs to warm hubs which are run by Glasgow Life. Drumchapel library has requested more, the warm packs entail – a bag with fire service logo on it, flyer encouraging fire safety checks, fleece blanket, flask, torch, hat and gloves.
- Lamont – Wheatley homes came and helped tidy around the church which we are grateful for.
- Jo – Drumchapel High School is having an anti-racism carnival for anti-racism week. There is also a program for kids that can't attain the curriculum I will send round an email with the information. DHS is also a litter picking hub and we have plenty of resources that can be used.

5. D.O.N.M:

Thursday 27th April in St Mark's Church at 10am