



# Drumchapel Thriving Places

## Breakfast & Blether

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> of April 2023

10am

St Marks Church

281 Kinfauns Drive, Glasgow G15 7BD

### Minutes

#### Attendance:

Chris Doherty – Chest Heart & Stroke Scotland

Lynn Lovelock – NWGVSN

Roseann Maguire – Glasgow University

Scott Bland – Drumchapel United

Eric Flack - Blairdardie & Old Drumchapel Community Council

Helen Thompson – Drumchapel Community Council

Gillian Pollock – Drumchapel CAB

Charles Bailey – Thriving Places Drumchapel

Anne Ainsworth – Enable Glasgow

Hope Finlay – Wheatley Homes

Ted Scanlon – Thriving Places Drumchapel

John Docherty – Bill Kidd MSP

Jonny Howes – Glasgow Life

Winnie Stirling – NHS

Kellie-Ann Lawson – GCC

Sandra Barber – NHS

Valerie Wilkie – JBG

Mhairi Shepherd – NWHIT

Andy Cartwright – Pineview HA

James Trolland – Sustainable Drumchapel

Tracy Anderson – Glasgow Sport

Linda Hendry – GCC

Eric Duncan – NWHIT

Jonathan Pickering – GCC

Tracy McKenzie – Thriving Places Drumchapel

Amanda Clark – Glasgow Life

## **1. Welcome:**

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

Matters arising – The Community Centre – NHS has the lease till June, people were misled in hearing that it was until November.

## **2. Thriving Places Update:**

- Moving Premises and Restructuring – Ted – Since the last time we met, things have changed; we have funding for another year. We are restructuring Thriving Places Drumchapel, as you know Thriving Places is a 10-year strategy in our case we started in 2016. We presented a document to the Area Partnership as we are looking at becoming a SCIO. We looked at some premises, one up in Glenkirk which was needing a lot of work and looked at the old Lawyers office in Rozelle Avenue which we could possibly lease. We want to maintain a shop front, if possible, we would like to thank St. Mark's for offering us a space, but we like the idea of having a shop front. Eric – It is really encouraging to hear this model can continue especially as it has gone so well. How long are you in CHSS. Ted – No almost 6 years. The lease for the shop at Rozelle can take a bit of time. Eric – How do we let people know. Ted – social media, flyers and maybe an event.
- Literacy Class Ideas – Ted – this has been a challenge for us for a long time. Asylum and refugees go to ESOL. If you have any ideas let us know. Anne – Glasgow Life used to have tutors to help with literacy, a girl used to come to Fortune Works and was good and does 1-to-1 with literacy. Ted – We can maybe link in Glasgow Life and do a campaign about it and see if people want to discuss it. Eric – It would be good as people are ashamed. Thriving Places is about community empowerment and can be a struggle if you cannot read or write.

- Refugee Week – Charles – Thriving Places are working in partnership with Friendship House and New Hope Community, which was previously Drumchapel Asian Forum, to organise an event in the shopping centre on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June from 10 am till 2 pm. We were successful in securing £500 from the Scottish Refugee Council; however, we have not been able to get confirmation from the owners of the shopping centre for the event. If this fails to happen, we will use the hut at Friendship House. “We journey together” is a workshop tool on issues facing asylum seekers and refugees, produced in Govan and contains a video with 4 asylum seekers experiences which could be good to show and then maybe do some workshops. I have spoken with Mhairi and Nassra to help deliver this. We have applied to the Area Partnership for funding to help with the costs but not heard anything yet. Linda – It was successful, you should hear soon about it.

### **3. Member Update:**

- Drumchapel United Presentation – Scott – Gave a brief introduction of Drumchapel United. It was formed 2001 has 800+ members between 3 and 90 years old. In terms of the club, they are a registered charity with a board of 17 members and are transitioning through Glasgow Life. People think we just play football, we don’t. We help with literacy, numeracy, work with asylum seekers and refugees etc. We have 180 volunteers and one part time member of staff. For the girl’s football we have created mental health and period packs and we work alongside foodbanks. 40% of what we do is in the community. My plea for this group is we are sitting with an LTO with Glasgow Life. The next part of this club is for us to get a lease and move away from Glasgow Life. What would you like from us as a club? Johnny- will the locals still be able to use the facilities? Scott – the pitches are the clubs; the building is still Glasgow Life’s. Michelle – what is the cost? Scott – There are lots of pricing structures, we have 62 young people who do not pay, and some programmes can cost £3.00. Kids pay £20 - £25 per month and we do camps. We have an upkeep we must pay Glasgow Life which is £4000. Club’s AGM is in June.

### **4. A.O.C.B:**

- Jonathan - Drumchapel Community Hub Project was presented at the area partnership yesterday. We looked at consultations dating back to 2001, we also looked at Blairdardie and Old Drumchapel locations. The population has changed, and we are thinking that Garscadden House is a good site for the Drumchapel Town Hall. This will take place in 3 phases. Phase 1- is the conversion of Garscadden House. Phase 2 – populating the town centre and phase 3 – road layout and location of public space.

### **5. D.O.N.M:**

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> of June at 10am **Phoenix Hall**

