



Drumchapel Thriving Places

Breakfast & Blether

Thursday 27th October 2022

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)
Mhairi Shepherd (NWHIT)
Kris Watters (NWHIT)
Chris Docherty (CHSS)
Lynn Lovelock (NWGVSN)
Eric Duncan ((NWHIT)
Cath McLeod (Glasgow Carers Team)
Linda Hendry (GCC)
Tim Sullivan (JBG)
Jillian Fearnside (Kingsridge Cleddans HA)
May Simpson ((HSPC)
Chris Morgan (Scottish Fire and Rescue Service)
Carol Smith (Scottish Fire and Rescue Service)
Elspeth Kerr (V.I.N.E Scotland)
Alex Kerr (V.I.N.E Scotland)
Derek ? (SDS)
Tracy Anderson (Glasgow Sport)
Cylina Poch (Bill Kidd MSP)
Andy Corletto (GCC Planning)
Anne Kinghorn (MEARS Housing)

1. Welcome – Eric – Morning and welcome. Really pleased to be here. Agenda and sign in sheet are being passed around.

2. Thriving Places Update

- Cost of Living Fuel Update – Tracy – Thriving Places has a very small pot of funding available to help those who are struggling to top-up their payment meters. I must stress this is a little amount and the criteria is very strict. The person must be referred via email and must stay in the G15 postcode, they must be on emergency credit and have proof of their name and address. They can only be referred once and self-referrals will not be accepted. Ted – Glasgow Helps provide three top-ups per year, you can self-refer or be referred. Linda – will ask if they can attend the next Breakfast and Blether. Chris – we can invite the seconded advocate from Glasgow Helps – Linda – Will I just leave it with you? May – The entitlement for £140 and one person was refused and was told to re-apply again. CAB circulated 1 page listing all the entitlements that everyone is entitled too. Chris – The fire service has a portal to where referrals are made. Home Energy Scotland Fire service has passively done fire safety and energy savings. Jillian – With the Mega Fund you can self-refer. The Scottish Government had £2 million that were to go to Housing Associations and apparently none in Glasgow West got any. Elspeth – When people have money they put it on their energy, how do they get round not having food? May – is there any warm spaces in Drumchapel? Tracy – Drumchapel Library is the warm space for Drumchapel. Elspeth – You can't take in food, that might be a problem. Eric - we can invite them along. Carol – is there any plans for North West doing any cost of living events. Eric – we can maybe do this at the next meeting as a follow up.
- Activate Course – Michelle - The Activate Course we will be running with University of Glasgow in January 2023. The course consists of 40 hours, spread over 10 weeks, with 4 hours per week. The 4 hours take place on one day; the time and day are decided by the group. The group is comprised of 15-18 people from the community. The course is about community development and is built around the participants practice in the community. For whoever completes the course, there is an interview guaranteed at Glasgow Uni with the possibility of doing the degree in community development. However, the main aim of the course is to help community activists, paid or unpaid, to reflect on their practice, to help improve their practice. More detailed info about the course is on the University website, just type in Activate Course. The only requirements are that the participants can read and write. Eric – It was really successful last year. Michelle – Yes it was and 2 people who took part are now at Glasgow University and another has deferred to next year.
- Community Hub Update – Ted – Just to remind everyone of the background. DCC was informed at an Area Partnership meeting at the beginning of 2020, that Glasgow City Council (GCC) set aside £20 million to install six community hubs across Glasgow, and Drumchapel was selected as one of the six areas. It was agreed at the meeting, that the first step would be to consult local people and organisations on their aspirations regarding a community hub in Drumchapel. To this end, it was also agreed at the same meeting that DCC would lead on the consultation process in partnership with TP. DCC invited TP to prepare a proposal on how the research would be conducted. The TP team proposed a series of activities which included door-to-door interviews with residents and different organisations working in Drumchapel, and where possible, focus groups, convened appropriately, always in compliance with Scottish

Government Covid restrictions. The research was conducted by local people, participants of the Drumchapel Community Council, supported by the Thriving Places team. The entire process, from deciding the questionnaire, gathering the responses, organising the data, identifying, analysing, and discussing the findings and finally proposing recommendations, was led by the Community Council supported by the Thriving Places Team. The aim of the report is to establish a robust case for a community hub to be installed in Drumchapel, for, by and with the active involvement of the people of Drumchapel. The hub should correspond to the aspirations of local people expressed in this report. There will be a presentation on the 24th of November in Drumchapel High School at 7 pm. Andy – Hopefully by then we have the result of the Levelling Up Bid. Ted – the first recommendations is to feedback to the community. May – what is the time scale for the Levelling Up Bid? Andy – It should be hopefully by the end of the month.

3. Member Updates:

- Drumchapel T.V. Peter – Deferred to next meeting
- 16 Days of activism against violence against women and children – Mhairi – This is an international event starting the 25th of November. You might have heard of the Equally Safe Network that we have; our meetings are monthly basis to see how we can do something locally. This links in with Growchapel and the tree of hope. If you would like to be involved, please get in touch. We have an event with 5th and 6th years at the high school and partners of equally safe with workshops etc. Feedback will be delivered at the next Breakfast and Blether. A new toolkit is online, and o can send it round, you can promote your work and get information. Sometimes Amber Cully attends and they have an event on Cost of Living on the 28th of November. I am happy to share this forward. Eric – is it possible to extend the invite to Breakfast and Blether. Mhairi – it is Drumchapel High School who is hosting this, and it is up to them what the capacity is.

4. A.O.C.B:

- Chris – CHSS – we are keen to get the hub up and running again in Drumchapel. If there are any opportunities for us to do outreach days. Tracy – this is great that the hub will be up and running again, but there is the issue of the shop being closed constantly. We make appointments only to find out 24 to 48 hours that the shop is closed and then have to cancel this. Chris – I will discuss this matter and try sort this.
- Kelly Ann – NRS – Growchapel event is the 5th of November 11 am till 3 pm, there will be pizza, BBQ and local services will be in attendance.
- Tracy – Glasgow Sport - Drumchapel Swimming Pool will close for 8 months for maintenance work.
- Chris – Fire Safety – I know Carol spoke about this before. McGill House in Pollock is available for us to provide fire safety, energy etc. It is for fire raising youths and we received good feedback. It is from 10 am till 2 pm and they find out all the jobs, the consequences and risks that are involved. It is not just a power point it is physical activities. We are working on getting Kilbirnie House open in Carlton which will be a maximum of 10 people per course.

- Alex – V.I.N.E – we are called V.I.N.E. Scotland and we are doing 2 groups, tea and a chat and a youth drama and adventure group. We have leaflets. Elspeth – we are looking for somewhere to start tea and a chat, hopefully in CHSS, Cernach and St Marks. Tea and a chat is somewhere where people can go, arts and crafts, sewing, sign posting and empowering people. We will provide soup and a hot drink. Alex – our purpose is to link in with you guys.
- Lynn – NWGVSN – I.T recycling project. Martina started that during lock down, we will take in old laptops, you can bring them to us in Yoker. There is a referral form and we also like to provide free Wi-Fi. We are looking for old phones.

4. D.O.N.M

Thursday 8th December Phoenix Hall at 10 am