



Drumchapel Thriving Places

Breakfast & Blether

Tuesday 12th September 2023

Drumchapel Community Centre

10am

Minutes

Attendance:

Ted Scanlon – G15 Thriving Places

Michelle Donaldson – G15 Thriving Places

Tracy McKenzie – G15 Thriving Places

Katrina MacFarlane – HSCP

Chris McCartan – WOW Factor

Diana MacMillan – Drumchapel Community Council

Eric Duncan – NWHIT

Mhari Shepherd -NWHIT

Lynn Lovelock – NWGVSN

Tracy Anderson – Glasgow Sport

Catherine Wallace – SFRS

Carol Smith – SFRS

Jillian Fearnside – Kingsridge Cleddans HA

Elsbeth Kerr – V.I.N.E Scotland

Moirra Gremminger – DWP

Claire Clarke – DWP

Kirsty O'Neil – 3D Drumchapel
David Campbell – Fortune Works
Michelle Bauge Glasgow Health Walks
Henry Smith – 3D Drumchapel
Eric Flack – Blairdardie/Old Drumchapel Community Council
Gilliam Pollock – C A B
Megan Walker – Antonine Court
John Docherty – Bill Kidd MSP
Andy Corletto – GCC
Michelle Candlish – JBG
Valeria Wilkie JBG
Keli Auld – Glasgow Life
Alex Durie – NWHIT
Mark Langdon – Orchard Community Trust

1. Welcome: Eric – “Hi and welcome everyone. It is great to see the Community Centre back in use, the agenda looks short but don't let that fool you!”

2. Thriving Places Update: Ted / Michelle / Charles

Ted – Handed out a copy of the document to be presented at Drumchapel/Anniesland Ward 14 Area Partnership that highlighted the probable end of funding for all Thriving Places in Glasgow and also informing that Drumchapel TP has now become a SCIO called G15 Thriving Places. The document also highlighted the activities the Thriving Places team had engaged in from May until September. TP was initially a ten-year strategy but has lasted 7 to date but due to funding restraints, this may be the last year. Thriving Places was based in CHSS for 5 years and it was a great partnership, this got us known in the community. During that period things changed, for example, the cost of insurance and health and safety in the shop, so we had to leave the shop. We looked at a few places to relocate, one being a shop front, but the location was not the best. We contacted Glasgow Life about becoming a tenant in the Community Centre but needed to be constituted etc. We spoke with funders and Cernach HA who are giving us a lot of support to setup the SCIO, which we did. 3D Drumchapel are also here, and we are now the 2 anchor tenants. It is great working space and has plenty of storage The rest of the space must be used, and Glasgow Life asked us if we know of anyone that would be interested in taking on the café.

In terms of activities, we work with everyone from Drumchapel Community Council to delivering ESOL classes at Friendship House, which are now at capacity.

In October “show racism the red card day” takes place and we are trying to bring this to Drumchapel. We have linked in with the Anti-racism society from Drumchapel High School who will be delivering workshops to the primary schools. We have also engaged with Drumchapel TV will be covering the workshops as well as gathering testimonies from New Scots living in Drumchapel.

Everyone is welcome to come visit and see us in our new space in the community centre. Lynn – You mentioned you are doing an open day when is it? Ted – Friday the 13th of October and we are doing this with 3D Drumchapel, but we are still in discussions. Elspeth – Is the Drumchapel Collective still going? Ted – Good point, we need to re-group and discuss the next steps.

Ted – The Stonedyke Centre will be demolished after the fire it had the other weekend. We need to see how we can combine things as we want to save community facilities.

Eric – You mentioned about Thriving Places coming to an end and there could be an evaluation, I think this is needed and maybe with some focus groups.

Ted – We are keen to do it even if GCC don’t want it. We feel it is good for us to go ahead as it is important to know the pros and cons of the past 7 years of TP in Drumchapel.

Eric – The key thing for me is what is next for locality planning? Look at what the community want now and how can it be delivered, and we need to know what people want now.

Mark – Audrey asked me to come along and explain who we are. We have a good board and as you know this is hard to set up, for example, bank accounts etc. Perhaps we can do a presentation sharing what the Orchard Trust is and does at the next B&B?

Eric – excellent idea, we can include in the agenda for the next meeting.

3. Member Updates:

- Glasgow Sport Health Walk – Tracy Anderson (10 mins)
We are hosting a wellbeing event in Scotstoun, this is aimed at older adults and disabled people. There will be lots of different activities and stall holders. There is a daytime disco on the 26th of September from 10am till 1pm. If you want to bring people along let us know for catering purposes. Keli – The Toll Cross event was successful, and we received a lot of positive feedback. We still have a few spaces for stalls and if you would like a space, please let me know.
Michelle – there are several Health Walks around the city which are led by volunteers. There are also themed walks which are 2 hours long, the staff are

very knowledgeable. We deliver training to help with risk assessments etc. Our website is being updated but if you need anything get in touch.

Eric – Whenever there are community-based events normally there is good feedback, especially as it has been missed because of covid and this is great for everyone.

- Job Centre – Moira Gremminger (15-30 mins)

Moira shared a document explaining the recruitment support service, vacancy advertising service, advice services and how to contact Jobcentre Plus. We want to work with employers and customers to help get people into work. We know the Job centre never advertise anything; people need to come to us. We have people who may have a licence and they come to us looking for work and we can find and provide training for HGV drivers. We have a lot of programs for example, G4S or first bus who are crying out for employees, but they lack training. We are trying to work with the community.

Claire – Disability Employment Advisor – My title is misleading, as most of my customers are not employable. Some may not be able to work just at the minute but may want to in the future. I can work with lots of organisations and have a good rapport with customers, through trust and groups that I connect with. I do an outreach program with G15 Youth Project, and I go to groups once a month to deliver workshops. Kirsty – How do we refer to you? Claire – You can contact Tracy if you need anything from me.

- Weekday WOW factor – Chris McCartan – We secured funding from the Area Partnership and The National Lottery. It is not just a disco, and the activities are developed by a physical therapist. We work with HSCP and Enable etc... to engage with people. There is a 17-seater mini-bus, and we could possibly pick up groups from housing associations to get people along. We are keen to engage with New Scots. Catherine – We visited the 1 in Scotstoun and we were able to get a slot to deliver fire safety, would that be possible again?

4. A.O.C.B

- Jillian - KCHA – We put in a joint bid with Pineview HA to access the Scottish Government Fuel Support Fund that has to be explicitly used to increase our capacity in supporting specifically the tenants of these two associations. They have bought in a service from the Wise Group and two members of the staff are designated to deal with the referrals and will then contact the tenant by phone. We provide advice, advocacy and can help tenants apply to external bodies for emergency fuel top-ups or fuel debt assistance. All this in place until the 31st March 2024. We do not have any funding to provide tenants with direct financial assistance, like top-ups. The application for this opens in October and hopefully we will have funds to attend to this need.

- Diana - DCC – Drumhub are thinking about having a Christmas market, we are trying to get use of the space that Woody's had in the shopping centre. We hope to have stalls, characters for the kids and much more. We are thinking of doing this on the 25th of November as we understand there is lots happening in December. It's a community thing and if anyone would like to be involved, please let us know.
- Lynn – NWGVSN – There is training in October which will cover; wellbeing, social media, and first aid. The recycling project is still going strong working with lots of organisations. We wipe clean PCs and laptops and provide roughly 6 months of internet.

4. D.O.N.M

- Tuesday 24th October at 10 am in Drumchapel Community Centre
- Tuesday 5th December at 10 am in Drumchapel Community Centre