



Drumchapel Thriving Places

Breakfast & Blether

Tuesday 24th October 2023

Drumchapel Community Centre

10am

Minutes

Attendance:

Ted Scanlon – G15 Thriving Places

Michelle Donaldson – G15 Thriving Places

Tracy McKenzie – G15 Thriving Places

Andy Corletto – GCC

Mhairi Shepherd – NWHIT

Audrey Jamison – St Mark's Church and Orchard Community Trust

Kevin Harvey – G15 Youth Project/ Drumchapel T.V.

Joyce Bell – G15 Youth Project

Eric Duncan – NWHIT

Elsbeth Reside – DHT Camstradden Primary School

Tracy Anderson – Glasgow Sport

Alex Durie – NWHIT

Josh Henderson – NWHIT

Fern MacDonald – NWHIT

Lisa Fox – CLP Drumchapel Health Centre

Alex Chandler – Glasgow Council on Alcohol

Anne Mclean – GCA

Michael Hawthorne – GCA

Amanda Clark Glasgow Life

Jason Methven – Fortune Works

Rachel Maitland – Fortune Works

Rhionna Macrae – Police

Valerie Wilkie – JBG

Robert Smith – Weekday Wow Factor

Margaret Elliot – Cancer Research

John Docherty – Bill Kidd msp

Anne McKenna – Antonine Court

Jillian Fernside – Kingsridge Cleddans HA

1. Welcome:

Eric – Good morning and welcome. We have a few apologies but there is plenty of rolls, tea, coffee, etc. We have some new faces so it will be good if we do some quick introductions.

2. G15 Thriving Places Update:

Eric – Before we start, we would like to take a group photo of everyone standing behind the banner for ‘No to Racism’. As you can see there is plenty of languages which represents Drumchapel, it is important in our role that we welcome new Scot’s.

Ted – We are part of a campaign that we are pushing hard. We met with anti-racist group in the high school, who will deliver workshops in the primary schools in November. We also produced a special edition of the Drumchapel News which will be distributed in November. Schools, groups and organisations came together to deliver ‘No to racism’. We produced a small video which will be on YouTube and Drumchapel T.V. It was launched at the Orchard Trust on Friday the 20th of October. We worked with the Orchard Trust, New hope, Friendship House, and Drumchapel T.V. There was also a film shown called ‘The Old Oak’. There were a few watery eyes that night, but it was a great night. This is in the wake of show racism the red card.

We have stuff here from Brian McQuillan from GCC who is doing a review of all the Thriving Places that were placed over Glasgow. Questionnaires were handed out to the group. Brian – There is an evaluation of Thriving Places, which was a 10-year program. It is now at the end of its cycle, and we are doing these evaluations around the 10 areas. There has been some successes in some areas but some faced some difficulties. We want to put to CPP why we should continue to fund Thriving Places.

We have asked the Thriving Places areas what are the changes, not just to services but also locally. It will look at community planning, and I am trying to get around the 10 areas to explain why this is needed. What you have completed today will help. Ted is printing consent forms so we can use your information. Eric – It is interesting that you mention the lack of success but some of that was down to timing and conditions of the Thriving Places around Glasgow. Brian – When we do the report, we will make an explanation for each area represented. Having community development workers is a good thing. Drumchapel is a great example as the partnership and networking here is very strong.

Michelle – There is a new round of community budgeting, and the applications are in and there is a small group in place that will go through the applications.

There is funding available to provide another Activate course. It is for anyone over the age of 16 and when you complete the course you get an interview for Glasgow University to do a BA in community development.

Ted – We are a new SCIO and are called G15 Thriving Places, we are a 3rd sector organisation, and we are currently working on our three-year plan. As far as we know Thriving Places funding is coming to an end, so we moved to being an autonomous organisation. Charles, Tracy and Michelle all have new email addresses which will be sent out to all who are on the mailing list.

Eric – How many people can go to the Activate course? Michelle – At least 12. When the last one was finished 4 of them went onto university. Eric – G15 Thriving Places has provided education and skills to the people of Drumchapel and supports local partners and people to develop their own structure. So please encourage anyone you know to start.

3. Member Update:

Orchard Community Trust: Audrey – I have lived and worked in Drumchapel for 16 years and in that time, I have seen a lot of assets lost and it is hard. I am a Church of Scotland minister, and the church is also an asset. It is well used through various groups etc. There is a challenge to keep the church going as they are now looking to amalgamate some of the churches together, meaning the building could be sold on. We started the Orchard Trust to try and keep it in the community. We have a memorial garden, café, went to Kenya etc. In sight of losing the asset it would be great if the SCIO who is made up of local people and groups plus support from Bearsden with advice, we are looking to keeping this asset in the community. Church of Scotland are happy to sell it to the community, we have a vision of how this will benefit the community. NHS use it 2 days a week which is providing an income and people coming to be vaccinated are reminiscing about the church. It is a building with good rapport to everyone. Kevin – The church is a blank canvas and is ready for the community to decide what it is going to be. The reason we started the café is when we visited Kenya, they were running businesses from huts. Audrey – We showed a film on Friday that was successful. Kevin – We would like to show a film once per month to teenagers or anyone. We have a creative group at G15 Youth Project, and they could get involved. Weekday Wow Factor: Robert – Do you like to dance....eat....talk? Come along to the WWF disco once per month till March. It is free and everyone is welcome to come along. Audrey – The more things like this the

better. On the 10th of November is St Mark's open-door day. We are encouraging art and have been focusing on 5 areas of wellbeing. We need more people; we are trying to keep it in the community. The decision has been made that St Marks building is needed as a church in Drumchapel. What can we do to keep it in the community. There is lots of land around it and we are here to appeal to you to help keep it in the community. You can join the board if you are interested, and you can contact one of us. It has a great big hall and has a smaller hall which is a café and the kitchen was gifted from GCC. Ann – I would be keen to link in and help. Audrey – we have had the building valued and we hope to have some leverage on the price. We are hoping to share it with the Church of Scotland so hopefully that helps. Eric – It is good it facilitates work together so no clashes.

4. A.O.C.B.

Mhairi – I have been linking in with DCFN who are participating in the 16 days of activism against violence towards women and children. There has been a good site been sent around with information and tools and it is a big pack that helps to tackle this. Just get in touch with the equally safe network if you want more information.

Joyce – G15 Youth Project is doing 4 nights of youth provisions, and you need to be a member. It used to be open-door but too many were coming along so the kids need to book as place. Pickle ball is in the high school on a Tuesday and has taken off well. Drumchapel T.V. is doing great and you can contact Peter if you need any help filming your service and provide some information of what you do. Football coaching is stopping mainly because of the weather change. D70 started in January but from now there is 2 people in the community hosting events and there is a short film. On the 1st of December there is a ceilidh which has been organised by Drumhub and that is £10 a ticket and that gets you your dinner which is mince and tatties and a raffle to win a bottle of D70 whiskey, if you are wanting any tickets contact Alison from Drumhub. G15 Youth Project is having a fundraiser on Friday the 15th of December and that is £6 a ticket this is in aid of raising funds for the group. The winter wonderland sees just over 400 local children which is a free event and is a brilliant experience for children who don't get the chance to visit Santa. The first one is quiet hour and if you're wanting a space keep an eye out for it being advertised.

Andy – Application has been made for the site on Abbotshall for Wheatly Homes and will be social housing. Comments for development till 3/11/2023.

Anne – Antonine Court are having a Halloween party on the 28th and it starts at 7pm till late. They are having a recruitment day on the 27th from 10am till 4pm.

Rhionna – Bonfire night – I know there are lot of issues with fire works etc, but they're being reported to us, we can't go out unless people get in touch. It can be done anonymously via crime stoppers – gave out a card with contact details.

Jason – Fortune Works – Been involved in a lot of things but doing mostly litter picks. We are delighted to share the news that Growing Together has won an

achievement award for Community Gardening in association with RHS and the BBC1 Show. As always thanks to everyone who has helped us along the way. If I can also highlight our partnership working project Drumming Up Change working in collaboration with Drumchapel High School, Strathclyde University and Glasgow University bringing young people and people with learning disabilities together through community activities in Drumchapel. The community champion awards are active, and Joyce from G15 Youth Project is up for an award and we are up for the team award.

5. D.O.N.M:

5/12/2023 at 10am in Drumchapel Community centre.