



Thriving Places Update -September 2023

Progress towards the outcomes with the Locality Plans

Most of the Locality Plans across Glasgow started in 2017 and have outcomes which are short term - 1 year (2018), medium-term – 5 years (2022) and long-term – 10 years (2027). The Locality Planning Officer undertook a desktop evaluation of the work to progress all the outcomes for the Locality Plans across Glasgow up to the end of 2022/23:

There are 100 short term outcomes, 70% have been achieved, with 25% on target and not achieved and only 5% not on target and not achieved.

There are 98 medium-term outcomes, 57% have been achieved, with a 30% on target and not achieved and 13% not on target and not achieved.

There are 76 long-term outcomes, 37% of the outcomes have been achieved, with 43% on target and not achieved and on 20% not on target and not achieved.

In total, there are 274 outcomes, 58% have been achieved, 31% are on target and not achieved and 11% not on target and not achieved.

The work to progress the outcomes has been impacted by the pandemic and Community Connectors being front and centre working in partnership to help co-ordinate local responses, supports and services. Therefore, it can be argued that there would have been a high rate of outcomes achieved and they would have been achieved earlier than the target if it wasn't for the pandemic. In the report below, Priesthill and Househillwood provides evidence of where that has happened, in spite of the pandemic.

Drumchapel

Introduction

Thriving Places began in Drumchapel in 2016 and like other areas it has a 10-year Locality Plan which was introduced in October 2017. In October 2016 the Community Connector established a partnership with Chest, Heart & Stroke Scotland who gave a space in their shop in the shopping centre. From there, the Community Connector has developed a drop-in space where anyone in the community can visit for a tea, coffee and a friendly chat. The Community Connector has supported close to 2000 local people in the 4 years they have been in the shop.

Due to the additional needs of the area, there is now a team of three Community Connectors with the Anchor Organisation, Cernach Housing Association, having accessed a funding package of £150K over three years from the National Lottery Community Fund to contract two local people as community connectors to enhance the work in the area. Two pieces of community research were undertaken with active involvement of the community to help establish priorities work relating to the Locality Plan, one about general issues and another about the establishment of a Community Hub. The Community Connecting Plan 2021-24, which feeds into the Locality Plan, was suspended during the pandemic and the Community Connector helped secure funding from the Scottish Government totalling £120K to support over 100 families, small businesses, and community organisations and groups.

Over the past 6 years the Community Connectors have promoted, supported and developed devolved decision-making opportunities including Community Budgeting. with funds from the NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde's Health Improvement Team totalling £45K which has funded 60 small community projects. The Community Connectors produce 4 editions of the Drumchapel News each year which is delivered to all 7858 households in the area and continue to promote and support English for Speakers of Other Languages classes for asylum seekers and refugees in partnership with Glasgow Clyde College on a weekly basis.

Some of the other activities the Community Connectors have supported includes 6 outings to tackle isolation, 12 Literacy sessions, 2 community gatherings per year promoted around relevant themes, chosen by local people, engagement sessions in partnership with Children's Neighbourhood Scotland in local schools on health and wellbeing issues and research projects and reproduction.

For more information - <https://www.glasgowcpp.org.uk/index.aspx?articleid=24904>

Locality Plan

The Community Connector undertook a self-evaluation of work to progress the outcomes in the Locality Plan up to the end of 2022/23:

Short-term outcomes (5) - 4 are Green – achieved, 1 is Amber - on target and not achieved and 0 are Red - not on target and not achieved.

Medium-term outcomes (5) - 1 is Green – achieved, 3 are Amber - on target and not achieved and 1 is Red - not on target and not achieved.

Long-term outcomes (5) - 2 are Green – achieved, 0 are Amber - on target and not achieved and 2 are Red - not on target and not achieved.

Quarterly Update Report to Area Partnership – April to June 2023

The following are highlights taken from the written quartley update report was submitted for the Drumchapel/Anniesland Area Partnership for the meeting on 20 September 2023.

Having received communication that GCC will only fund Thriving Places for this financial year, we took the initiative to recreate Drumchapel Thriving Places as a Third Sector organisation called G15 Thriving Places. All organisations contacted in Drumchapel about our decision gave full support to our initiative.

We were informed that an evaluation of Thriving Places across Glasgow will be undertaken, and we will participate in this process. Should, for any reason, this evaluation not take place, we ourselves will conduct an evaluation of Drumchapel Thriving Places Three Year Community Connecting Plan, which will conclude in March 2024. However, we have now started preparing a three-year plan for 2024 – 2027.

Below are bullet pointed the activities we engaged in during the past quarter.

- Weekly ESOL classes and Friendship House
- Accessed funding package with Scottish Refugee Council - £29,650
- Support for Fortune Works initiatives 25-40 participants
- Drumchapel Collective – 17 organisations in conversation with PMGC
- Refugee Week – 2 workshops with the “Anti-racist Society” group at Drumchapel High School in partnership with NWHIT – 15 students
- Support for Jobs Fair in Drumchapel
- Drop-in re-established in the Community Centre - May to August = 177 individual people supported

Over this quarter we have spent £1000 in petty cash from the seedcorn funds.

Easterhouse

Introduction

Thriving Places was introduced in Easterhouse in 2016 and the Locality Plan was introduced in October 2017. In March 2021 and again in March 2022, the Community Connector developed and delivered two large-scale consultations to provide opportunities for local people to find out if there were any changes to the peoples' priorities set out in the Locality Plan.

A thread running through the consultation was a lack of knowledge about what was happening in Easterhouse. In response, the Community Connector now collates all the available information on local activities, events, services, organisations and support, and creates a quarterly information booklet. The Community Connector has a strong social media presence, engaging with the community and ensuring that all information of interest is posted. There is a Thriving Easterhouse mailing list, with over 100 participants, who receive all updates. The Community Connector also encourages local people to report environmental and community safety issues using the Council's website and the MyGlasgow App.

Through seed funding, advice and support, the Community Connector has also supported several community groups and organisations to build capacity, develop new community-led activities and to increase participation in local activities, again, benefiting peoples' health and wellbeing.

Positive relationships with community partners over the past three years have resulted in many improved outcomes for the local community including:

- An intergenerational Christmas Carols performance between a pensioners' group and students with additional support needs.
- Access to funding to develop the knowledge, skills and capacity of local community organisations and actions groups.
- A community breakfast, food support, access to clothing, games, information and advice about benefits, support and services and the cost of living.
- A partnership between Glasgow Kelvin College students with additional support needs and The Circle, to develop a community garden space.
- Engaging with residents in nursing homes and sheltered housing, during COVID, with socially distant entertainment. Singing to residents to improve spirits and increase mental health and wellbeing and providing information on Thriving Places.

Like other Community Connectors, they work closely with the NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde's Health Improvement Team and Community Link Workers, collaborating on projects, sharing information and signposting people to community activities, services and support.

For more information - <https://www.glasgowcpp.org.uk/index.aspx?articleid=24889>

Locality Plan

The Community Connector undertook a self-evaluation of work to progress the outcomes in the Locality Plan up to the end of 2022/23:

Short-term outcomes (9) - 9 are Green – achieved, 0 are Amber - on target and not achieved and 0 are Red - not on target and not achieved.

Medium-term outcomes (9) - 4 are Green – achieved, 4 are Amber - on target and not achieved and 1 is Red - not on target and not achieved.

Long-term outcomes (8) - 0 are Green – achieved, 5 are Amber - on target and not achieved and 3 are Red - not on target and not achieved.

Quarterly Update Report to Area Partnership – April to June 2023

The following are highlights taken from written quarterly update report was submitted for the North East Area Partnership for the meeting on 08 September 2023.

Social Media/Keeping the Community Informed - Facebook and Twitter continue to be used extensively to disseminate all relevant information to as many local residents and organisations as possible. Email groups are utilised to keep individuals, groups, organisations and local elected members aware of all things Easterhouse related, including the quarterly updates of the Easterhouse Activity Brochure and the Easterhouse Community Breakfasts.

Easterhouse Activity Brochure – engaging extensively with all local groups, services and organisations to source activity and event information. Collating all information and distributing (quarterly), digitally, a brochure detailing all information in a day to day format. Printing 300 copies of brochure bi-annually and distributing to local groups and organisations and displaying copies in local shopping centre, for pick-up by residents.

Community Breakfasts – Partnership events (Thriving Places Easterhouse, East End Flat Pack Meals and Easterhouse Baptist Church) - providing an opportunity for residents, groups, services, organisations and elected members to come together, to explore all that is good/great about living and working in Easterhouse and to create a picture of what needs to change, to make it a more thriving area.

Seed Fund Spend - Total Seed Fund Awarded = £2,500 / Spend to date = £360 / Remaining Balance = £2,140

No funding received from any other source.

Gorbals

Introduction

The Gorbals was one of the first Thriving Places to go live in August 2013 and the Locality Plan was introduced in October 2017. Since the appointment of the Community Coordinator in September 2015, the Anchor Organisation, Gorbals Housing Association, have been able to identify and source various funding to support the Thriving Place. The area has benefited from around £2M in additional funding.

This additional funding has supported the expansion of team. The Community Coordinator is supported by a Community Budgeting Officer and Community Engagement Worker to help meet the needs of on-going Community Engagement and Participatory Budgeting.

The 'Gorbals Speaks' project helped inform the Locality Plan and identified key priorities for the area. The project included consultation events and drop in sessions at local community venues gathering over 1300 responses and engaging over 600 local people. Other co-ordinated Community Engagement includes working with local people on development proposals for Linear Park in Laurieston, 166 Gorbals Street and new Primary School.

Gorbals Ideas Fund is a community-led, strengths based, coproduced initiative that promotes the skills, experience and commitment of local people who want to make the area the best possible place to live for everyone. The fund is the second iteration of Devolved Decision Making in the form of Participatory Budgeting. Between 2014-18 the Community Connector worked with Foundation Scotland to deliver the 'Spirit of the Gorbals', that gave the community control over how £250K was used to support local ideas and activities.

The Community Connector and the Anchor Organisation helped co-ordinate the Gorbals Response Group, bringing partner organisations together on a weekly basis to identify priorities and support the community during the COVID pandemic. Partnership funding bids totalling £284K supported the following: 4,360 food parcels, 16,000 social bite meals, 6,965 breakfast packs and 362 digital devices and connectivity.

Funding has been accessed to support youth employability in Gorbals and work with Workingrite to provide training placements and local opportunities for 16-24 year olds. From 2018 to April 2022, 56 young people have benefited from employability support. 82% of participants progressed to a positive destination.

The Community Connector and the Anchor Organisation also coordinate and collaborate with community partners on a number of local events including Gorbals Fair, Halloween Event, Christmas Light Switch On, Gorbals Fun Run, English for Speakers of Other Languages classes, Cost of the School Holiday Programmes and Community Breakfasts.

For more information - <https://www.glasgowcpp.org.uk/index.aspx?articleid=24954>

Locality Plan

The Community Connector undertook a self-evaluation of work to progress the outcomes in the Locality Plan up to the end of 2022/23:

Short-term outcomes (9) - 6 are Green – achieved, 3 are Amber - on target and not achieved and 0 are Red - not on target and not achieved.

Medium-term outcomes (16) - 9 are Green – achieved, 7 are Amber - on target and not achieved and 4 are Red - not on target and not achieved.

Long-term outcomes (3) - 0 are Green – achieved, 3 are Amber - on target and not achieved and 0 are Red - not on target and not achieved.

Quarterly Update Report to Area Partnership – April to June 2023

The following are highlights from the written quarterly update report was submitted for the Southside Central Area Partnership for the meeting on 19 September 2023.

Community Events - Community Coordinator led on the planning and coordination of the Annual Gorbals Fair which took place on Saturday 24th June. The event had the same format as previous year and included using 3 sites (Piazza, Rose Garden, Blackfriars PS) across the area as well as 2 facilities (The Barn, Parish Church). Around 1000 people were in attendance and it was officially opened by M.S.P Nicola Sturgeon.

Youth Employability: Workingrite Glasgow South Project - Workingrite is a youth employment charity that mainly helps 16-24 year olds who need support into sustained employment, apprenticeships or purposeful learning. Young people are individually matched into work placements with local employers.

Since the Workingrite pilot project in Gorbals in 2018 it has supported over 70 young people. The project has continued in the area via our successful funding applications from the then Council Integrated Grants Fund and now continuation funding from Glasgow Communities Fund as well as financial support from the NGHFA wider action budget.

Funding - Successful funding applications to Scottish Government Investing in Communities Programme and National Lottery Community Led Activity will enable continuation of community engagement work and participatory budgeting work by Community Anchor Organisation. The funds are for 3 years and will cover 2023 to 2026.

Govan

Introduction

Thriving Places began in Govan in 2016 and some the impact that it has made since the Locality Plan was introduced in October 2017. The Community Connector has supported the development of thematic priorities which drives governance and delivery structure which includes an overarching steering group and seven thematic groups; Building Connections, Learning for Life and Work, Young People, Environment and Community Safety, Food for Good, Supporting Children and Families, Arts, Heritage and Wellbeing led by Community Planning partners and charities. Significant progress in developing and sustaining the 7 theme groups over the past 5 years in response to demand and evidence and in turn created and facilitated better communications; providing organisations with a mechanism which efficiently shares information and work in partnership with each other and the community.

As the Community Connector based in the community, they gain a greater understanding of the challenges facing communities, their assets and how they can use these to develop practical solutions. A good example of this would be the Elderpark Equipment and Resources Library established in 2018 in response to the number of community events being held. The free library provides opportunities for community members, groups and organisations to resource community events and activities that keeps expenditure limited.

The community engagement planning, response and recovery partners also mobilised well to respond to the pandemic. As a result, relationships are stronger, they know more about what each other does and they share combined resources well. For example, the Arts Heritage and Wellbeing partners coordinated their collective learning offer. Locally this has resulted in improvements, including a rose garden and seating area in Elder park. A newly established junior and senior park run is attracting increasing numbers. This is helping to tackle social isolation and improve health and wellbeing.

Actions identified during the visit that require progressing by strategic partners; A few of the Thriving Places action plans are not yet reflective of the current context and are being updated. There is more to be done to link this work to the outcomes in the CLD plan and reporting on progress.”

For more information - <https://www.glasgowcpp.org.uk/index.aspx?articleid=24993>

Please note: The Community Connector post has been held by a seconded Council employee since October 2019.

Locality Plan

The Community Connector undertook a self-evaluation of work to progress the outcomes in the Locality Plan up to the end of 2022/23:

Short-term outcomes (11) - 1 is Green – achieved, 11 are Amber - on target and not achieved and 1 is Red - not on target and not achieved.

Medium-term outcomes (8) - 3 are Green – achieved, 5 are Amber - on target and not achieved and 0 are Red - not on target and not achieved.

Long-term outcomes (9) - 2 are Green – achieved, 7 are Amber - on target and not achieved and 0 are Red - not on target and not achieved.

Quarterly Update Report to Area Partnership – April to June 2023

The following are highlights from the written quarterly update report was submitted for the Govan Area Partnership for the meeting on 05 September 2023.

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Govanhill

Introduction

Thriving Places began in Govanhill in 2016 and the Locality Plan 'A Better Govanhill' was introduced in September 2017. Supporting and facilitating Community Conversations were a key task for this Locality during 2018/19. At the beginning of Community Conversations the group identified positive and negative aspects of life in Govanhill and decided to first explore three of them: Environment and Waste, Housing and Celebration of Diversity. Throughout the year, Community Conversations generated thousands of ideas for the neighbourhood, mapped the assets and created the first issue of the Govanhill Zone magazine.

Community Engagement continues to be at the heart of all projects and local people are involved in the locality planning process, consultations, and events. There are many diverse opportunities for local people to share their knowledge, skills and showcase their cultures. We provide support to other organisations by bringing people to their consultations and activities. The Community Connector and Engagement Worker create publicity materials for events and disseminate invitations via a mailing list, social media and their own networks.

The Community Connector works with local people to give them the opportunity to share their native language at the heart of Govanhill Polyglot Sessions. Some residents who didn't have any teaching or presentation experience requested informal training sessions to help them prepare. A meeting was arranged with each teacher ahead of time to plan sessions, discuss teaching style, and encourage confidence. 20 local people speaking Arabic, Urdu, Punjabi, Romanes, Romanian, Spanish, and Polish have been trained to teach their native languages.

In March 2021 the Community Connector was made aware of issues with waste disposal and antisocial behaviour in closes. Many residents do not get an opportunity to find out about local services or opportunities they could benefit from due to language and literacy barriers. Every two weeks the Community Connector supports the Anchor Organisation's Backcourt Engagement Officer and Glasgow City Council's Neighbourhood Coordinator to conduct visits to closes where there are issues with waste disposal, pests, etc. The Community Connector shares information about services and serves as an interpreter when residents speak one of their languages. Several local people were able to meet local workers face to face, express their concerns and ideas for solutions, and gained useful information despite the language barrier. Information and photographic evidence have been obtained about issues in closes and backcourts to inform reports and local action.

For more information - <https://www.glasgowcpp.org.uk/index.aspx?articleid=24951>

Locality Plan

The Community Connector undertook a self-evaluation of work to progress the outcomes in the Locality Plan up to the end of 2022/23:

Short-term outcomes (7) – 0 are Green – achieved, 6 are Amber - on target and not achieved and 1 is Red - not on target and not achieved.

Medium-term outcomes (7) - 1 is Green – achieved, 4 are Amber - on target and not achieved and 2 are Red - not on target and not achieved.

Long-term outcomes (9) - 2 are Green – achieved, 6 are Amber - on target and not achieved and 1 is Red - not on target and not achieved.

Quarterly Update Report to Area Partnership – April to June 2023

The following are highlights from the written quarterly update report was submitted for the Southside Central Area Partnership for the meeting on 19 September 2023.

Community Connector - The contract for the most recent current Community Connector ended on the 31 August 2023. The Community Connector had been in the role since mid-November 2022 (2 days per week minimum funded by GCC, with approximately one date per week provided in kind by Govanhill Community Development Trust - GCDT). GCDT's Sustainable Communities Coordinator has also worked on some aspects of locality planning.

There is an ambition and need to host and organise more face-to-face community-led engagement and activities throughout the remainder of the Thriving Places project in Govanhill to end of March 2024.

Environment & Waste Strand - Working Group - The Community Connector hosted the second meeting (first face-to-face) of this group on 9th June with representatives from Glasgow City Council Neighbourhood Services (environment & waste), Govanhill Housing Association, residents and local organisations engaged in environment initiatives (e.g. Greater Govanhill Magazine and South Seeds).

Participatory Budgeting - A second round of the Thriving Govanhill Fund will be launched in late September. This will see the participatory budgeting of around £16,000, provided by the HSCP, by the local community to support a range of health and wellbeing initiatives. Our previous participatory budgeting exercise had telephone voting participation from over 400 residents and we are anticipating a similar response.

Development/ Seed Funding - £300 of the £4900 currently spent.

New community directory will cost in the region of £1800 and the remaining funding will be used for community meetings and engagement events over the next year.

Lambhill, Milton, and Cadder

Introduction

Thriving Places began in Lambhill, Milton, and Cadder in 2017. In March 2021 the Community Connector moved on to permanent employment and the Community Anchor Organisation stepped down. The impact that has been made since the Locality Plan was introduced in October 2017 includes Community responses to the pandemic. The COVID-19 pandemic halted the proposed work programmes of the thematic groups for much of the first six months of that year. Many of the members either had to self-isolate for much of the time or were greatly involved in supporting the distribution and delivery of food and advice to the most vulnerable and isolated community members. Like other Thriving Places areas, a COVID-19 Response Group was established to provide support to local people including:

- Food and activity and mental health and wellbeing packs
- Finances and funding applications
- Transport and deliveries to homes
- COVID Safety vital information
- Connectivity to IT equipment
- Energy support and financial advice

Social media was used throughout the year to share information and advice on courses, food support, ongoing COVID information and any other pertinent information available from partners or information the connector shared from other agencies external to the partners, including NHS and other government organisations.

On return from maternity leave in October 2020, the Community Connector supported the Events Group to develop a community-wide festive programme via virtual meetings on ZOOM and Microsoft Teams. They re-established COVID recovery programmes with local groups and community-based organisations.

In 2018/19 the Community Connector engaged with the community and learnt about local aspirations and concerns. As a result, five sub-groups were developed to work towards a plan to achieve the identified priorities of local people.

A Community Budgeting event took place in January 2019 which saw ten projects across the area receive funding and 40 local people involved in the voting. Local people stated that it was a great way for them to find out about local projects and meet new people.

For more information - <https://www.glasgowcpp.org.uk/index.aspx?articleid=23223>

Please note: The Scottish Centre for Community Development have been working along with NHS Health Improvement and are delivering their 'Building Stronger Communities' programme which uses a strategic participatory approach to building community capacity.

Locality Plan

The Locality Planning Officer undertook a desktop evaluation of work to progress the outcomes in the Locality Plan up to the end of 2021/22:

Short-term outcomes (8) – 7 are Green – achieved, 1 is Amber - on target and not achieved and 0 are Red - not on target and not achieved.

Medium-term outcomes (9) – 7 are Green – achieved, 0 are Amber - on target and not achieved and 2 are Red - not on target and not achieved.

Long-term outcomes (8) - 3 are Green – achieved, 3 are Amber - on target and not achieved and 3 are Red - not on target and not achieved.

Quarterly Update Report to Area Partnership – April to June 2023

There isn't a recent written quarterly update report for the area partnership as there isn't an Anchor Organisations and a Community Connector.

Parkhead, Dalmarnock and Camlachie

Introduction

Thriving Places began in Parkhead, Dalmarnock and Camlachie in 2014 and the Locality Plan was introduced in October 2017. The Community Connector supports local people to feel that they live in supportive, active and powerful communities. Thriving Places helps to promote opportunities for active participation and foster a sense of support and empowerment within the community by, first, listening to the needs and concerns of local people and then working with them, and with partners, to address these. For example, when the COVID-19 government restrictions lifted earlier this year, the Community Connector was able to begin delivering face-to-face activities to gently ease members of the community back into social environments.

Due to the additional needs of the area, West of Scotland Housing Association, have accessed funding until 2024 from the National Lottery Community Fund to contract two local people as Community Workers to augment the work in the area.

As the Community Connector and their team began to engage with more people, it became clear that there was a need, in all three areas, to promote positive health and wellbeing through community activities. Local people emphasised that those suffering from poor mental health had retreated further from community involvement. In response to this a project called 'All About You' was developed, it consists of 'Wellbeing Pop-ups' in changing locations, with varying activities, support and services delivered by different community partners. In order to reach some of the most vulnerable people in the area, we decided to prioritise spaces for participants who are referred by support worker or Community Link Workers from NHS Greater Glasgow. The most significant benefits to come from these sessions are increases in confidence amongst local people that are signposted to more long-term activities, support and opportunities for education, volunteering and employment.

For many local people their initial engagement with the Thriving Places Team provides local opportunities to build upon and develop skills, and to work towards personal goals, independently, without the need for further signposting. For example, a participant of the Women's Blether Group increased their confidence and sense of self-worth, eventually moving on from the group and volunteering with a project which supports local families.

Another example of the Community Connector's support for community involvement in local decision-making is the Community Spaces Project, which began this year. It started when the people of Camlachie reported issues with fly-tipping on a derelict area of land on Mountain Blue Street and shared ideas on what they thought the space should be used for. This led the Thriving Places team to work with local community members, the West of Scotland Housing Association and officers from Glasgow City Council's Neighbourhood, Regeneration service to help clear and develop an area of land on Mountain Blue Street, turning it into a community space.

For more information - <https://www.glasgowcpp.org.uk/index.aspx?articleid=24891>

Locality Plan

The Community Connector undertook a self-evaluation of work to progress the outcomes in the Locality Plan up to the end of 2022/23:

Short-term outcomes (8) – 4 are Green – achieved, 4 are Amber - on target and not achieved and 0 are Red - not on target and not achieved.

Medium-term outcomes (8) - 3 are Green – achieved, 5 are Amber - on target and not achieved and 0 are Red - not on target and not achieved.

Long-term outcomes (8) - 0 are Green – achieved, 8 are Amber - on target and not achieved and 0 are Red - not on target and not achieved.

Quarterly Update Report to Area Partnership – April to June 2023

The following are highlights from the written quarterly update report that was submitted for the Calton Area Partnership for the meeting on 06 September 2023.

Supporting Communities through Partnership Work - As well as signposting and referrals, the Thriving Places team also support the local community through partnership work (as mentioned above). Our on-going partnership projects continue to grow and develop, such as the Rose Voucher Scheme and the Free Bike Repairs project. We currently have 72 families who receive the Rose Vouchers. Between 1st April and 31st August, around £15,000 worth of vouchers have been given out.

Youth Crime Committee - The Thriving Places team were contacted by a Police Scotland sergeant, to help bring together a planning committee to tackle youth crime/antisocial behaviour at the Parkhead Forge Shopping Centre. Thriving Places planned the initial meeting and invited local youth providers and stakeholders along. From this, plans have begun to form to support the young people involved to put their energy into more positive practices.

The Barrowfield Festival 2023 - With the support of Thriving Places and The West of Scotland Housing Association a 3-day festival took place between Wednesday 9th August and ending on Friday 11th August, consisted of 8 separate events with multitudes of activities on offer to participants. Some of the key themes of the festival were: wellbeing, physical activity, family fun and community connection and it will now be an annual occurrence.

'Park Life' (Dechmont St Park Open Day) - Thriving Places collaborated with Glasgow City Council & Parkhead Housing Association to deliver a consultation event, with a family-fun theme, on the 15th of April. The purpose of this was to consult with local people on the development of the Dechmont Street play park. Around 300 adults and young people got to share their views and preferences on what is needed from this space.

Seed/ development Funding - the total approximate spend was £3835.44

Priesthill and Househillwood

Introduction

Thriving Places began in Priesthill and Househillwood in 2015 and the Locality Plan was introduced in October 2017. Over the past six years the Community Connector, community partners and local people have developed a structure to tackle the issues identified by local people through various mapping and consultation exercises. Each group is attended by community organisations and local people, and has an action plan that feeds into the Locality Plan. The priorities identified were; Safety and Environmental, Activities for Children and Young People, Social Isolation and Mental Health and Food.

Social isolation was identified as a priority issue and the Community Connector supported the development of a thematic group to tackle this issue with the hope of creating connections, building relationships, and reducing isolation in the area. The group is led by the Community Connector and the Anchor Organisation, Sanctuary Housing. The group have successfully been awarded funding for the past three years to work alongside volunteers to tackle social isolation over the Christmas holiday period. This included the creation and delivery of hampers to individuals in the area who had been identified as being isolated or had poor mental health, Christmas activities that brought people together, and Santa walks that raised the spirits of the community during the pandemic.

During the lockdown period, some of the work that the Community Connector was involved in included: allocating food for local people, distributing a food map, signposting people to food banks, phoning people to signpost them to mental health, social isolation support and services, welfare rights referrals, distributing a Science magazine which had family activities to do while at home, created support services, supported local people to access IT equipment and internet, organized hampers, movie packs, and soup recipe bags for pickup over Christmas, facilitated community conversations on how we can support one another during the lockdown, and supported access to funding opportunities for community organisations and groups.

In 2020, the Community Connector with support from Sanctuary Housing's Investment Team was awarded £30K funding for a year anti-social behaviour project. The project uses an early invention approach by working with Primary 7 children in the crucial school transition period and includes all local Primary Schools. The aim of the project is to raise awareness of, address perceptions, and tackle the issues of anti-social behaviour in the area. As part of the project the young people take part in Devolved Decision-Making, with a budget of £20K. A key aim of this 'Youth Community Budgeting' is to improve the quality of life within communities by enabling the active involvement of young people as members of their communities. 89 young people took part in decision-making processes, four local projects were funded, with 341 young people benefitting from activities

For more information - <https://www.glasgowcpp.org.uk/index.aspx?articleid=25019>

Please Note: Thriving Places ended in March 2023 as all but two of the outcomes in the Locality Plan had been achieved

Locality Plan

The former Community Connector undertook a self-evaluation of work to progress the outcomes in the Locality Plan up to the end of 2022/23:

Short-term outcomes (9) – 9 are Green – achieved, 0 are Amber - on target and not achieved and 0 are Red - not on target and not achieved.

Medium-term outcomes (9) - 8 are Green – achieved, 0 are Amber - on target and not achieved and 1 is Red - not on target and not achieved.

Long-term outcomes (9) - 8 are Green – achieved, 1 is Amber - on target and not achieved and 0 are Red - not on target and not achieved.

Quarterly Update Report to Area Partnership – April to June 2023

There isn't a recent written quarterly update report for the area partners as there isn't an Anchor Organisations and a Community Connector.

Ruchill and Possilpark

Introduction

Thriving Places began in Ruchill and Possilpark in 2017 and the Locality Plan, Our Community Plan, was introduced in October 2017. Currently there is no Anchor Organisation or a Community Connector in place. Like other Thriving Places, the Community Connector was critical to leading the approaches to the local response to the COVID-19 pandemic. There was a need for the Community Connector to work with partners to help provide information, advice, support and disperse emergency food and activity packs across local communities, particularly to very vulnerable and shielding people.

The Community Connector was also key to the development of an emergency support information leaflet, which was delivered around the local area and shared on social media. Social media was used extensively through the year to share information on courses, advice, food, COVID-19 information and any other information that local organisations requested to be shared.

Social distanced community engagement also continued with the Black, Minority and Ethnic community over the year. The local Afghan community were supported to access activities in the Hamiltonhill Community Growing Space. When the restrictions allowed, the local Chinese community were supported to develop and deliver Tai Chi sessions in a local park. The Community Connector also provided capacity building support to a number of other community organisations and groups.

The Community Connector has supported community groups to develop vacant and derelict land in the area. The Hawthorn Community Group successfully raised over £50K to enhance the Park and Play Space. The local school was also supported to enhance the children and families' education on environmental issues.

As a result, the community was active in developing growing spaces. For instance, Back Garden, a project based near Saracen Street, worked with local families to develop food growing, cookery and active play. Until the lockdown in March 2020, the project and local people were working together to find other sites to develop.

There were also several community-based responses to crime and antisocial behaviour within the local area. For example, partners from Glasgow Life, Police Scotland, ng homes and local youth organisations worked with young people in Possilpoint Community Centre and Kelvingrove Park to help reduce antisocial behaviour. It was agreed by everyone involved that more work would need to be done regularly if there was to be a long-term impact.

Employability was also a key theme for Thriving Places in 2019-20. For example, local people were supported to access services with translators at Possilpoint for employment advice and support, or they could go to Possibilities, which offered blanket support and tailored support for people with disabilities. In addition, Glasgow Council for the Voluntary Sector worked with the Community Connector to facilitate social enterprise training for local African, Chinese and Afghan communities.

For more information - <https://www.glasgowcpp.org.uk/index.aspx?articleid=23220>

Locality Plan

The Locality Planning Officer undertook a desktop evaluation of work to progress the outcomes in the Locality Plan up to the end of 2021/22:

Short-term outcomes (27) – 24 are Green – achieved, 1 is Amber - on target and not achieved and 2 are Red - not on target and not achieved.

Medium-term outcomes (18) – 16 are Green – achieved, 0 are Amber - on target and not achieved and 2 are Red - not on target and not achieved.

Long-term outcomes (9) - 8 are Green – achieved, 0 are Amber - on target and not achieved and 1 is Red - not on target and not achieved.

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Springboig and Barlanark

Introduction

Thriving Places began in Springboig and Barlanark in 2017 and some the impact that it has made since the Locality Plan 'Our Community Plan' was introduced in October 2017. The Community Connector facilitated a series of online and in person meetings with local people to help co-produce a design for Budhill Playpark. Working closely with officers from the Council's Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability service a final draft design has been approved by the community-led working group. Throughout the process the wider community was regularly engaged by email and social media updates.

During 2021/ 22 seed fund supporting activities and projects included: capacity building and board members recruitment, friendships benches, mobility scooters, community event costs and publicity materials, community noticeboards, Thriving Places survey prizes, community activities brochure printing costs, greenspace group set up costs, printing, stationery, English for Speakers of Other Languages learning materials, and litter picking equipment.

2020/2021 began with the COVID-19 lockdown and the Community Connector supported local community members, groups and organisations with the COVID-19 response. This included supporting Glasgow Girls FC to identify and apply for funding for emergency provisions for the community. Additionally, toys and produce were distributed to the community through Glasgow Girls, the Buddies, Springburn Church, RYA and Kinship Carers. Connect Community Trust were also provided with funding towards the COVID-19 response.

Regular social media posts along with the use of e-mail distribution lists were used to keep local communities informed about self-isolation support, food distribution, digital access, mental health support as well as what is happening in the local areas, job openings and opportunities for getting involved in the local groups. The number of followers the Facebook page for Springboig/ Barlanark Thriving Place has risen from 262 to 477 over 2020/21.

A new Community Connector was recruited in April 2019 and spent the first couple of months getting to know the community through walkabouts, meetings with community organisations and groups, and mapping local assets. They also spoke with over 213 local people of all ages to find out how they felt about the local area and the locality plan. This was done at numerous local events including fayres, street parties, gala days and fun days across the area. In addition, the Community Connector supported Community Learning and Development students to engage with 394 local people about their priorities and needs in relation to reviewing and updating the Locality plan. A 'What matters to you' consultation event was also held for local people with disabilities, in partnership with Glasgow Disability Alliance.

For more information - <https://www.glasgowcpp.org.uk/index.aspx?articleid=23222>

Please note: The Community Connector recently left their post after gaining permanent employment with another Council.

Locality Plan

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Short-term outcomes (7) – 6 are Green – achieved, 02 are Amber - on target and not achieved and 1 is Red - not on target and not achieved.

Medium-term outcomes (9) – 4 are Green – achieved, 1 is Amber - on target and not achieved and 4 are Red - not on target and not achieved.

Long-term outcomes (8) - 2 are Green – achieved, 1 is Amber - on target and not achieved and 5 are Red - not on target and not achieved.

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