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Glasgow Community Planning Partnership

Calton Area Partnership

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Progress report Thriving Places Parkhead, Dalrnarnock & Camlachie

Purpose of Report:

To update Area Partnership members on progress in relation to the PDC Thriving Places from the period of 1st January 2023 – 31st March 2023.

Introduction

The Thriving Places PDC was introduced in the area in 2014, with a view to encourage greater community participation, increased community capacity and encourage an increase in community involvement in local decision-making. This report outlines the progress made by the Thriving Places team between 1st January 2023 and 31st March 2023, with a focus on: sharing information; effective partnership working; planning for the spring & summer; and supporting the strengthening of the community voice.

Sharing Information

Sharing information is key to encouraging community involvement and creating positive pathways for local people. It also supports better partnership working, that avoids duplication and highlights opportunities for collaborative work. Moreover, through mapping local services, support and activities, the team is able to identify gaps (based on community need) and work collaboratively to address them.

The Thriving Places team consistently gathers and shares information on services, support and activities in the local area. This is done through: posting on various social media pages; sending mass emails to partners and community contacts; and sharing through community-group WhatsApp chats. Additionally, flyers are shared at every community event that is attended or delivered by the team. Flyers are also put up on local notice boards and in partner venues. Additionally, the team has developed a method of gathering and collating local school holiday programmes, so that families in the area can find all of the information that they need in one place.

Between 1st January 2023 & 31st March 2023, the Thriving Places team were involved in planning, delivering or supporting various community events and groups that involved information sharing:

- The Glasgow UCI Championships networking event in January
- The Calton Area Partnership meeting in February
- Thriving Places Community Connectors meetings in January & March
- Weekly Rose Voucher drop-ins at Helenslea Hall, in Parkhead
- Weekly pop-ins to the Hot Spot group at Whiterose Community Hall in Parkhead

Lastly, the team refer community members directly to services. For example, the Live Well programme (part of Glasgow Life), Glasgow Sport Access Cards, which gives them free use of Glasgow Sport facilities for 6 weeks, followed by a year of discounted membership) and Celtic Foundation's 'You'll Never Talk Alone' programme to tackle loneliness and isolation.

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*. The number of families who receive *Rose Vouchers* from the Thriving Places team has increased, this quarter, from **65 to 75** and so all the available spaces are now filled. This quarter **£3214** worth of vouchers have been distributed between 1st January and 31st March 2023. In terms of developments in the *Free Bike Repairs project*, the current volunteers have successfully completed their Velotech Bronze awards and are awaiting dates to be assessed for their Silver level. Once they have achieved this, the project can be run by the volunteers, independently, making the project self-sustaining.

Every project and event that Thriving Places deliver is done in collaboration with local partners. Community members are often a key part of the planning and delivery, also. An example of this is the *Cycling Sessions* that began in March 2023. These sessions include: adult led-cycles with *Urban Fox*; mobility cycle sessions with *Freewheel North* and men's mountain biking with *Trail Coach*. This project is funded through *Glasgow Life* as part of their UCI Championships 2023 to encourage more cycling activity in and around Barrowfield. At the *Map for the Future* Networking/Community Planning event in January 2023, the team consulted with community participants to gather ideas on how best to use the fund. The team then contacted partners to help plan and deliver the sessions and signed up participants. While these sessions will only run for a limited time, the next step in this project is to offer *Cycle Leader training* to participants in the wider community and then set up regular, on-going, community-led cycles.

The team also work in partnership with *Scottish Sports Futures* to deliver additional youth provision in Barrowfield. SSF deliver two sessions per week, one for under 12s and one for 12+. They support young people in the area to develop new skills, promote health & fitness, build confidence and tackle personal issues. This includes multisport activities, 121 support and trips/special activities. Each session also includes hot food. Some examples of the activities/internal referrals that the young people have benefitted from are:

- **1 STEM** session
- **1 Building** workshop
- **1 Healthy Cooking** session
- **1 referral** to SSF's Chance 2 Be programme
- **2 referrals** to SSF's Young Leaders programme

The sessions are attended by approximately **12-15** young people, per session. There have been **22** sessions between 1st January and 31st March (**11** sessions for under 12s and **11** sessions for over 12s).

In terms of events, Thriving Places also supported the second *Free Ceilidh* event in Barrowfield Community Centre, in January. This was delivered in partnership with *Glasgow Life* and *Celtic Connections*.

As well as ongoing partnership and co-production work, the team also facilitates the creation of new partnerships. For example, following a planning meeting with *COMO UK*, the team made an introduction between their organisation and that of *Glasgow Community Food Network (GCFN)*. After identifying the outcomes of each organisation, separately, it became clear that there were many opportunities for collaborative work between them. The two have been meeting and planning regularly ever since.

There are many other significant, upcoming collaborative events/projects which the team are planning for the coming months, as you will see below.

Planning for the spring and summer

During this quarter, there has been a strong focus on collaborative planning for spring and summer activities and events. For example:

- *Led Cycles* with *Urban Fox* (running through March & April)
- *Men's Mountain Biking* sessions with *Trail Coach* (in April)
- *Mobility Cycling* with *Freewheel North* (in April/May)
- *Summer events* in Barrowfield (in partnership with West of Scotland Housing Association and a local community artist)
- *Park Life* – a community consultation/open day event planned for the 15th April (in partnership with *Glasgow City Council's* NRS team & Parks Development Team, as well as *Parkhead Housing Association, The Wheatly Group*.
- *Come Dine with Us* – regular community meals planned and delivered in partnership with *The Halliday Foundation* (starting on the 4th April)
- *Opportunities Evening* – a regular signposting event run by the *Celtic Foundation*
- *Map for the Future* – Networking/Community Planning event (on 27th April)

Community Voice

Supporting community involvement in decision-making is one of the main focuses for Thriving Places PDC. Some of the ways in which this is achieved is through:

- Informal consultations at Thriving Places (and partner) events
- Signposting community members to local community councils
- Referring community representatives to reviews of their area's Locality Plan
- *Map for the Future* - Networking/Community Planning events, which include discussions between local partners and community members on how to improve and develop plans and services

- Supporting partner consultations - for example the team were involved in the first *Citizen Power* event, in partnership with *Glasgow City Council* and *The Centre for Civic Innovation*, in March 2023.

In January 2023, the team planned and delivered a *Networking/Community Planning* event at the Emirates Arena, in partnership with *Glasgow Sport*, *the Glasgow Life Live Well team*, *HSCP*, *Glasgow City Council*, *COMO UK* and *We are With You*. This event included successful discussions/consultations around the following topics:

- How to spend *Glasgow Life/UCI championships* cycling activities funding
- Feedback and questions around Glasgow City Centre's Low Emission Zone plans
- How to get involved in local decision making/what are some current local issues and needs
- Barriers to wellbeing and physical activity (including information sharing on accessible activities in the area)

26 partners and **14** community members attended this event and **5** signed up to be involved in further decision-making processes such as the Thriving Places Steering Group and the Locality Plan Short-Life Working Group.

Spending

Between 1st January 2023 and 31st March 2023, the total spend was **£1,260.90** Spending includes:

- Catering for weekly groups, such as the Women's Group and the Bike Repairs volunteers and for the *Map for the Future* event in January - **£333**
- Venue hire - **£306**
- Cost of Cycle sessions in March: **£495**
- Lunches after cycle sessions: **£126.90**

Conclusion

This information details just some of the work done by the Thriving Places team to support positive change in the area. We strive to create long-term positive impacts in the Parkhead, Dalmarnock and Camlachie area, and to work towards achieving Locality Plan Outcomes. As a team we reflect and review our work consistently – always learning and improving our practice. We feel strongly that the best work is done together, which is why we include community members and partners in everything that we do.