



**Carbrain and Community Council Meeting  
27<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

**In Attendance:** W Homer, F Park, J Findlay, Cllr A Graham, Cllr W Goldie, J Duffy, C Noble, M McAvoy, John Duffy

**Apologies:** T Lambert, J McLaughlin, K Boyle, S Ghosh, M Hascoet de Cuestas, W Inch, A Inch, S Murray, Cllr C Johnston, Cllr J Ashraf, Police Scotland, J Cullen

**Chairman's report:** Official awards ceremony for It's your neighbourhood, 11<sup>th</sup> November online.

**Minutes of previous meeting:** Cllr Graham asked for changes in his report. This was agreed and that minute would be brought back for approval

**Correspondence:** Regarding newsletter. Advertisers getting adverts for free, got funding from Scotland Loves Local for next 2 newsletters. Mike Batley from Green Action Trust emailed a leaflet been given project 3500 native broadleaf trees to be planted at Palacerigg. Question from M McAvoy, was that in community Facebook page?

**Report from Mark McAvoy, Community Engagement Manager: Cumbernauld Theatre Trust.**

Mark has worked in community arts for 20 years, development in Paisley, conservation trust, extensive experience. Been in post for 4 weeks. Wants to ensure to embed the community in the theatre. Dance projects Wednesday evenings, senior arts group on Friday, sensory play Friday, Friday groups are free. Wanted to alert us to create program taking place. Want to develop arts and activity for all ages. Sally asked about Christmas performances, Robin Hood, hibernate for younger audience. Is looking to start a conversation and collaborate. Mark not from Cumbernauld, looking to develop projects and ideas.

Mark interested in what we've discussed already this meeting. Looking at preschool children, older adults, additional support needs individuals. Mark's job government funded. Looking to design projects that will work from theatre, theatre running as a community hub not as an elitist place to visit. Mark sees this as a long-term project, and lots development needed. Mark asked has anyone been to the new theatre. No one at meeting been yet. Counsellors were invited to open day 2<sup>nd</sup> October, but unfortunately couldn't make it. Counsellors asked when they could pop down? Mark said open during the day. Theatre company called Tortoise and Nutshell working with preschool children.

Promoting skill development for artists, community development work crossover. Studio arts forum turned up at theatre today, around 20 people for tour. 300 seat auditorium, cinema 80, dance studio, café area. café sensory play, not open yet, coffee machine available if people wish to pop in. All welcome. Mark available 12pm, Willie H said could visit to discuss joint working. Caroline commented creative people could do some work with donated clothing.

Mark feels not done taster sessions 'build it and they'll come' strategy. Opened 2<sup>nd</sup> October, music gigs, Romeo and Juliet, Christmas themed shows coming up. Mark welcomes opportunity to chat with CHCC.

Willie G commented string gallic medium in Condorrat could link up there. Mark speaking to creative artists on Thursday, 3 out of 4 are from Cumbernauld. Kit ran multilingual session in theatre, Mark says was an amazing experience. Willie G says play on by deaf children, special schools in local area. Predecessors Ian, Willie said used to be on board of theatre. Cllr Graham said schools good to tap into.

Jack Tulley commissioned to do community podcasts to make contact with Colin. Could young people work on that? Working with mosque, refugee community to get broad perspective. Frances says we trying to engage people to come into groups, people don't have confidence to come out themselves. Frances saying we can support people from hub to go to groups. Mark says spoke to Lindsay Weir from NLC, young mothers' group in trust, sensory play sessions up to 1 year old, trying to get people in to experience theatre groups. Confidence to attend theatre, theatre sounds grand, panto and Christmas experience. Cllr Goldie says experience from years ago, people would get couple of pints and go to a show. Cllr Graham says it should be for many not few, everyone entitled to access theatre. He wishes Mark well. Mark says confidence and team building important in getting people to access.

Willie G says upcycling, Charlie Jeffrey Loverboy Range from Greenfaulds top designer. Caroline to get details from Willie G.

Mark distributed brochures. Willie H says CHCC will be in touch for a visit. Scope for further dialogue. Caroline being our Community Development Worker for Carbrain could be involved in dialogue. Willie H will pass on details of family Broomlands Centre. Commented on how to include people, e.g., Adults 16 plus group. Could tie into immersive classroom at Muirfield said Cllr Goldie. Cllr Graham says Mark is welcome to speak to him and Cllr Goldie to open up dialogue. Caroline to get in touch with Mark.

### **Councillors Reports**

Cllrs Goldie and Graham gave verbal reports

### **Environmental, Community Safety and Police**

Apologies received from Police Scotland.

### **AOCB**

None

**Date of next meeting: TBC**