

## **Flipchart materials and thinking from the first pilot of Understanding Your Community course.**

### **Session 1: Community Mapping**

#### **A) ISSUES RAISED FROM COMMUNITY MAPPING.**

##### **Things people didn't Know:**

Chair (sculpture in Craigmillar)

Lots happening/services

Youth Zone

##### **Community Strengths:**

Number of activists/volunteers

Community – has strong feelings – commitments

Spirit – good neighbours

Social housing – private – no trouble

##### **Gaps in the community**

Uneven spacing of resources

Police – not enough – (they) deal with kids not serious crime

New houses for locals

Concierge service does it work

##### **Current Community Issues**

New people – (community needs people from) 'outside' – (they may need) guidance

Funding – potential loss of groups

Regeneration plans

Change name – like own neighbourhoods – between neighbours

Community Safety – camera's –

'shop your pal'

Inter generational work

Services getting the credit

**B) ISSUES from community mapping turned into THEMES and then PRIORITISED.**

1. Community knowledge – how you find out. (1 person voted)
  - Lots happening
  - The chair
  
2. Youth/Young people services (3 persons voted)
  - Intergenerational work
  - Youth zone – policy
  
3. Community strengths (0 person voted)
  - Housing crop well organised
  - Community getting credit
  - Activists/Volunteers
  - Community feeling
  - Shopping your pal
  - Mix of people
  
4. Funding/decision making (2 persons voted)
  - Loss of organisations
  - Difficulty of working together
  - Uneven resources
  
5. Community Safety (3 persons voted)
  - Concierge services
  - Shop your pal
  - Policing – protection
  - Cameras
  
6. Regeneration (2 persons voted)
  - New houses/affordable for locals
  - Local knowledge important
  - New people – important- guidance
  - Plans

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**Researcher's note:** we choose on the first pilot course to work on a range of 5 issues rather than focusing on one. It proved difficult to move all the issues forward and so our recommendation in the learning report on the pilot course was to focus down onto one issue – but come back to the other issues to see if the group was learning about them too.

## **Sessions 2 and 3: Researching the issue(s)**

### **A) Who is connect with these themes?**

Regeneration involves:                      PARC (Urban Regeneration Company), City Council

Community Knowledge involves:      Social Inclusion Partnership (SIP) funded, Craigmillar Chronicle

Community Safety involves;              SIP  
SIP Community Safety Subgroup(Cameras)  
Police  
Housing/Concierge

Funding involves:                              Scottish Executive  
SIP  
Council

Youth Services involves:                      Jack Kane Centre  
Council

### **C) Further learning from internet**

#### **Regeneration**

- PARC + (leading it)
- Urban Design Framework
- 3200 homes – 600 + for rental
- £500 million
- Beginning 2004
- Regeneration – been going on for a life time

#### **Community Knowledge**

- No luck on the chair (so far)
- Billboards, leaflets, Chronicle – key sources of information
- Should be info on this be made public
- Consultation

## **Youth Services**

- Community safety sub group minutes – ASBO's, Problem Solving Partnership
- Research was difficult – got blocked
- Printouts on Instep and Venchie
- ASBO – Concierge, Youth Inclusion Team
- Susan Law/George Norval- Youth Inclusion Work
- Magdalene – Youth Action Team
- Jack Kane – Every night, Café K
- Jack Kane doesn't reach Craigmillar Castle

## **Funding**

- Gap in European Funding
- From Scottish Executive
- SIP makes decisions
- Minutes – participants
- Annual Report 06/07 Surplus
- Big deficit in 2007/2008
- Difficult to get information from SIP web

## **Community Safety**

- Name of local Police inspector
- Crime increasing in Craigmillar
- 2 PC Officers for (8000) people on beat in Craigmillar
- Concierge – more hassle from Youths in Craigmillar than anywhere else in Scotland – have to go up to them to find out more
- Community Council – invited police along to a meeting/violence in Craigmillar rising
- PC only 2 – because of budgets, never seen one in Craigmillar Castle
- Community wardens – only the flats in Magdalene
- Concierge – dog fines

**C) COMMUNITY SAFETY: considering questions for a local speaker/ visit**

- ❖ How many Police on the Beat?
  - regular PC's
  - 6 new PC's from housing (paid for)
  
- ❖ Security Cameras – sometimes not working – awaiting repair
  
- ❖ Concierges – what do they do?
  
- ❖
  - linked to Anti Social Behaviour Order's
  - working in Magdalene – limited role to balconies
  - people (make fun) of them
  - can fine you on the spot for litter dropping
  - paid less than Police
  - rather have Police officer on the beat (?)

**D) Taking these themes forward ...** (original flipchart used people's names – replaced with organisations here)

Community Knowledge	Panel – Who could we invite?	Other preparations
	Community Council  Craigmillar Chronicle Craigmillar  Craigmillar Communiversity  Community Regeneration Forum	Find out more about 'Chair'

<b>Regeneration</b>	PARC (regeneration company)  Community Council  Community Regeneration Forum	
<b>Decisions &amp; Funding</b>	Community Rep(s)  City Council officer	
<b>Community Safety</b>	Local police inspector Community Concierge service Youth Inclusion worker – Café K	Find our more about Concierge Service
<b>Youth Work</b>	Housing Dept, City Council  Jack Kane Centre  Venchie	Find out more about what's happening in Craigmillar Castle

## **Session 4 – Panel discussion**

### **Initial feedback from Participants on the panel discussion:**

The group were largely disappointed with the way the panel discussion turned out; comments varied from:

- Not enough direct answers (4) and no commitments to action (1)
- Got boring, disappointing (2)
- Enjoyable and/or informative but ... (2)
- Informative, did their best (2)

## **Session 5: Decision-making activity**

**Researcher's note:** Within the pilot this activity was in session 3 – see learning report from the pilot

### **A) GROUP DECISION MAKING Activity – what did it feel like?**

- Frustrating
- Tough
- Compromise – in the end people were
- Middle of the road – no compromise
- Guttled – lost the PA vote, won the show of hands
- Can't take it personal
- Some people changed their opinion a wee bit
- People don't tell you the truth
- Most people chose no.1 at first

### **B) WHAT DECISIONS ARE MADE IN THE COMMUNITY RIGHT NOW and by whom?**

#### **Developer's decisions:**

Housing (PA exercise, limited time, council didn't listen)


Community facilities

Green space

Roads and buses

New School

#### **Decisions about local schools:**

New ones being built   
Castleview  
St Francis/Niddrie Mill

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But other schools already closed or closing e.g. Lismore fought and won

Head teachers consulted

Parents invited along – not many showed (5 showed up) apathy or already too late.