

Newsletter

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Hybrid Technology the Future for Meetings?

Knightswood Community SCIO was successful in applying for an Area Partnership Grant from Glasgow City Council for video conference equipment, so that community groups and organisations can hold Hybrid Meetings. The Centre already had the digital infrastructure (whiteboards, ceiling mounted projectors, integrated sound systems and Wi-Fi throughout the building) which are essential to enable groups to hold high quality hybrid meetings and events. This makes Knightswood Community Centre in these Covid uncertain times, an even better venue for community meetings, events, small conferences, clubs, and concerts. Mhairi Shepherd, (Health Improvement) thought that this is a good example of a local organisation adapting to advances in technology and enabling local people to interact safely during the pandemic.

This technology allows people to meet in person and others to join the meeting online. It can encourage a greater level of engagement for individuals in the community, enabling them to learn together, meet and connect.

'I am delighted to hear about the video conferencing equipment, even post Covid, this will be really useful for ensuring great community outreach for meetings'.

Carol Monaghan (Member for Parliament)



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New Members Needed Now

Wednesday's Over 50's Friendship Club for the young at heart. It provides a great way to meet like-minded people and make friends in Knightswood. By participating in our group, you get to know new people, build confidence, and help with loneliness.



Christmas Lunch 2019

We always have regular entertainment which includes singers, bingo, a bus run once a year and Christmas lunch and much more. What are you waiting for come along and join the club at the Community Centre!

Wednesday 1.30pm –4.00pm

Contact: Marion Moore

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It also helps community groups reach more participants. For example, if a person would like to take part in a local meeting, they might not be able to due to travel or medical constraints. However, thanks to video conferencing technology they can go online at home and interact with everyone in real time and still feel part of the organisation.



For groups using the equipment for the first time, you will have to tweak your software settings on your laptop. It is recommended that you arrange a time to try out the equipment with your laptop, in order to familiarise yourself with the system and to make your hybrid meeting a success for everyone. Please contact Gordon if you would like to organise a Hybrid meeting and he will meet with you to give you a brief induction to the video conferencing set up. Members from the AI Anon group said their first hybrid meeting was

‘absolutely brilliant, with great feedback from the Zoomers and for us in the room’

The potential for this project is enormous; any group can meet in real time with individuals and organisations throughout Scotland, Europe and throughout the world.

Can you play Bridge? Why not join the Westbourne Bridge Club

Monday 1.30pm – 4.00pm



Westbourne Bridge Club are looking for new members. If you have any experience of playing bridge why not come along to this small, friendly club, that meets to play on a Monday afternoon from 1.30pm to 4.00pm. All standards of bridge players are welcome. If you do not have a bridge partner, please contact the Club President Pat. Playing bridge is good for the mind, keeps you happier and more social into old age.

Contact: Pat on 0141 569 0504 or Email: pbmcinnes@gmail.com

Personal Profile on Allen Lindsay (Chair of Knightswood Community SCIO)

Allen Lindsay has lived in Knightswood since 1955, he went to Bankhead Primary then Yoker and Victoria Drive Secondary Schools. At the age of fifteen, while still at school he became a milk boy with the Clydebank Co-op and did deliveries throughout Knightswood for three years. Allen has been involved with Knightswood Community Centre for over fifty years, first becoming a member of the Centre's Advisory Committee when he was a teenager. Since 1986 he has been the Chairperson during which time, he was instrumental in leading the work to transfer the Centre to community management following Glasgow City Council naming Knightswood Community Centre the 'pathfinder project' in its policy for the transfer of control of assets to the community. The Centre, one of the largest and busiest community facilities in Glasgow was previously managed and run by Glasgow Life. Since 2015 it has been operated by Knightswood Community SCIO with Allen at the helm as chairperson.



During his teenage years he attended the Youth Club which was in the old Knightswood Community Centre on Dykebar Avenue which is now the Glasgow Housing Association building. He used to volunteer in the Centre helping the caretakers with their everyday duties. Allen always had an interest in electronics, this was noticed by one of the caretakers who put his name forward to be interviewed for the position of an apprentice electrical draughtsman with the company Archibald Watson and Dundas, who were at the time doing the electrical work for the new Knightswood Community Centre. Allen was interviewed for the post on the Friday, then left school and his milk run job immediately and started his new post on the following Monday. Allen actually did some minor electrical work during the building of the Centre, in which he would become so involved with over the years. The saying "in with the bricks" certainly applies to Allen Lindsay and Knightswood Community Centre. He got married to Anne in 1978 and has two daughters Jane and Susan. He remembers the girls going to Mrs Kennaway's Dance Classes which later became Shona Campbell's School of Dance. His father-in law Jim Moffat was a piping tutor with the Knightswood Juvenile Pipe Band which operated out of the Centre.

In 1985, he got a job as an electrical draughtsman with Govan Shipbuilders which became Kvaerner Govan and eventually BA Systems. He has many interesting tales

to tell about his time working in Govan. A story he recalls is when local young people, who were a bit worse for wear, were playing golf in Elder Park and took to firing their golf balls through the company's windows which sent office staff scurrying for safety under their desks. Allen also worked in St Petersburg, Russia for six months and then at Long Beach, California for four months for Kvaerner which were "fantastic experiences and a complete contrast to Govan."



Allen in St Petersburg, Russia in 1998

In 2015, he retired from his job as an electrical design engineer, however he is as busy as ever with his active role as chairperson of Knightswood Community SCIO. Allen since the late nineteen sixties, has been involved as a volunteer, in some way or another, with groups and organisations in the Knightswood community. For many years he was part of the Knightswood Gala Committee, eventually becoming the Chairperson. He was also a Community Councillor since the early nineteen eighties and was for a period chairperson of Knightswood Community Council.

When not being involved in the work of Knightswood Community SCIO, Allen's interests include walking, cycling, photography and going on camping holidays with his wife Anne. He is particularly fond of the east coast of Scotland and has walked the 116 miles of Fife Coastal Path. Photography is his secret passion and he would love more time to devote to this craft.

This year is Allen's seventieth birthday and we wish him many more fruitful years of volunteering and serving the community of Knightswood.