Item 1

17th April 2024

VICTORIA PARK AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Minutes of meeting held on 14th February 2024, by video conference.

Present: Councillor Feargal Dalton (Chair), Councillor Eunis Jassemi and Councillor Lana Reid-McConnell, Glasgow City Council; Inspector Mhairi Crawford, Police Scotland; Station Commander Kenneth McCartney, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Mary Kate Harte, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Ailie Hunter, Thornwood Community Council; David Rennie, Broomhill Community Council; Elizabeth Brown, Whiteinch Community Council and Catherine Benton, Jordanhill Community Council.

Attending: P Yule (Clerk); P Boyce (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance); B McKay, Jordanhill Community Council and L Lovelock, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

1 The minutes of 15th November 2023 were submitted and approved, subject to noting

(1) at item 5 (b), regarding the length of time taken by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS) to administer and complete projects, David Rennie, Broomhill Community Council, advised that the Community Councils had met and discussed this matter and highlighted a range of matters of concern, this included that the list was out of date and required updating; and

(2) at Item 5(ii), Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund information

(a) had been circulated to members by NRS advising of progress and costings for the proposed work and the Community Councils stated they were partial and sketchy and required clarity and transparency on the process; and

(b) that the Community Councils and officers would meet to discuss further and would produce an updated list and would also send Councillor Dalton any concerns they may have, and that Pat Boyce and Derek Speirs would share this information with NRS.

Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network update noted.

2 There was heard a report by Ms Lynn Lovelock, North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network (NWGVSN) providing an update on its work, advising

(1) that Tam Munro, the network's former chair, had passed away in January 2024, after a long illness;

(2) Joseph Rowantree report showed that 27% of children are currently living in poverty https://www.jrf.org.uk/work/poverty-in-scotland-2023; and

(3) the NWGVSN IT Recycling Project was now named Plugged in - https://nwgvsn.org.uk/plugged-in-it-project/ and would accept any old IT equipment that would be refurbished.

Police Scotland ward update noted.

3 There was heard a report by Inspector Mhairi Crawford, Police Scotland, advising the Partnership

(1) of the operational changes within Police Scotland, including a reduction in buildings and that members were encouraged to put forward comments and concerns via the consultation process, which could be accessed at https://consult.scotland.police.uk/strategy-insight-and-innovation/lpp2023/ ;

(2) that statistics for reports of incidents had decreased;

(3) that house breakings and car thefts remains an issue and that officers would continue to monitor this;

(4) of the work to combat e-bikes and that 22 had recently been seized with reports submitted to the Procurator Fiscal; and

(5) that Police Scotland would be seeking funding for safety equipment for cyclists.

After consideration, the Partnership

(1) noted the report and thanked Inspector Crawford for the update and all the work carried out by Police Scotland within the ward; and

(2) raised questions and concerns regarding the parked cars around the Broomhill area where the gully cleaning programme is under way and that 80% of cars are obstructing the gullies and stopping the works being carried out.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service ward update noted.

4 There was heard a report by Station Commander Kenneth McCartney, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service regarding the current issues, incidents and work being carried out in the ward for Quarter 3, from 1st October to 31st December 2023, advising the Partnership that

(1) the Service had attended 1,261 incidents in the North West area of which 77 were in the ward, 19 fires, 9 Special Services, with no fatalities and attended 49 false alarms;

(2) 301 Home Fire Safety Visits were carried out in the NW in Q3; and

(3) of the work carried out by the community safety team who provided a fireworks presentation to primary and secondary schools regarding information on the dangers of fireworks.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report and thanked Station Commander McCartney for the work carried out by the service; and

(b) raised questions that were address by Station Commander McCartney.

Area Budget 2023/24 – Final budget.

5 With reference to the minutes of the Council's City Administration Committee of 23rd March 2023, when the committee approved the 2023/24 Area Budget allocations, there was submitted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance, advising

(1) of the current position in relation to the Area Partnership's budget for 2023/24;

(2) that the Victoria Park Area Partnership's Budget allocation for 2023/24 was £59,732.90 and that £60,202.90 had been allocated to date, leaving a total of £470 oversubscribed; and

(3) the position regarding the Area Budget allocation for 2023/24.

Area Budget 2024/25 – Applications for funding dealt with etc.

6 There was submitted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance, advising that

(1) the Area Budget had still to be agreed by the City Administration Committee and any revisions to Area Budget allocations for 2024/25 would be detailed in a future report;

(2) Area Partnerships had the option to approve a portion of funds from its 2024/25 Area Budget at the January/February 2024 cycle of meetings for any projects/services that would take place early in the 2024/25 financial year; and

(3) any funding recommended would be subject to confirmation of available finances.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted

(i) that the Area Budget allocations for 2024/25 were subject to availability of funds following approval of Glasgow City Council's 2024/25 budget, with any revisions to current levels of budget being subject to a future report;

(ii) the interim arrangements which enabled the allocation of a portion of the funding from the 2024/25 Area Budget in the January/February cycle for time critical applications;

(iii) that time critical awards of up to £500 could be allocated from the 2024/25 budget under the existing delegated authority arrangements; and

(iv) that SPT had taken the decision it would no longer produce travel passes for Playschemes and out of school care clubs due to the view that in many instances, Playscheme travel passes would duplicate the reimbursement model that travel operators now had with the Young Persons' (Under 22) Free Bus Travel scheme; and

(b) dealt with the application for funding as follows, the grant award being subject to the conditions detailed in the report:-

Applicant	*Purpose of application*	*Decision*
Glasgow Wood Recycling	Towards the cost of upgrading the current vehicle to ensure they can operate and comply within the city's Low Emissions Zone	Awarded £5,973

(c) agreed the playscheme award for spring, summer and October holiday periods as follows:-

Playscheme	**Venue**	**Spring 2024**	**Summer 2024**	**October 2024**	**Total**
Buddies 5-12	Southbrae Drive, Jordanhill	Option 2 £396	Option 2 £1,100	Option 2 £220	**Option 2 £1,716**
Buddies 13-19	Southbrae Drive, Jordanhill	Option 2 £396	Option 2 £1,100	Option 2 £220	**Option 2 £1,716**