ANDERSTON/CITY/YORKHILL AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Minutes of meeting held on 21st March 2024, Garnethill Multicultural Community Centre, Glasgow.

Present: Councillor Angus Millar (Chair) and Councillor Philip Braat, Glasgow City Council; Inspector Jonathan Watters, Police Scotland; Gordon Taylor, North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network; Lise Fisher, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability; James Rouse, Anderston Community Council; Irene Loudon, Blythswood and Broomielaw Community Council; David Hughes, Merchant City and Trongate Community Council; Michael Glen, Townhead and Ladywell Community Council, John Gerrard, Yorkhill & Kelvingrove Community Council; and Nora Hytiris, Garnethill Community Council.

Apologies: Councillor Eva Bolander, Glasgow City Council and Shogufta Haq, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership.

Attending: J Crawford (Clerk); and R O'Sullivan (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance).

Appointment of Chair.

1 In terms of paragraph 7.4 of the Governance Framework, the Partnership noted that in the absence of Councillor Eva Bolander, Councillor Angus Millar had been appointed to Chair the meeting.

Appointment of substitute approved.

2 In terms of paragraph 6.10 of the Governance Framework, the Partnership noted that in the absence of the representatives from North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network, the Chair had approved the attendance of Gordon Taylor to represent it at this meeting.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

3 The minutes of 1st February 2024 were submitted and approved.

Glasgow Community Planning Partnership Governance Framework – Membership noted.

4 There was submitted and noted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration providing an update regarding membership of this Partnership, advising that

(1) David Hughes had been nominated as the representative for Merchant City and Trongate Community Council and Gary Aitkinson had been nominated as the substitute; and

(2) both positions were now vacant for North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network.

Police Scotland ward update noted.

5 There was heard a report by Inspector Jonathan Watters, Police Scotland, advising that

(1) the new Divisional Commander, Chief Supt Lynn Ratcliff, was now in post;

(2) 40 e-bikes and scooters had been seized and held at the Polmadie compound until the owners could provide insurance documents;

(3) the increase of parades and demonstrations in different locations on a weekly basis was challeging resourses;

(4) the Shoplifting Awareness pilot would continue to help reduce the increase in shoplifting and that young people were the main suspects and several youths had been arrested; and

(5) antisocial behaviour at the 4 corners on Argyle Street, especially in McDonalds, was on the increase and that Police Scotland had been in contact with businesses to try and alleviate the issue, with security in place nightly.

After consideration, the Partnership noted the report and thanked Inspector Watters for the update.

Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network update noted.

6 There was submitted a report by Mr Gordon Tayloror, North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network (NWGVSN), providing an update on its work, advising

(1) that Susie Anderston had left the agency and that they were now looking for a new member and substitute; and

(2) of the ongoing IT recycling project and if anyone needed equipment to contact them, and that further information could be found at https://nwgvsn.org.uk/network-it-recycling-project-2/.

After consideration, the Partnership noted the report and thanked Mr Taylor for the update.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund update noted etc.

7 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS) providing an update on the progress of the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund, advising that

(1) the commitments to date would be addressed with a formal report at the next Area Partnership meeting;

(2) several works had been completed, which included work at Midland Street Mungo's Avenue, Kelvinhall Street and Old Drum Road;

(3) footways had been resurfaced and investigations undertaken into deep cleaning of gullies and cobbles; and

(4) timescales had been challenging for the teams involved in all projects.

After consideration, the Partnership noted

(a) the update;

(b) concerns raised in relation to the length of time commitments to date were being taken to complete and required updates on all parks and open spaces projects;

(c) that an update regarding the Green Wall at St Patrick's would be provided by the Local Parks and Spaces team; and

(d) that the monies that had been planned for the LED lighting in the ward would be checked as the Council had agreed to fund all new LED lighting for the city.

Community reports – Updates by Partnership members noted etc.

8 There was heard verbal reports from members of this Partnership on various matters regarding the Anderston/City/Yorkhill Ward as follows:-

(1) Garnethill Community Council – Nora Hytiris and Christy Hamilton advised

(a) the community council had raised concerns regarding regular reports of vandalism and graffiti in the ward and on the mosaic in the local park in the heart of the community and that the community council continued to report these issues but requested more be done to protect the area;

(b) the community council had also raised concerns about safety of the older people in the ward as they felt intimidated by youths fraternising in the area at night; and

(c) the community council raised concerns about rough sleepers.

(2) Townhead and Ladywell Community Council – Michael Glen advised that

(a) they agreed and sympathised with Nora with regard to all of the points raised by Garnethill Community Council,

(b) all the community councils in the joint action group for Ward 10 should discuss all common themes and bring these to the next Area Partnership;

(c) the main concern in the ward was parking and the new 18:00 hours to 22:00 hours change to parking in the city centre;

(d) major construction in the area was disturbing rodents and that Environmental Services were trying to deal with the situation however it was getting worse; and

(e) the increase in litter in the ward was worsening, with education and enforcement needed to try and contain the issue.

(3) Merchant City and Trongate Community Council – David Hughes advised that

(a) pavement parking was a problem and when would the new law come into force;

(b) there had to be a better regulation on E-bikes; and

(c) busking was on the increase and what could be done to regulate it.

(4) Anderston Community Council – James Rouse advised that

(a) the issue of the 2000 rule for resident parking was having an impact on new residents buying new houses and asked if this rule could be changed; and

(b) Anderston train station lights had been fixed.

(5) Yorkhill and Kelvingrove Community Council – John Gerrard advised that

(a) most of the available ground was being bought by major construction companies, so when would there be planning for affordable housing; and

(b) the Glasgow Mela Day had to be moved back to Kelvingrove from Queens Park and that this would cause antisocial behaviour and local residents would have no priority to parking.

(6) Blythswood and Broomielaw Community Council – Irene Louden advised that

(a) if the parking charges were to be changed to 10pm, this would affect the hospitality trade; and

(b) residents had to pay for permits to park, but there was complete disparity in all areas.

After consideration, the Partnership noted

(i) the update;

(ii) that Police Scotland were aware of the graffiti and vandalism, and that any hate crime would be dealt with, but the public should continue to report any incidents and these would be prioritised in line with regulation;

(iii) information on the Council's approach to graffiti, which would be to protect Council assets and that any hate crime would be targeted first; and

(iv) that there would be local consultation on the 10pm parking before this would be put in place.