Item 1

22nd February 2024

LINN AREA PARTNERSHIP.

Minutes of meeting held on 23rd November 2023, Barlia Football Centre, Glenwood Business Centre, Castlemilk Drive, Glasgow.

Present: Bailie Margaret Morgan (Chair), Councillor John Carson and Councillor Catherine Vallis, Glasgow City Council; Inspector Mark McLaughlin, Police Scotland; Station Commander Douglas Millar, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; John Harkins, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; John Lawless, Carmunnock Community Council; Christopher Tait, Castlemilk Community Council; Lynn Thomson, Cathcart and District Community Council; Fiona Dunwoodie, Fair Deal; Eileen Walker, Simshill and Old Cathcart Community Council; and Karen Venables, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Apologies: Bailie Paul McCabe, Glasgow City Council; and Mhairi Taylor, Cathcart and District Community Council.

Attending: E Miller (Clerk); and K Gorman and B McQuillan (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance).

Absence of Chair

1 In terms of paragraph 7.4 of the Governance Framework, the Partnership noted that in the absence of Bailie McCabe, Bailie Morgan had been appointed to Chair the meeting.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

2 The minutes of 14th September 2023 were submitted and approved.

Glasgow Community Planning Partnership Governance Framework – Membership update noted.

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

(1) Kate Willis was no longer the representative for Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network, leaving this position vacant; and

(2) Station Commander Andrew Crawford had replaced Station Commander George Winters as the substitute representative for Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

Community Planning Partnership – Governance Framework – Register of Interests noted.

4 There was submitted and noted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration advising the Partnership of the requirements in relation to the Community Planning Partnership Governance Framework regarding the registration and declaration of members' interests and detailing those interests which had been declared by members of the Partnership, as detailed in the report.

Variation in order of business noted.

5 The Partnership agreed to vary the order of business as hereinafter minuted.

Castlemilk Locality Plan update noted.

6 With reference to the minutes of 14th September 2023, there was submitted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance, regarding the Castlemilk Locality Plan, advising

(1) that focus groups had taken place with children from all four Primary Schools to discuss the priorities and issues identified by children and young people, as detailed in Appendix 1;

(2) that Steering Group meetings and community engagements had been put on hold until the focus groups had concluded and the information has been analysed; and

(3) of the details of the focus group report, as detailed in Appendix 2.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted

(i) the report and thanked Brian McQuillan for the update; and

(ii) that although the QR code to provide information had closed on 30th October 2023, information could be emailed to Brian.McQuillan@glasgow.gov.uk for reference; and

(b) raised questions that were addressed by Mr McQuillan.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund 2022/23 update noted – Funding approved.

7 With reference to the minutes of 14th September 2023, there was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, regarding the Linn Neighbourhood Infrastucture Fund, advising of

(1) the progress on work to be carried out within the ward and the commitments to date, as detailed in the report; and

(2) the Centre of Civic Innovation, community engagement process, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted that

(i) the report and that information of the 2 pilot areas could be accessed on the Council's website;

(ii) a meeting would be arranged with Bailie McCabe, as Chair of the Partnership, and the community representatives to discuss and agree projects that should be prioritised and funded within the ward; and

(iii) further information regarding installation of 2 CCTVs within the ward would be provided, including costs and a map of the proposed areas;

(b) requested

(i) information on how other Partnerships had spent their funding allocations;

(ii) that a gritting station be considered to service the more problematic routes within the ward;

(iii) costs be provided for an outdoor gym within the ward;

(iv) a report on the gritting programme within the Castlemilk area, which Karen Venables agreed to request from the relevant team in NRS; and

(iv) information of the re-design and upgrade of the Cooper Institute with consideration to be given to sharing the costs with neighbouring Area Partnerships; and

(c) Approved funding of £5,500 for a handrail and ramp within Castlemilk Memorial Garden, Castlemilk Drive/Dougrie Road.

Winter maintenance 2023-24 update noted.

8 There was submitted a report by Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, regarding the 2023-24 Winter Maintenance Plan, advising

(1) that the Winter Maintenance Plan submitted to the Council's Environment, Liveable Neighbourhoods City Policy Committee could be accessed at

https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/councillorsandcommittees/submissiondocuments.asp?submissionid=110582;

(2) of the work carried out by the programme during the winter of 2022-23;

(3) of the priority 1 cycle and busy commuter routes; and

(4) that to promote "self-help" gritting, numerous grit bins would be located throughout the city to allow members of the public to grit areas out-with priority routes and grit bin locations could be found at http://glasgowgis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/LocalPerspective/index.html?appid=e99ff0bfd5a44fd6a1c68de66e123299;

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report;

(b) highlighted areas of concern within the ward, which Karen Venables agreed to refer to the relevant team in NRS.

Bonfire debrief noted.

9 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding the Bonfire debrief, advising

(1) that from 2022 a closer partnership approach had been identified, particularly in relation to the removal of unauthorised bonfires and to ensure partners worked together to establish improved delivery efficiency;

(2) that a Multi-Agency Control Centre (MACC) had been established, which allowed unauthorised bonfires to be risk assessed remotely;

(3) that MACC operated from Glasgow City Council's Eastgate Building and included representation from Glasgow City Council, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) and Police Scotland, which ensured a responsive co-ordinated approach;

(4) of the dedicated phone lines that had been setup within MACC, to record key details of the structures including location, proximity to buildings and power supplies and access to sites, which would be shared with all partners within MACC and added to a priority list for removal;

(5) that unauthorised bonfires would be prioritised based on a risk assessment by SFRS, with their removal attended jointly with Police Scotland to protect staff and maintain public order;

(6) that members of the public were encouraged to report unauthorised and potentially dangerous bonfires to Glasgow City Council by contacting the Council's Cleansing line on 0141 287 9700;

(7) that to ensure intelligence was captured in advance of bonfire night, community partners including housing associations, third sector partners, Police Scotland staff and SFRS staff would be provided with contact details of the Neighbourhood Liaison Co-ordinator who would ensure vital information was passed to operations for removal; and

(8) that unauthorised bonfires could cause significant alarm and distress to individuals and other issues including potential risk of personal injury, damage to property and increased antisocial behaviour, therefore by deploying staff to locations it would promote public reassurance and give confidence to communities.

After consideration, the Partnership noted

(a) the report; and

(a) that any local community unauthorised bonfires should be highlighted to the team to ensure that all health and safety procedures would be followed by the organiser.

Police Scotland ward update noted.

10 There was heard a report by Inspector Mark McLaughlin, Police Scotland, advising

(1) that there had been no significant crime trend identified in the ward since the last meeting of this Partnership;

(2) of the anti-Islamic graffiti that had been carried out within the ward, which was being investigated;

(3) of the festive action, to combat crime and youth disorder over the festive period; and

(4) of the Your Police Survey, which Police Scotland encouraged all members of the public to complete.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report and thanked Inspector McLaughlin for the work carried out in the ward; and

(b) wished Inspector McLaughlin well with his retirement in December 2023.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service ward update.

11 There was submitted and noted a report by Station Commander Douglas Millar, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) regarding the current issues, incidents and work being carried out in the ward for Quarter 2, from 1st July to 30th September 2023, advising the Partnership

(1) that the Service had attended 35 fires, with no fatalities, 16 Special Services and 80 home fire safety visits;

(2) of the work carried out by SFRS prior to Bonfire Night including engagement activities and education on the dangers of fireworks; and

(3) that the Service had attended 44 false alarms of which 7 were unwanted fire alarm signals, which had seen a 40% decrease from July 2023, since the new policy had come into force.

Area Budget 2023/24 – Applications for funding dealt with etc – Declaration of Interest.

12 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 Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities, advising

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

(2) that the Linn Area Partnership's Budget allocation for 2023/24 was £80,436.78 and that £75,726.47 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £4,710.31; and

(3) of the applications for funding from the Area Budget for 2023/24.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted

(i) the position regarding the Area Budget allocation for 2023/24; and

(ii) the applications dealt with under delegated functions, as detailed in the report; and

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

Applicant	*Purpose of application*	*Decision*
St Mirrin's Parent Council	Towards the cost of a Christmas fair on 2nd December 2023	Awarded £300

Castlemilk White Heather Club	Towards the purchase of a portable PA system with speakers and microphone	Awarded £372
Castlemilk Family Learning Centre	Towards the cost of running a series of events throughout December including a Christmas style market with food and free fund activities for children and adults	Refused due to lack of Area Budget funds
Lickety Split – Winter Family Feast 2023	Towards the cost of funding an event on 9th December in Community Central Hall, Maryhill	Refused due to lack of Area Budget funds
*Castlemilk Community Council	Towards the cost of supporting the focus groups being arranged to enable the development of the locality plan for Castlemilk	Refused due to lack of Area Budget funds
**Castlemilk Community Football Trust	Towards the cost of running a Friday night football programme providing a diversionary activity for 11-21 year olds, allowing young people to access the facility to reduce the likelihood of it being targeted and the site vandalised	Awarded £1,000
Senior Centre	Towards the cost of purchasing a new commercial fryer	Awarded £2,120
St Margaret Mary's Secondary School	Towards the cost of purchasing of strips for a newly formed S1 girls football team to allow them to participate in a fortnightly league	Awarded £446.52
Kirkriggs Primary School	Towards the cost of purchasing resources to continue with activities recently introduced to the school	Awarded £471.79
YOMO Young Movers	Towards the cost of supporting the increase in demand for the service and allow the organisation more time to gather evidence in support of the project being funded long term by NHS/other funders	Refused due to lack of Area Budget funds

*Christopher Tait declared an interest in this application and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon.

**John Harkins declared an interest in this application and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon.

Minutes of the South Sector Community Planning Partnership noted.

13 The minutes of the South Sector Community Planning Partnership of 5th October 2023 were submitted and noted.

Future meeting dates 2024 approved.

14 The dates of the 2024 meetings were submitted and approved by the Partnership as detailed below.

Thursday 22nd February 2024 at 1400 hours
Thursday 25th April 2024 at 1400 hours
Thursday 19th September 2024 at 1400 hours
Thursday 21st November 2024 at 1400 hours.