Item 1

1st February 2024

ANDERSTON/CITY/YORKHILL AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Minutes of meeting held on 23rd November 2023, SWG3, 100 Eastvale Place, Glasgow.

Anderston/City/Yorkhill Area Partnership.

Present: Councillor Eva Bolander (Chair), Councillor Philip Braat and Councillor Angus Millar, Glasgow City Council; Inspectors Jonathan Watters and Mhairi Crawford, Police Scotland; Susie Anderson and Gordon Taylor, North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network; James Rouse, Anderston Community Council; Irene Loudon, Blythswood and Broomielaw Community Council; Nora Hitiris and Kirsty Hamilton, Garnethill Community Council; Gary Atkinson, Merchant City and Trongate Community Council; Michael Glen, Townhead and Ladywell Community Council; Anne McPherson, Yorkhill and Kelvingrove Community Council; and Lise Fisher, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Apologies: Bailie Christy Mearns, Glasgow City Council; Graeme Morrow and Kenny McCartney, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Sherrin Esmail and Shogufta Haq, Glasgow Health and Social Care Partnership and Jane Sutherland, Garnethill Community Council.

Attending: T O'Neill (Clerk); R O'Sullivan (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance); F Campbell and L Fisher (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability); and L Frood and G McKay, SWG3.

Minutes of previous meeting approved etc.

1 The minutes of 14th September 2023 were submitted and approved, subject to further approving at paragraph 12 – Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund 2022/23 - funding of £16,000 from the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund 2022/23 towards a Green Wall at St Patrick's Primary School.

Glasgow Community Planning Partnership Governance Framework - Membership update noted.

2 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) Dr Hugh Wynne had resigned from his post of substitute member for Garnethill Community Council and that the position was now currently vacant; and

(2) Inspector Mhairi Crawford had replaced Sergeant John Brown as the substitute representative for Police Scotland.

Anderston/City/Yorkhill Area Partnership Workplan - Update noted.

3 There was submitted and noted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance regarding the workplan for this partnership, advising

(1) of future meeting dates for the remainder of 2023/24, as detailed in paragraph 2.2 of the report; and

(2) that members were invited to discuss and agree both the frequency of standard agenda items, as detailed in paragraph 2.1 of the report, and any additional agenda items they wished to be included on future meeting agendas.

Community Planning Partnership – Governance Framework - Register of Interests 2023/24 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.

SWG3 – Yardworks Glasgow Riverside Innovation District (G.R.I.D.) – Presentation noted.

5 The Partnership heard and noted a presentation by Laura Frood, Yardworks Glasgow Riverside Innovation District (G.R.I.D.) Programme Manager, advising

(1) of the locations of each artwork created for the Yardworks G.R.I.D Programme;

(2) of the work being carried out with communities, delivering workshops with young people and commissioning murals from local and international artists;

(3) of the Yardworks support activities, together with the outcomes and impacts of those activities for participants, artists and communities;

(4) of the vision for transforming G.R.I.D. into a Street Art District;

(5) of the G.R.I.D. delivery plan;

(6) of details in respect of further investment, existing partnerships and newly identified sites; and

(7) of related work regarding the education and employability programmes, creative placemaking and the Legal Wall working group.

The new Vision and Plan for the Golden Z - Presentation noted etc.

6 With reference to the minutes of 17th November 2022 noting a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability outlining the background to the Golden Z project and introducing the Consultant Team, there was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability providing the Partnership with an overview of the content of the new Vision and Plan for the Golden Z which had been completed in August 2023 and information on the project's process, including stakeholder engagement and progress towards delivery of recommended actions, advising

(1) that the new Vision and Plan had been funded by the Scottish Government City Centre Recovery Funding and was part of a package of projects targeted to stimulate post pandemic recovery that had been progressed by the City Centre Task Force;

(2) that the Vision and Plan for the Golden Z was a strategic planning project that sought to explore the specific post pandemic challenges and opportunities of the city centre's key iconic streets and aimed to define a renewed development direction to re-energise the retail core and manage its transition to become more diverse, green and resilient in the future;

(3) that the Vision and Plan responded to the need for city centres to refocus in a post pandemic climate and nature emergency context and outlined a responsive development trajectory for the Golden Z, that would provide clarity and confidence to investors, developers, residents and businesses;

(4) of the project team and stakeholder engagement undertaken, as detailed in the report, with a concluding stakeholder event being held on 14th August 2023 to allow stakeholders to reflect on the new draft Vision and Plan;

(5) of the new Vision and Plan key messages, with the main body of the report structured around 6 themes, as detailed in the report, and the final section summarising the key actions required to deliver the Vision; and

(6) of the next steps, with recommendations and actions on the new Vision and Plan informing the development of the City Centre Strategy and the review of the City Development Plan.

After consideration and having heard a presentation by Fiona Campbell, Glasgow City Council, the Partnership

(a) noted

(i) the content of the new Vision and Plan for the Golden Z;

(ii) that the new Vision's Delivery Plan would be reflected and progressed through the proposed new City Centre Strategy; and

(iii) that dialogue with stakeholders, to deliver the ambitions of the new Vision and Plan for the Golden Z would continue.

Police Scotland ward update noted etc.

7 There was heard a report by Inspectors Jonathan Watters and Mhairi Crawford, Police Scotland, advising the Partnership

(1) of recent shoplifting incidents within Buchanan Street and St Enoch Centre;

(2) that 15 e-bikes had been siezed and that response officers were continuing to receive training on the relevant powers to enforce such seizures;

(3) that Police Scotland's main focus within the ward was prioritising the festive campaign;

(4) that there had been some youth disorder during the first weekend of the Christmas markets;

(5) that homelessness hotels continued to be a challenge with 47 incidents being reported in the period;

(6) of drugs misuse within the ward and the continued work by officers within the community to combat this;

(7) that Glasgow Royal Infirmary required heavy resources with 104 calls being received within a month;

(8) of the recent emerging trend of protest activity within the ward;

(9) of the continuing successful partnership working with the community councils;

(10) that a new Chief Constable was now in post;

(11) of the launch of the Our Big Youth Conversation campaign and its aim to reach young people aged 11-25 in all of Scotland's communities to get ideas and opinions that would help deliver effective policing and services for young people in local areas https://consult.scotland.police.uk/strategy-insight-and-innovation/our-big-youth-conversation/;

(12) that youth disorder within Anderston and Yorkhill had increased slightly;

(13) of further significant work being done on the former Anderston Police Office building;

(14) that sales of fireworks had been adhered to prior to bonfire night;

(15) that there had been a decrease in bike theft and Operation Optimisie had now been sttod down, however there were still a number of thefts in respect of keyless motor vehicles; and

(16) of incidents relating to recent house brakings with residents being encouraged to heighten security measures.

After consideration, the Partnership noted

(a) the report and thanked Inspectors Watters and Crawford for all the work carried out by Police Scotland within the ward; and

(b) that no concerns had been raised in respect of the Smiths Hotel within the ward.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service ward update noted etc.

8 There was submitted a report by 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, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the Partnership

(1) noted the report; and

(2) sought further information on how the ward might be affected given the number of fewer appliances within the ward.

Bonfire de-brief noted etc.

9 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS) regarding the Bonfire de-brief, 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

(b) that both Police Scotland and NRS had had no specific reports regarding incidents at Anderston Primary School and that all data would be evaluated in respect of hotspot areas within the Ward.

Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network update noted.

10 There was submitted a report by Ms Susie Anderson, North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network (NWGVSN) providing an update on its work, advising

(1) of the continued work regarding the issues, processes and decisions that had affected the network following changes to the Glasgow Communities Fund;

(2) of the key themes within the North West of the city, which included concerns regarding the cost of living crisis moving into winter and the lack of funding that affected organisations who would struggle to offer additional services and activities;

(3) of the ongoing IT recycling project, and that further information could be found at https://nwgvsn.org.uk/network-it-recycling-project-2/;

(4) that the Pyramid had recently undertaken a community consultation with 138 community members of all ages, looking at 9 key priorities for the ward, with the community reporting that their key priority was overwhelmingly mental health and wellbeing, followed by learning new skills/employability and getting active; and

(5) of the issues within the ward and the key issues faced by members, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the partnership noted the report and thanked Ms Anderson for the update.

Winter maintenance 2023-24 update noted etc – Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

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

(1) that the Winter Maintenance Plan submitted to the Council's Environment and 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;

(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; and

(5) of a summary of the Winter Maintenance Plan 2023/24, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report; and

(b) requested that an officer from NRS determine if there was a process whereby residents could request new or additional grit bins within the ward.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund update noted etc – Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainbability.

12 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS), advising

(1) of an update on the progress of the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund and of the commitments to date;

(2) that area partnerships would still be expected to allocate the full £1m initially awarded and that this funding was capital expenditure therefore could be carried forward to be spent in future financial years;

(3) that the Centre for Civic Innovation within NRS continued to develop a citizen engagement model to support that process, as well as assist with future initiatives to be reported seperately; and

(4) that a total of £6m had been redirected from the overall £23m NIF fund, to be topped up in future budget years, for road repairs.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report;

(b) raised concerns in relation to the length of time commitments to date were being taken to complete, ie bollards at St Vincent Street, and what could be done to expedite such matters;

(c) requested that in future reports, the Executive Director of NRS provide a consolidated spreadsheet of all works that have been approved, with updated costs, as well as an updated schedule of delivery, including completion date for each project, or scheduled completion date;

(d) agreed

(i) to continue consideration of the request by NRS for funding of £20,000 at Somerset Place for footway resurfacing in order that further information could be obtained and reported back to the next meeting of the Partnership;

(ii) that the Partnership continue with its current approach to allocating commitments from the Infrastructure Fund; and

(iii) that community councils bring forward suggestions as to which projects they would like to see prioritised; and

(e) further noted

(i) that £602,000 had been committed to date, as detailed in the report; and

(ii) that an update regarding the Green Wall at St Patrick's would be provided by the Local Parks and Spaces team at a future meeting.

Area Budget 2023/24 – Applications for funding dealt with.

13 With reference to the minutes of the Council's City Administration Committee of 23rd March 2023 (Print 1, page 41), when the committee had 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 Anderston/City/Yorkhill Area Partnership's Budget allocation for 2023/24 was £62,446.05 and that £57.169.45 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £5,276.60; 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 application dealt with under delegated functions as detailed in the report; and

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

Applicant	*Purpose of application*	*Decision*
Healy Arts	Towards the cost of hosting educational workshops at the Gallery of Modern Art	Refused
Townhead Village Hall	Towards the cost of providing a Christmas party for local children	Awarded £600
Impact Arts	Towards the cost of materials for their creative workshops	Awarded £2,000
Glasgow Film Theatre	Towards the cost of a community pop up event during the Glasgow Film Festival	Awarded £2,676.60