Item 1

9th April 2024

HILLHEAD AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Minutes of meeting held on 30th January 2024, by video conference.

Present: Councillor Martha Wardrop (Chair) and Councillor Ken Andrew, Glasgow City Council; Inspector Mhairi Crawford, Police Scotland; Station Commander Graeme Morrow, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Lyndsay Thomson, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Anna Dyer, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network; Charlotte Noble, Hillhead Community Council; Louise MacKenzie, North Kelvin Community Council; Mariama Bah, Students' Representative Council, University of Glasgow; Stewart Leighton, Woodlands and Park Community Council; James Findlay, Woodside Community Council; and Lise Fisher, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Apology: Jean Charsley, Hillhead Community Council.

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

Death of Councillor Hanzala Malik.

1 The Chair referred to the recent death of Councillor Hanzala Malik and extended the committee's condolences to his family. The Partnership observed a minutes silence as a mark of respect.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

2 The minutes of 7th November 2023 were submitted and approved, subject to noting

(1) at Item 4(4), a meeting had been held with the Head of Licencing and Democratic Services in November 2023, regarding short-term lets and Houses of Multiple Occupancy and the minutes would be circulated to members once completed;

(2) at Item 8(b)(ii), regarding School Crossing Patrollers that the vacancies had been advertised, the Partnership also noted that janitors from The Glasgow Academy had offered to assist with school crossing and that the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS) would provide safety training and insurance for staff to carry out the role until the vacancies had been filled;

(3) at Item 10, regarding Cleansing and Recycling, it should be noted that any issues or concerns within the ward should be reported to Bins and Recycling - Glasgow City Council and at point (1)(i) a meeting had been held with NRS

regarding recycling and the minutes would be circulated to members once they had been approved;

(4) at Item 12(1), Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund, information had been circulated to members from NRS advising that they expected footway surfacing works to be completed within the next financial year, based on a list provided by the Partnership to NRS, and officers would carry out a further inspection of the footway surface to arrange interim repairs where necessary and mitigate the risk of any immediate safety concerns;

(5) at Item 12(b)(ii), regarding the installation of a mobile CCTV unit at the junction of St George's Cross and North Woodside Road, the funding of which was approved by the Partnership at the meeting of 8th November 2022;

(6) at Item 12(b)(iii), advising that it should be noted that any lighting or road issues should be reported to Report Lighting Faults - Glasgow City Council and Report Road Faults - Glasgow City Council; and

(7) at Item 13(2), Local Parks and Open Spaces, advising that a solar/wind powered light had been installed at the play area in Kelvingrove Park and was now operational, which would be in situ for 8 weeks, it should be noted that the Service has also installed solar waymarking lights from Royal Terrace gates through to Eldon Street gates.

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 officers would continue to patrol the area in high visable wear and that following recent house and business break-ins, 6 arrests had been made;

(4) of road safety issues within the Car Free School Zone areas that continued to be dealt with as a priority, subject to resources;

(5) of the work to combat e-bikes and that 10 had recently been seized with reports submitted to the Procurator Fiscal; and

(6) that Police Scotland would be seeking funding for safety equipement for cyclists.

After consideration, the Partnership

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

(b) highlighted concerns regarding pupil safety around Hillhead Academy with car users and parents dropping off and picking up their children and the lack of resources to police this area twice daily and heard that if Councillor Andrew arranged another meeting with the Head Teacher, Inspector Crawford would be happy to attend and support a walking bus idea that had been proposed.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service ward update noted.

4 There was heard a report by Station Commander Graeme Morrow, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) 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

(1) that the Service had attended 1,261 incidents in the North West area of which 157 were in the ward, 39 fires, 27 Special Services, with 1 fatality and 301 home fire safety visits;

(2) of the work carried out by SFRS to educate youths and raise awareness on water safety following the fatality;

(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; and

(4) that the Service had attended 91 false alarms in the Hillhead ward.

After consideration, the Partnership

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

(b) requested

(i) that information on the recent fatality be circulated to the Partnership; and

(ii) that the outcome of the SFRS consultation be shared with both the Partnership and the ward's community councils.

Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network update noted.

5 There was heard a report by Ms Anna Dyer, 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) of the activities carried out by the network over Christmas and New Year, with food projects, extra deliveries and treats provided to users;

(3) of the new hub at Findlay Church, which provided drop-in meals and weekly engagement with the community and other churches;

(4) that the IT Recycling Project was now named Plugged In and information could be accessed via https://nwgvsn.org.uk/plugged-in-it-project/ which would accept any old IT equipment that would be refurbished;

(5) that Woodside Halls had carried out a full Christmas programme, including 2 pantomimes and a successful community day and as a result additional staff had been employed;

(6) of the continued concerns with regards to the cost of living crisis over the winter and the demand and strain on services and activities;

(7) of the upcoming interactive event to be held, showing the history of Woodside Community Halls, which they hoped would generate funding to help the area; and

(8) that the network passed its condolences to Councillor Malik's family, who had helped and supported them over the last 30 years.

After consideration, the partnership noted

(a) the report and thanked Ms Dyer for the update; and

(b) that the network would provide a report regarding the removal of Strathclyde Partnership for Transport's funding cuts.

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

6 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 Hillhead Area Partnership's Budget allocation for 2023/24 was £61,838.56 and that £60,902.07 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £1,956.49, including returned funds of £1,020, as detailed in the minutes of 30th November 2023; 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 awards being subject to the conditions detailed in the report:

Applicant	*Purpose of application*	*Decision*
Oakgrove Parent Council	Towards the cost of providing equipment for a sensory room for those who would benefit from additional stimulation	Awarded £1,436.49
*Woodlands Community Development Trust	Towards the cost of the accessibility consultancy advice	Awarded £520

(c) agreed that should an organisation return any funds awarded during 2023/24, prior to 31st March 2024, the funding should be awarded towards sensory equipment for Oakgrove Parent Council.

*Councillor Wardrop declared an interest in this item of business and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon and Councillor Andrew assumed the Chair for this item only.

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

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

(1) that 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) that 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;

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

(4) that any applications considered at the January/February 2024 cycle of meetings should be time critical; and

(5) of changes to the Playscheme Travel Pass Scheme as detailed in the report.

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) agreed the increased playscheme award, as detailed in the report, for spring, summer and October holiday periods as follows:-

Playscheme	Venue	Spring 2024	Summer 2024	October 2024	Total
Glasgow Women's Aid	Confidential	£440	£1,496	£220	**£2,156**
*Breakthrough Youth Project	Community Central Halls 1990 Maryhill Road	£470	£1,496	£235	**£2,201**

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

Hillhead Area Partnership workplan update noted.

8 There was submitted a report by Mr Rory O'Sullivan, Partnership and Development Officer, City Policy and Corporate Governance, regarding the Partnership Workplan, requesting that members discuss and agree the frequency of

standard agenda items and additional agenda points that they wished to be included at future meetings, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the Partnership noted

(a) the report;

(b) that the next meeting on 9th April 2024, would be held in a committee room in City Chambers;

(c) that items would include Festive Lighting, Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund and an update on the Connecting Woodside presentation, which had been circulated to the Partnership for reference to allow members to forward comments on the project to the email provided on the presentation.