Item 1

13th September 2024

MARYHILL AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Minutes of meeting held on 26th April 2024, Acre Community Hall, Glasgow.

Present: Councillor Abdul Bostani (Chair) and Councillor Franny Scally, Glasgow City Council; Inspector Colin MacLucas, Police Scotland; Ayisha Azam, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Sharon Bowers, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network; and Sharon Mather, Maryhill and Summerston Community Council.

Apologies: Councillor Keiran O'Neill, Glasgow City Council; Station Commander Graeme Morrow and Kenny McCartney, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; and Liane Coia, Maryhill Integration Network.

Attending: P Yule (Clerk); R O'Sullivan and P Boyce (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance) and M Johnston-Gray, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network, J Howes, Glasgow Life; and F O'Rourke, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

1 The minutes of 16th February 2024 were submitted and approved.

Glasgow City Food Plan - Consideration continued.

2 The Partnership agreed to continue consideration of an update on Glasgow City Food Plan by Glasgow City Food Partnership to a future meeting.

Festive Lighting 2024/25 update noted.

3 There was submitted and noted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, regarding Festive Lighting within the Ward, advising of the central funding of £3,600 available to meet the costs of erecting and maintaining festive lighting and the proposed costs and locations advising that

(1) the standard pricing schedule for the 2024/25 festive lighting programme remained the same as previous years, however prices would be undergoing a review, which would be updated at the September Partnership meeting;

(2) the Festive Lighting delivery programme was subject to a new procurement exercise for 2025 to 2028;

(3) the costs to repeat the 2023/24 programme in 2024/25 was £7,705;

(4) if the total cost of delivery of the festive lighting programme selected by the Area Partnership exceeded the £3,600 central funding, the balance of the funding would require to be met by the Area Partnership from other funds; and

(5) the Partnership could nominate additional or alternative festive lighting locations to those delivered as part of the 2024/25 programme, to be notified by June 2024 and to identify locations where a switch on event could be proposed for either a Christmas or natural tree

After consideration, the Partnership

(1) noted the 2023/24 festive lighting arrangements and the central funding available for the 2024/25 programme; and

(2) agreed approval of funding and locations would not be provided until the final costs had been submitted and that the partnership would confirm approval at the next area partnership meeting in September.

Neighbourhood Improvement Fund update noted – Funding approved - Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

4 There was submitted and noted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS), regarding the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund (NIF), advising

(1) of an update on the progress of the NIF that had been carried out and of the commitments to date totalling £30.000; and

(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.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted

(i) that the CCTV on Lindel road had been progressed by officers and consideration was being given to utilising old redeployable columns; ;

(ii) that the repairs to potholes and pathways at the Acre Community Hall car park and surrounding areas would be carried out by an external contractor in 2024/25;

(iii) that the mural project had now been completed;

(b) raised questions in relation to the removal of the play equipment at Craigbo

Park and if anything was removed what other provisions could be put in place for young people within the ward;

(c) approved

(i) the removal of playpark equipment at Craigbo park at a cost of £25,000 which was due to the ongoing issues of anti-social behaviours and the misuse of equipment; and

(ii) an additional £10,000 for the removal of headstones at the Maryhill Old Parish Graveyard; and

(d) requested that the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability

(i) provide costings for the removal of led painting on fences and repair work at St Blane's Primary School and St Mary's Primary School; and

(ii) provide costings for all potential improvement works to all playgrounds within the ward and confirm what funds would be available to the Partnership.

Review of Community Planning and Community Empowerment Services noted.

5 There was submitted and noted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance, regarding a review of Community Planning and Community Empowerment Services (CES), advising

(1) of the Glasgow's Local Outcome Improvement Plan 2024-2034 (the Glasgow Community Plan), which had been reviewed and approved by the Glasgow Community Planning Partnership (GCPP) Strategic Partnership on 13th February 2024 and that the Plan had been developed by partners during the latter part of 2023 by the GCPP Executive Board;

(2) of the Community Empowerment Services Service Reform, the next steps and key priorities, as detailed in the report;

(3) of the work carried out by the Centre for Civic Innovation Team on 2 pilot areas for the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund, namely Greater Pollok (Ward 3) and Calton (Ward 9), to learn from the prototypes and expand the engagement to other wards across the city;

(4) of the progress to date following the citizen led pilots with detailed information found within appendix 1 of the report and a breakdown of proposals approved by Greater Pollok and Calton Area Partnerships shown in appendix 2 of the report;

(5) of the city-wide community engagement work; and

(6) that the Partnership should consider whether other options for engaging citizens on the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund should be explored.

After consideration, the Partnership noted that an updated report on the progress of the review would be provided to a future meeting.

Glasgow Life – Presentation noted.

6 The Partnership heard and noted a presentation by Glasgow Life regarding Glasgow Life's new Youth and Community Team, advising

(1) that youth and community development was a key priority for Glasgow's Community Learning and Development plan and its' purpose was to support people within communities and volunteer to be involved in decisions which may affect them and the area they live in;

(2) that the Youth and Committee Team was part of Glasgow Life, Libraries and Communities;

(3) that each ward had an assigned officer from both the Youth Team and the Community Team who could be contacted if required;

(4) of the role of the Youth and Community Team within communities; and

(5) of contact details for both officers assigned to the area.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the presentation and thanked both Keli Auld and Lesley Crawford for the presentation; and

(b) raised a number of questions in relation to lack of youth groups being available within the Bellcraig, Summerston area and to start tackling these areas and start linking up communities.

Police Scotland ward update noted etc.

7 There was heard and noted a report by Inspector Colin MacLucas, Police Scotland, advising the Partnership

(1) of public trust in Police Scotland and issues with information that Police Scotland receive and that the national team Crimestoppers, Fearless would be holding local events to promote reporting;

(2) of the ongoing work that had been carried out by Trading Standards with regard to spot checks on shops and test purchasing vapes and alcohol to minors; and

(3) of the current progress that Police Scotland was making within the ward in relation to quad bikes and electric bikes.

After consideration, the Partnership noted the report and thanked Inspector MacLucas for the update and all the work carried out by Police Scotland within the ward.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service – Consideration continued.

8 The Partnership agreed to continue consideration of an update on ward issues by Scottish Fire and Rescue Service to a future meeting of this Partnership.

Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network update noted.

9 There was heard a report by Sharon Bowers, North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network (NWGVSN) providing an update on its work, advising

(1) of the continued IT recycling project "Plugged In" and that information could be accessed via Plugged In – North West Glasgow VSN (nwgvsn.org.uk);

(2) of the continued concerns with regard to the cost of living crisis, the demand on services and anti-social behaviour in some wards; and

(3) of the official handover of the Maryhill flag that would take place at the Maryhill Burgh Halls on 4th and 5th May 2024.

Area Budget 2023/2024 - Final monitoring statement noted.

10 There was submitted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance regarding the Area Budget for 2023/2024, providing a final monitoring statement in relation to projects previously funded, confirming that £63,890.71, had been allocated to various projects in the Maryhill Ward, representing a 96.2% spend.

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

11 With reference to the minutes of the Council's City Administration Committee of 21st March 2024, when the committee approved the 2024/25 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 2024/25;

(2) that the Maryhill Area Partnership's Budget allocation for 2024/25 was £66,431.71 and that £4,413 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £62,367.71; and

(3) of the applications for funding from the Area Budget for 2024/25.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted

(i) the position regarding the Area Budget allocation for 2024/25;

(ii) the 2 applications 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

Applicant	*Purpose of application*	*Decision*
Glasgow Life	Towards the cost of hosting an evening of activity at Kelvingrove Museum on Friday 8th November 2024 from 6pm to 9pm for all young people who wish to participate	Refused as not considered good value for money
Queens Cross Community Foundation	Towards the cost of the annual Gala Day in August, to be held at the Firhill Complex on 17th August 2024	Awarded £1,298 Subject to the conditions that the event should be well publicised within the Maryhill ward and should use another source for funding to run the event again
WestFest	Towards the cost to host a free community festival event on Saturday 29th June 2024 from 12pm to 4pm at the Stockingfield Bridge	Refused as the partnership want to fund more localised events
North United Communities Ltd	Towards the cost to deliver a Scottish Opera event on Saturday, 6th July 2024 at the new Stockingfield Bridge	Awarded £1,151
Cadder Community Festival Group	Towards the cost to support the annual Cadder Gala Day to be held on Saturday 24th August 2024	Awarded £1,134 Subject to the condition that the event should be

	within Cadder Primary School and the Herma Street pitches	well publicised in the Maryhill ward
Sapphire Gymnastics Academy	Towards the cost to purchase specialist gymnastics training equipment and furnishings for young people with additional support needs to enable them to attend unique classes which meet their needs	Refused as the Area Budget funding was the most appropriate fund for this type of project
Glasgow North West Citizens Advice Bureau	Towards the cost to purchase 4 laptops to assist the applicant's team of highly trained advisors and volunteers to deliver outreach services to vulnerable clients in Maryhill and Possilpark	Awarded £3,032
The Maryhill Hub Steering Group	Towards the cost of 11 monthly afternoon Tea Dances for 40 older people on the last Friday of each month	Awarded £3,700 Subject to the condition that they must seek match funding if they were to apply for this event again in future
Maryhill Burgh Halls Trust	Towards the cost of a full weekend of celebration community activities on 4th and 5th May 2024 to mark the handover of the Maryhill Flag by the Court of the Lord Lyon	Awarded £5,000
G20 Works	Towards the cost to support a new 6-month programme in partnership with Cleveden Secondary School to deliver issue-based youth work and harm reduction	Refused as this project was a duplicate service provision that already existing in the area
*Summerston Community and Environmental Group	Towards the cost to deliver a diverse and inclusive programme of community activities and events to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Summerston	Awarded £3,903
Boomerang Woodworking CIC	Towards the cost o purchase specialist tools and to assist with the	Awarded £500

	costs of an instructor for a one-off 3hrs technique workshop	
152nd Boys Brigade	Towards the cost of a residential trip to Teen Ranch, Perthshire for 10 boys and 2 leaders from 21st to 23rd June 2024	Awarded £1,000
Immaculate Conception Church	Towards the cost of a bus trip to Largs and lunch for 70 older people	Awarded £2,200
Cadder Out of School Service	Towards the cost to purchase outdoor play equipment to create a fun environment for 40 children aged 4-12yrs during after school hours and during school holiday periods	Withdrawn as Canal Area Partnership funded full amount

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