**Item 1**

**11th September 2024**

# VICTORIA PARK AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Minutes of meeting held on 17th April 2024, Whiteinch Centre, Glasgow.

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| Present: | Councillor Lana Reid-McConnell (Chair), Councillor Feargal Dalton and Councillor Eunis Jassemi, Glasgow City Council; Inspector Mhairi Crawford, Police Scotland; David Rennie, Broomhill Community Council; Brenda McKay, Jordanhill Community Council; Ailie Hunter, Thornwood Community Council; and Elizabeth Brown, Whiteinch Community Council. |
| Apologies | Station Commander Kenneth McCartney, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and Lyndsay Thomson, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership. |
| Attending: | P Yule (Clerk); P Boyce (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance); L Lovelock, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network; and L Fisher (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability). |

**Minutes of previous meeting approved.**

**1** The minutes of 14th February 2024 were submitted and approved.

**Variation in order of business noted.**

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

**Police Scotland ward update noted.**

**3** There was heard a report by Inspector Mhairi Crawford, Police Scotland, advising the Partnership

(1) that Chief Superintendent Lynn Ratcliff had been appointed as the new Divisional Commander;

(2) of the public consultation on enhanced CCTV technology, which would close on 2nd May 2024 and information and views could be found at Police Scotland's Use of Enhanced CCTV Technology: Public Consultation - Police Scotland - Citizen Space;

(3) that reports of dishonesty calls by criminals impersonating police officers to obtain money had been reported and no personal information should be given to any callers and all suspicious activity should be reported to Police Scotland by calling 101 or via Crimestoppers at 0800 555111; and

(4) that residents and business owners should be vigilant and ensure their properties were locked and safe, following reports of break-ins within Broomhill area.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report and thanked Inspector Crawford for the update; and

(b) highlighted concerns regarding speeding within the Whiteinch area on Dumbarton Road and South Street which were addressed by Inspector Crawford.

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

**4** With reference to the minutes of 7th November 2023, there was submitted and noted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS), regarding the Victoria Park Infrastructure Fund, advising of the progress in relation to the process to support the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund including a summary of commitments to date.

After consideration, the Partnership

(1) noted the report;

(2) raised questions and concerns regarding the design and community engagement process to which Councillor Reid-McConnell provided an update;

(3) agreed

(a) in principle the £100.000 for the design costs and consultation process for the development at Thornwood roundabout and that a working group would be established to progress and monitor this work;

(b) in principle the additional proposed project to synthesize a technical analysis of the ward in relation to the infrastructure priorities with a community consultation throughout the whole ward, and to appoint an external consultant called New Practice, as detailed in appendix 1 and presented by David Rennie on behalf of the 4 Community Councils of the ward; and

(b) that the proposed project firstly be subject to a detailed programme and cost plan being developed by New Practice prior to commencement of the project; and a resolution be agreed as to how the project will be procured along with any other matters which may be raised by NRS; and

(c) that a working group would be created to facilitate conversations being made, to create a remit for consultants and to monitor progress of this ward wide project.

(4) requested that Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability seek approval to allow the 4 community councils to commission an external company out with Council structure and for NRS to give an assurance that they will be able to deliver on the outcomes of the project following its end.

**Glasgow Community Planning Partnership Governance Framework – Membership noted.**

**5** 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) Martin Lundie was no longer the nominated co-opted member for Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability; and

(2) Lyndsay Thomson had been nominated as the new representative for Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership with Mhairi Shepard as the new substitute.

**Review of Community Planning and Community Empowerment Services noted – Request to Head of Policy and Corporate Governance.**

**6** There was submitted 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

(a) noted the report and that an updated report on the progress of the review would be provided to a future meeting of this Partnership; and

(b) requested that Victoria Park Area Partnership be considered as one of the next 6 wards to be included in a full community engagement process.

**Festive Lighting 2024/25 update noted etc.**

**7** There was submitted and noted a report by 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 cost to repeat the 2023/24 programme in 2024/25 was £12,100;

(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 2023/24 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

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

(b) continued consideration of funding and locations until the final costs had been submitted and that the partnership would then confirm approval at the next area partnership meeting in September.

**Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network update noted.**

**8** There was heard a report by Ms Lynn Lovelock, 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 https://nwgvsn.org.uk/plugged-in-it-project/ who would accept any old IT equipment to be refurbished;

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

(3) that the Glasgow Eco Trust had requested feedback regarding its services over the last 5 years, with a survey on its website https://bit.ly/3vnzKIB;

(4) that the new early intervention youth club in Whiteinch Centre had started on 28th March 2024 and that DRC Youth Project would focus on early intervention, providing young people with a positive alternative to any ongoing issues in the local area; and

(5) that the North-West Community Pantry continued to be well used by members of the public from throughout the north-west of Glasgow with 3,133 member visits throughout the year to date.

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

**Scottish Fire and Rescue Service – Consideration continued.**

**9** 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.

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

**10** 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 Victoria Park Area Partnership's Budget allocation for 2024/25 was £59,732.90 and that £9,725 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £50,007.90; 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 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* |
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| 130th Glasgow Boys Brigade | Towards the costs of a summer camp for 12 young people to Craggan Outdoor Centre near Killin from 2nd to 4th August 2024 | Awarded £1,250 |
| *Victoria Park Community Trust | To purchase a range of equipment and resources that will support the organisation in their efforts to host community consultation events in the park | Awarded £1,211 |
| Glasgow Life | Towards the cost of an evening of activity by Glasgow Life at Kelvingrove Museum on 8th November 2024 from 6pm to 9pm | Refused |
| Annexe Communities | Towards the cost to support 2 community music and art summer festivals for local people in Thornwood Park and River Clyde at the Harbour this Summer | Awarded £4,000 |
| Movement Park | Towards the cost of delivering the Movement Park Community Activity Project to children within Victoria Park | Awarded £2,950 |
| In the Making Glasgow | Towards the costs of the development of the Whiteinch Cross Mural | Awarded £5,000 |

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| WestFest | Towards the costs to deliver the first WestFest Victoria Park Gala, which will take place on Sunday 16th June 2024 from 11am to 4pm | Refused |
| Glasgow Netball Association | Towards the costs to purchase and install new combined basketball and netball posts to support the upgrading of the current basketball court to a new facility for outdoor netball and basketball in Victoria Park | Awarded £4,000 |
| St Pauls Primary School | Towards the cost of a summer programme of extracurricular activities such as cooking, building confidence and social circles within a safe space for Vulnerable Families | Awarded £2,628 |
| **Heart of Scotstoun | Towards the cost of upgrading the kitchen within the centre which is well used by a wide range of beneficiaries from the area of deprivation and affected by addiction including alcohol and drugs | Awarded £1,999.50 |

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

**The Chair accepted this item of business for consideration, as a matter of urgency, in view of the timescales involved.