Item 1

21st February 2024

GREATER POLLOK AREA PARTNERSHIP.

Minutes of meeting held on 29th November 2023, at Langton Halls, 65-69 Langton Road, G53 5DD

Present: Councillor William Graham (Chair), Councillor Saqib Ahmed, Bailie Rashid Hussain and Bailie Roza Salih, Glasgow City Council; Inspector James McFarlane, Police Scotland; Daniel Maher, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Sarah Ali, Crookston Community Group; Alistair McLellan, Levern and District Community Council; Geri Mogan, Rosehill Housing Association; Dua Zahra and Yanti Sharma, St Paul's High School; and Karen Venables, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Apologies: Andrew Crawford, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and Jean Honan, Third Sector Forum.

Attending: Z Chaudhry (Clerk); K Gannon (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance); A Peline, SWAMP; and T Foley, Langton Hall.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

1 The minutes of the previous meeting of 20th September 2023 were submitted and approved.

Variation in order of business noted.

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

Fun Time Fridays – Presentation by SWAMP noted.

3 The Partnership heard a presentation by Andrew Peline, Manager of SWAMP regarding Fun Time Fridays, advising that

(1) from September 2022 to March 2023 funding had been secured from the Area Partnership;

(2) the aim was to deliver activities to reduce social isolation and help the local community with the cost-of-living crisis;

(3) 3 course meals had been organised for seniors along with live entertainment which had been very successful and continued until after March 2023;

(4) due to the success, they were currently oversubscribed every week and had a waiting list;

(5) they were planning a Christmas event on 22nd December 2023 for up to 80 people; and

(6) 900 people a week were coming to the community hub which included a pantry and love me twice shop;

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the presentation and thanked Andrew Peline for the information; and

(b) raised a number of questions that were addressed by Andrew Peline.

Glasgow Community Planning Partnership Governance Framework - Membership update noted.

4 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) Station Commander Andrew Crawford had been nominated as the new representative for Scottish Fire and Rescue Service;

(2) Hurlet and Brockburn Community Council was no longer active;

(3) SWAMP had been approved as a member organisation;

(4) Langton Hall had been approved as a member organisation; and

(5) the following 4 groups had been appointed as co-opted member organisations – African Relief, Greater Pollok Services, Darnley Parent Council and Village Storytelling Centre.

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

5 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.

Langton Activity Group exercise classes noted - Verbal update by Theresa Foley, Langton Hall.

6 There was heard and noted an update by Theresa Foley, Chairperson Langton Hall, advising the Partnership

(1) of the exercise classes for over 50s;

(2) that a trained instructor conducted easy exercise routines and chair exercises; and

(3) of free slots available for the morning sessions of the exercise classes.

Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership – Consideration continued.

7 The Partnership agreed to continue consideration of this item to a future meeting of this Partnership.

Police Scotland ward update noted.

8 There was heard an update by Inspector James McFarlane, Police Scotland, advising the Partnership

(1) that Divisional Commander Chief Superintendent Mark Sutherland would return to take command of the Division on 4th December 2023;

(2) that Chief Constable Jo Farrell was now in place;;

(3) of the calls received between Corkerhill Road and Barrhead and between Brockburn Road and Crookston Road;

(4) that Silverburn had received 272 calls with the main demand relating to theft, youth disorder and road traffic matters;

(5) that the operational priorities were threat, risk, harm, prevention, problem solving, proactivity, officer and staff wellbeing;

(6) that the number of local problem solving officers in the Pollok area would remain at current levels; and

(7) tackling violence against women and girls was still a top priority.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report; and

(b) raised a number of concerns and questions that were addressed by Inspector McFarlane.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service – Consideration continued

9 The Partnership agreed to continue consideration of this item to a future meeting of this Partnership.

Winter maintenance 2023-24 update noted.

10 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 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; 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 outwith 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 concerns regarding a deep collapsed gully at Southpark Village and lack of grit bits at Greenacres Drive and that particular problem areas should be reported by phoning the Council or reporting via the Glasgow app; and

(c) that the Council's gully cleaning programme could be found at https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=29470

Bonfire de-brief noted.

11 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability 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.

Minutes of the South Sector Community Planning Partnership noted.

12 The minutes of the South Sector Community Planning Partnership of 3rd October 2023 were submitted and noted.

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 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 Greater Pollok Area Partnership's Budget allocation for 2023/24 was £90,546.37 and that £59,864.38 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £30,681.89; and

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

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the position regarding the Area Budget allocation for 2023/24; 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*
Children First	Towards the cost of funding a sessional staffing worker	Awarded £3,368
*Crookston Community Group	Towards the cost of funding essential stock for their foodbank	Awarded £4267.97 subject to condition group cannot apply for food bank in future applications
Active Schools Cluster – Lourdes Secondary School	Towards the cost of funding a 12 week sports activity for P1 to P3 pupils	Awarded £980
African Relief Support	Towards the cost of funding a Christmas dinner	Awarded £3,000 subject to condition participants reside in ward area
The Daisy Project	Towards the cost of hosting a series of digital workshops	Awarded £5,863.97
Greater Pollok Services	Towards the cost of funding their employability and placement programme	Rejected as within organisation's core remit
Priesthill Youth Club	Not towards the cost of purchasing containers and to fund staff to run the sessions to support the group's work in Cleeves Park	Awarded £2,479.95
Darnley Primary School Parent Council	Towards the cost of funding to replace signage on the school	Awarded £500

**Househillwood Tenants Residents Associations	Towards the cost of annual Christmas pantomime	Awarded £1,874 subject to condition to identify who is participating
Rainbow Club	Towards the cost of funding a Christmas party for 30 members	Awarded £1,200
Glasgow's Old Peoples Welfare Club (Priesthill Old Age Pensioners)	Towards the cost of funding a Christmas party and planned outing in February 2024	Awarded £1,200

*Sarah Ali declared an interest in this application and took no part in discussion or decision thereon.

**Alistair McLellan declared an interest in this application and took no part in discussion or thereon.

Future Meeting Dates 2024 noted.

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

Wednesday, 21st February 2024 at 1100 hours
Wednesday, 1st May 2024 at 1100 hours
Wednesday, 18th September 2024 at 1100 hours
Wednesday, 27th November 2024 at 1100 hours.