Item 1

6th February 2024

GARSCADDEN/SCOTSTOUNHILL AREA PARTNERSHIP.

Minutes of meeting held on 14th November 2023,
Yoker Resource Centre, Glasgow.

Present: Councillor Malcolm Mitchell (Chair), Councillor Bill Butler, Councillor Chris Cunningham and Councillor Eva Murray, Glasgow City Council; Inspector Siobhan Paterson, Police Scotland; Sandra Barber, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Lainy Bedingfield, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network; Beth Reid, Kingsway Community Connections; Scott Donaldson, Scotstoun Community Council; Sandy Busby, Yoker Community Council; Robert Smith, Linkes; and Martin Lundie, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Apology: Station Commander Kenneth McCartney, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

Attending: A Croall (Clerk); P Boyce (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance); N Reilly, Police Scotland; R Gonzalez, Glasgow Good Food Partnership; and M Johnston-Gray, North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector.

Minutes of previous meeting approved – Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

1 The minutes of 5th September 2023 were submitted and approved subject to
noting that

(1) at Item 2, with regard to the On the Ball Academy Presentation, had omitted the local community opposition and objection to the proposal of plans submitted by the organisation On the Ball Academy to take ownership of the Danes Drive Park;

(2) at Item 5(b), with regard to the new twin stream recycling appoach

(a) that a request be made to the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS) to provide an update with regard to the bin contamination policy and that ongoing discussions with the trade unions be provided; and

(b) that a request be made to NRS to provide information with regard to a further extension date beyond October 2023 for applications for a permit for a brown bin uplift and clarification of the deadline.

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) Tam Munro was no longer the substitute representative for Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network and that the position was now vacant;

(2) Martin Lundie had replaced Francine O'Rourke as the Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability co-opted member;

(3) that members should propose and agree organisations that could formally be invited to sit on the Partnership, particularly representation from young people from the area, as co-opted members, with nominations to be emailed to Patricia Boyce, Principal Officer at Patricia.boyce@glasgow.gov.uk to review; and

(4) thanked Tam Munro for his contribution as a member of the Partnership.

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

3 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 that had been declared by members of the Partnership, as detailed in the report.

Glasgow City Food Plan – Presentation by Glasgow Food Partnership noted.

4 The Partnership heard a presentation by Ms Riikka Gonzalez, Glasgow Centre for Population Health regarding Glasgow's Food Plan, advising

(1) that the vision for Glasgow was to be recognised for its good food and as a city where tasty, healthy, affordable food was accessible to everyone;

(2) of the Glasgow Food Policy Partnership partners and how the Plan had been collaboratively developed over 2 years; and

(3) of the evolving plan together with the long term outcomes of the plan.

After consideration, the Partnership noted and thanked Ms Gonzalez for her presentation.

Police Scotland ward update noted – Request to Councillor Malcolm Mitchell.

5 There was heard a report by Inspector Siobhan Paterson and Sergeant Neil Reilly, Police Scotland, advising

(1) of the appointment of Chief Constable Jo Farrell and that a new Inspector would attend the future Partnership meetings as she would be on maternity leave;

(2) of the launch of the campaign "Our Big Youth Conversation" aimed to reach young people aged 11 to 25 in all of Scotland's communities for their ideas and opinions that would help deliver effective policing and services in local areas, would remain open until 31st March 2024, and asked that the link be shared with any young people or groups that the Partnership were aware of and could be viewed at Our Big Youth Conversation 2023-2024 - Police Scotland - Citizen Space ;

(3) that the successful deployment of the Divisional Violence Reduction Unit and joint partnership work with the Council, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and campus police officers in local schools on the lead up to 5th November 2023 that involved the bulk removal of bon fires had reduced incident telephone calls;

(4) that anti-social behaviour and youth disorder particularly in the Dumbarton Road, Yoker area remained a persistent issue, that extra patrols had been put in place and partnership work with Wheatley House, Housing Associations and local residents would continue;

(5) that the prevention of drug misuse would continue to involve active patrols and of the importance that the public continue to report incidents in order to collect invaluable intelligence;

(6) that the action plan that took place on 7th September 2023 to enforce car free zones at local schools had involved the attendance of officers and NRS officers and had resulted in the issue of fines and the proposal of 4 car free zones reduced to 2, along with traffic signage; and

(7) of the future bike marking events and drink and driving campaigns on the build up to Christmas and the New Year.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report and raised concerns in relation to the reduction of the scale of car free zones in the ward that would be a serious retrograde step and madness if introduced without further engagement with the local community;

(b) that Councillor Mitchell, on behalf of the Partnership, write to the Scottish Parliament to raise the issue of youth disorder that had involved the use of free bus passes of young people to travel from other areas that had caused

gatherings and youth disorder in the ward and of the possible removal of free bus passes from young offenders; and

(c) raised questions in relation to the purchase of fireworks and visits to licensed and unlicensed premises on the build up to bonfire night and if there had been any reports of retail crime or abuse of shop workers that was responded to by Police Scotland.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service ward update noted – Request to Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

6 There was submitted a report by Scottish Fire and Rescue Service regarding the current issues, incidents and work being carried out in the ward for Quarter 2, from 1st July to 30th September 2023.

After consideration, the Partnership noted the report and requested that an officer from Scottish Fire and Rescue Service attend the next Partnership meeting.

Winter Maintenance Plan 2023/24 update noted.

7 There was submitted and noted report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding an update on the Winter Maintenance Plan for 2023/24, advising

(1) of the Council's aim to provide an effective and efficient winter maintenance service to minimise delays due to winter weather and ensure operations would be undertaken safely;

(2) that the Winter Maintenance Plan submitted to the Environment and Liveable Neighbourhoods City Policy Committee could be viewed at: https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/councillorsandcommittees/submissiondocuments.asp?submissionid=110582

(3) of the arrangements and resources in place for the winter period, including available vehicles and plant, treatment priorities, the decision-making process, arrangements for salting and grit bins and the communication strategy developed to provide severe weather information;

(4) that general advice and information for the public concerning the Winter Maintenance Service would be available via the Glasgow City Council web page and that an Interactive Winter Gritting Story Map could be viewed at: https://glasgowgis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapJournal/index.html?appid=d383df28e39d48b294e66826d2c1456d ;

(5) QR codes had been provided on all grit bins to request a refill or to replace a damaged grit bin and that a telephone number would also on the grit bins; and

(6) of the priority 1 cycle and busy commuter routes.

Bonfire debrief update noted.

8 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding the Bonfire debrief, advising

(1) that from 2022 a closer partnership approach was identified, specifically in relation to the removal of unauthorised bonfires and to ensure partners worked together to establish an improved efficiency of delivery;

(2) that a Multi-Agency Control Centre (MACC) was established, which allowed unauthorised bonfires to be risk assessed remotely;

(3) that MACC operated within 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 set-up 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 the MACC and added to a prioritised 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

(a) noted the report; and

(b) highlighted their disappointment that the Winterfest programme had not been funded this year and that the event would not take place and had resulted in an increase in bonfire and firework activity in the area.

Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network update noted.

9 There was submitted and noted a report by Lainy Bedingfield, North West Glasgow Voluntary Network, providing an update on its work, advising that

(1) Kingsway Community Council had commenced the delivery of warm places throughout the winter to provide hot food and a breakfast club to the local community;

(2) of the added pressure on organisations due to rising demand and of the stretched resources and capacity that had impacted the level of support available;

(3) of the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 6th December 2023 at the University of Glasgow Byres Community Hub;

(4) heard Beth Reid, Kingsway Community Connections, highlight the Friends of Knightswood Park community compost idea and of the information that could be shared with the Partnership; and

(5) heard Martina Johnston-Gray advise of the positive meeting in relation to the review panels, discussions and indicative timelines of the Glasgow Community Fund.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund update noted.

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

(1) of an update on the progress of the NIF 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; and

(3) of an update and timelines of the community engagment process in the pilot areas Calton and Greater Pollok.

After consideration, the Partnership noted

(a) the report and highlighted the importance of wide engagement that would be needed with the local community and third sector organisations in the consultation process;

(b) that ideas and suggestions should be emailed to Pat Boyce, Principal Officer Patricia.boyce@glasgow.gov.uk ; and

(c) that a report in relation to the consultation and outcomes from the evaluation process of the pilot areas in Calton and Greater Pollok would be helpful information for the Partnership to be provided with for the next meeting of the Partnership.

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

11 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 Garscadden Scotstounhill Area Partnership's Area Budget allocation for 2023/24 was £87,055 and a total of £76,528.99 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £10,526.01; 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*
*Kingsway Community Connections	Towards the cost of providing a Christmas party for local families that will include a visit from Santa and his Elf's with an anticipated 180 children and young people along with their families attending.	Awarded £2,200
Knightswood Community SCIO		Awarded £2,000

We Step Together	Towards the cost of creating a Community Garden out of the scrub land behind the Centre	Awarded £1,330
Corpus Christi Primary School	Towards the cost of providing additional activities over the winter period for adults with learning disabilities to increase outdoor and indoor activities aimed at reducing isolation, loneliness, building confidence and self-esteem through peer mentoring	Awarded £500
Clyde Primary School	Towards the cost of purchasing essential sports equipment, that includes footballs, bibs, and related gear	Awarded £1,000
Buddies Clubs and Services (Glasgow West) Ltd	Towards the cost of a 4-night residential trip for 64 Primary 7 pupils to Blairvadach Outdoor Learning Centre in March 2024	Awarded £2,116.19
Parent Community Sports Trust	Towards the cost of providing a range of Christmas parties for the different service groups and each party will accommodate different children, young people and adults not just by age range but complexity of their needs Towards the cost of free football, dancing, and drama classes for primary school children in the community (Bankhead Primary, Corpus Christi, Clyde Primary, and St Brendan's Primary) and that classes will be held after school hours, during weekends at Peterson Park within Knightswood	Awarded £1,379.82 subject to further information being submitted regarding funding sources and partnership working locally and delegated authority to Chair prior to disbursement of funds

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

Minutes of North West Sector Community Planning Partnership noted.

12 The minutes of the North West Sector Community Planning Partnership of 6th October 2023 were submitted and noted.

Future Meeting Dates noted.

13 The dates and locations of the 2024 meetings were submitted and approved by the Partnerhsip as detailed below.

(1) 6th February 2024 at 1300 hours within Knightswood Community Centre;
(2) 16th April 2024 at 1300 hours within Heart of Scotland Community Centre;
(3) 3rd September 2024 at 1300 hours within Yoker Resource Centre; and
(4) 12th November 2024 at 1300 hours within Yoker Resource Centre.