Item 1

31st January 2024

EAST CENTRE AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Minutes of meeting held on 8th November 2023,
Calvay Centre, Glasgow.

Present: Councillor Declan Blench (Chair); Bailie Ann Jenkins and Councillor Kieran Turner; Glasgow City Council; Inspector Maxwell Shaw, Police Scotland; Mairi McLachlan, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; James Smith, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network; Joyce Carroll, Cranhill Community Council; William McLachlan, Gartcraig Community Council; Paul Conroy, Springboig and Barlanark Community Council; Sharon Baldwin, Fuse Youth Café; and Martin Lundie, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Apologies: Bailie Annette Christie, Glasgow City Council and Station Commanders Steven Young and Russell McKinlay, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

Attending: A Croall (Clerk); and A Moore (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance).

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

1 The minutes of 30th August 2023 were submitted and approved.

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) Chief Inspector Nigel Thacker had replaced Chief Inspector Greg Roberton as the substitute representative for Police Scotland;

(2) Station Commander Steven Young had replaced Station Commander Barry Cranstoun as the representative for Scottish Fire and Rescue Service;

(3) Sharon Baldwin had been nominated as a co-opted member and Gerry Baldwin as the substitute co-opted member for Fuse Youth Café;

(4) Joyce Carroll had been nominated as the representative and had replaced Marie McCairns and Gwen McCann had been nominated as the substitute representative who had replaced Joyce Carroll for Cranhill Community Council; and

(5) Agatha Kabera had been nominated as a co-opted member for Baba Yangu Foundation.

Community Planning Partnership – Governance Framework - Register of Interests 2023/24 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 which had been declared by members of the Partnership, as detailed in the report.

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

4 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS), advising

(1) of an update on the progress of the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund 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;

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

(4) that the 6 locations that had been indentified for CCTV had been surveyed and that 5 of the locations had been deemed unsuitable due to privacy and network issues. The location at Fastnet Street had no privacy issues, however had network issues.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report;

(b) raised concerns in relation to fly tipping within the ward area and in particular around the area at Crowlin Crescent and Strone Road, which Martin Lundie advised that NRS coordinators had engaged with all housing associations in regard to fly tipping;

(c) raised questions in regard to CCTV and the criteria of privacy issues in residential areas;

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

(i) provide a report to the next partnership meeting to advise of costings for a sim card for CCTV at the location of Fastnet Street;

(ii) arrange a site visit to investigate an alternative location of CCTV within Danny's Park; and

(iii) have further discussions with CCTV colleagues in relation to the location of a CCTV camera at 25 Gogar Place as there had been reports and concerns that fire setting was an issue at this location.

Winter Maintenance Plan 2023/24 update noted.

5 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 ; and

(5) QR codes had been provided on all grit bins to request a refill or to replace a damaged grit bin and Martin Lundie would confirm if a telephone number was also on the grit bins.

Bonfire de-brief noted.

6 There was submitted and noted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding the bonfire debrief, advising

(1) that from 2022 a closer partnership approach had been 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.

Police Scotland ward update noted.

7 There was heard a report by Inspector Maxwell Shaw, Police Scotland, advising

(1) that Chief Inspector Greg Roberton had moved on to a new division and had been replaced by Chief Inspector Nigel Thacker who was keen to attend future partnership meetings;

(2) of the success of the Moonbeam Operation that involved joint work across the city with partners and had reduced the number of incidents in relation to bonfire and firework activities;

(3) of the focus on road safety this quarter including dangerous driving and the road traffic action plan that would continue into the new year;

(4) of the increase in house and motor vehicle break ins, most of which had involved unsecured properties and that 2 offenders had been detected;

(5) of the long standing problem of drug misuse and that there had been an increase in possession charges due to intelligence of stop searches, however there had been a decrease in supply charges due to lack of intelligence and stressed of the importance of the public to continue to report any incidents; and

(6) that the main focus would now be the festive action plan that would include retail crime and violence against woman and vulnerable groups.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report; and

(b) raised questions in relation to security of resident's properties and of any hot spots that had been identified within the ward area of road traffic offences and a breakdown of locations, which Inspector Maxwell Shaw responded to and would provide information to members.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service ward update noted.

8 There was submitted and noted a report by Station Commander Barry Cranstoun, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS), regarding the current issues, incidents and work being carried out in the ward for Quarter 2, from 1st July to 30th September 2023, advising

(1) that the Service had attended 821 incidents in the North East Sector during the second quarter of 2023 that had decreased from last year's Quarter 2 by 431 and that the most significant decrease had came from outdoor fires attended by crews;

(2) that the changes to Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals response from 1st July 2023 had seen a significant reduction in the number of false alarm incidents attended by operational crews;

(3) that there had been 139 deliberate fires, 106 accidental fires, 51 dwelling fires, 14 non-domestic fires and that there had been no fire fatalities this Quarter 2 in the North East area; and

(4) of the prevention and protection activities carried out by SFRS in the local community as detailed in the report.

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

9 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 East Centre Area Partnership's Area Budget allocation for 2023/24 was £114,591.36 and a total of £62,930.94 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £51,660.42; 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*
Easterhouse Football Association	Towards the cost of Christmas activities for children and young people who attend the club – Activity and meal – to improve health and wellbeing for children and young people	Awarded £584.00
Easterhouse Football Association	Towards the cost to purchase rain jackets for team players to allow to play in adverse weather	Awarded £65.00
YoMo Young Movers	Towards the cost to purchase a module outdoor classroom space for an early years learning facility	Awarded £1,109.00
Volunteer Tutor Organisation	Towards the cost of two learning hubs based at St Timothy's Primary School and Carntyne Primary School to support young people who are economically	Awarded £361.98

	disadvantaged and have barriers to learning	
Calvay Housing Association	Towards the cost of a pilot scheme to hold 30 project-based sessions exploring various issues such as anti-social behaviour, community safety, ICT, gender specific, education and employability, working alongside experienced youth services to be held in the Calvay Centre	Awarded £4,400.00
Christ Healing Evangelical Church	Towards the cost of hosting a 16-week project involving workshops and skill sharing.	Refused due to lack of clarity regarding costs
*East End Flat Pack Meals	Towards the cost of holding an annual Winterfest at Budhill Square, it would include activities, free food and raffles to the community	Awarded £5,000.00
All Star Dance School	Towards the cost of a pilot project to host 3 classes per week of dance activity for older adults and young people under 16	Awarded £3,950.00 subject to condition that PA equipment purchased is retained in the Calvay Centre after the pilot
Sandaig Primary School	Towards the cost of several stylus pens for the school ipads to teach children handwriting skills and the cost of taking primary 7 pupils on the Divided City Sightseeing Bus tour to help them know some of the high and low points of the city's history	Awarded £1,000.00
The Halliday Foundation	Towards the cost of equipment for 20 families to take part in early intervention sessions to support and encourage children in physical activity, expressive art, speech and language, numeracy, literacy and sensory development	Awarded £2,103.00

Licketyspit	Towards the cost of a Christmas event for 17 adults and 24 children from the East Centre Ward	Awarded £1,025.00

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

Minutes of North East Sector Community Planning Partnership noted.

10 The minutes of the North East Sector Community Planning Partnership of 11th October 2023 were submitted and noted.

Future meeting dates noted.

11 The Parternership noted that the next scheduled meetings for 2024 are:

(1) 31st January 2024 at 10:00am;
(2) 10th April 2024 at 10:00am;
(3) 28th August 2024 at 10:00am; and
(4) 6th November 2024 at 10:00am.