Item 1

30th January 2024

HILLHEAD AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Minutes of meeting held on 7th November 2023, City Chambers, Glasgow.

Present: Councillor Martha Wardrop (Chair) Councillor Ken Andrew and Councillor Hanzala Malik, Glasgow City Council; Inspector Mhairi Crawford, Police Scotland; Station Commander Graeme Morrow, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Kenna Campbell, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Anna Dyer, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network; Jean Charsley, Hillhead Community Council; Louise MacKenzie, North Kelvin Community Council; Stewart Leighton, Woodlands and Park Community Council; James Findlay, Woodside Community Council; and Lise Fisher, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Apologies: Lyndsay Thomson, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; and Mariama Bah and Hailie Pentleton-Owens, Students' Representative Council, University of Glasgow.

Attending: E Miller (Clerk); and R O'Sullivan (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance); and Kevin McCormick (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability).

Variation in order of business noted.

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

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

2 There was submitted a report by Station Commander Graeme Morrow, 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 the Partnership

(1) that the Service had attended 1,097 incidents in the North West area of which 164 were in the ward, 32 fires, 35 Special Services and 230 home fire safety visits;

(2) of the work carried out by SFRS prior to Bonfire Night including engagement activities and education on the dangers of fireworks; and

(3) that the Service had attended 60 false alarms in the Hillhead Ward.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report and thanked Station Commander Morrow for the work carried out by the service;

(i) that Councillor Wardrop, on behalf of the Partnership, write to the Council's Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability to re-apply the yellow lines at Maryhill Fire Station as a matter of urgency and to clarify where in the ward yellow lines were still required;

(ii) that when the date was known, Partnership members be advised of the public meeting during the SFRS' consultation; and

(iii) information on parking locations within the ward, whilst noting that information on the Council's car parks, parking areas and charging facilities could be found at https://glasgowgis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=c7573c30724645c7861698125682b78a; and

(b) raised a number of questions and concerns, which were addressed by Station Commander Morrow.

Bonfire debrief noted.

3 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 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.

After consideration, the Partnership noted

(a) the report;

(b) that the number of bonfires and complaints had reduced this year; and

(c) that the partnership approach had been a success and Station Commander Morrow would provide an update on Bonfire Night to the next meeting of the Partnership.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

4 The minutes of 29th August 2023 were submitted and approved, subject to noting

(1) at Item 6(b), Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network - that Glasgow Life would attend a future meeting of the Partnership regarding facilities offered within the ward's libraries and that anyone who required assistance accessing laptops in libraries should contact Martina Johnston-Gray at martina.northwestglasgowvsn@outlook.com

(2) at Item 7(c), Local Parks and Open Spaces - the request for funding totalling £1,300 had been included in the budget allocation with an updated report provided via email from Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability advising that with regard to the flooding at Eusebis, drainage improvement works, which included installation of additional gullies, had previously been undertaken at this location and that further planned works included repair/replacement of the defective gully on the bridge at Eldon Street, installation of a new gully on Gibson Street near to Bodachs and replacement of the existing gully at the nib adjacent to the park entrance with larger frame and pot with works programmed to commence by 20th November 2023;

(3) at Item 8(b)(iv), Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund, Hillhead Community Council raised concerns about consultation using notices on lamp posts and online only, and Rory O'Sullivan, Partnership and Development Officer would feed the concerns back to the Council's Centre of Civic Innovation Team; and

(4) at Item 10(3), Hillhead Area Partnership Workplan, a sub group meeting had been arranged with the Head of Licencing and Democratic Services and members should respond to Rory regarding the meeting at Rory.OSullivan@glasgow.gov.uk.

Glasgow Community Planning Partnership Governance Framework – Membership noted – Request to Councillor Wardrop.

5 There was submitted and noted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration providing an update regarding membership of this Partnership, noting that

(1) Ramzan Shah was no longer the substitute member for Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network, leaving this position vacant;

(2) Kenna Campbell had replaced Elaine Torley as the substitute representative for Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership;

(3) Lise Fisher had replaced Francine O'Rourke as the co-opted member for Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability;

(4) Glasgow & West of Scotland Housing Forum would be contacted by the Chair to propose and agree housing organisations that could formally be invited to sit on the Partnership as co-opted members, with nominations to be emailed to Rory O'Sullivan, Partnership and Development Officer at Rory.OSullivan@Glasgow.gov.uk to review; and

(5) the members should propose and agree organisations that could formally be invited to sit on the Partnership as co-opted members, with nominations to be emailed to Rory O'Sullivan, Partnership and Development Officer at Rory.OSullivan@Glasgow.gov.uk to review.

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

6 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.

Festive lights switch-on event update noted.

7 There was heard a report by Councillor Wardrop to confirm the date of the festive lights switch-on event, which would take place at St George's Cross on Tuesday 5th December at 4.00pm.

After consideration, the Partnership noted

(1) the date of the switch-on event; and

(2) that Inspector Crawford would assist the event by providing Police Officers to help with traffic control and safety.

Police Scotland ward update noted – Request to Councillor Wardrop.

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

(1) that a new Chief Constable was now in post;

(2) that statistics for reports of incidents had increased, however reports of public nuicance and disturbances had remained static;

(3) that the anti-social behaviour operation within Kelvingrove Park had finished, which had seen a decrease in anti-social behaviour;

(4) that officers had worked with partners leading up to Bonfire Night, with presentations held in schools on the dangers of fireworks, monitoring of licence premises on the sale of fireworks and that 15 firework related incidents had been reported to Police Scotland within the ward;

(5) that bike and car thefts continued to be monitored, with free bike marking still available to cyclists and that Police Scotland encouraged members of the public to take safety precautions to help alleviate car and bike thefts and house break-ins and that any suspicious activity should be reported to Police Scotland or via Crimestoppers on 0800 555111;

(6) of drugs misuse within the ward and the continued work by officers within the community to combat this;

(7) of road safety action within the Car Free School Zone areas and the continued work to educate parent and carers by community officers who attended each school within the ward, depending on resources; and

(8) of the work with the homeless within the ward in conjuction with Social Work Services to provide help and support and that any incidents or concerns should be reported to Police Scotland on 101 or in an emergency via 999.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report and thanked Inspector Crawford for this and all the work carried out by Police Scotland within the ward; and

(b) highlighted concerns regarding

(i) the length of time taken to answer 101 calls;

(ii) the shortage of School Crossing Patrollers, in particular on Great Western Road at Kelvin Bridge and the concerns for safety at this crossing; and

(iii) the timings of traffic lights and yellow lines that required re-painting, which Lise Fisher, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability would put forward to the relevant department to investigate; and

(c) requested that Councillor Wardrop write to the relevant Council Officers to address the shortage of School Crossing Patrollers within the city.

Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network update noted.

9 There was submitted a report by Ms Anna Dyer, North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network (NWGVSN) providing an update on its work, advising

(1) of the continued work regarding the the issues, processes and decisions that had affected the network following changes to the Glasgow Communities Fund;

(2) of the ongoing IT recycling project, indicating that further information could be found at https://nwgvsn.org.uk/network-it-recycling-project-2/;

(3) that the Network would be holding its Annual General Meeting in the Glasgow University Byres Community Hub on 6th December 2023, lunch would be provided at 12.15pm with the meeting commencing at 1.00pm and that all would be welcome;

(4) of the key themes within the North West of the city, which included concerns with regards to the cost of living crisis moving into winter and the lack of funding affecting organisations who would struggle to offer additional services and activities;

(5) of the issues within the ward and the key issues facing members, as detailed in the report;

(6) that the network had received the keys to Woodside Halls and had held recent successful events from the venue; and

(7) that the network hoped to arrange an informal celebration on 20th December 2023 with invites to be issued shortly and thanked the ward Councillors for their help and support with the Woodside projects.

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

Cleansing and recycling update noted.

10 There was heard a report by Rory O'Sullivan, Partnership and Development Office, regarding cleansing and recycling within the ward, advising that any issues or concerns within the ward should be emailed to Rory.OSullivan@glasgow.gov.uk or Lise Fisher, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability at Lise.Fisher@glasgow.gov.uk.

After consideration, the Partnership

(1) requested

(i) an update on the recycling report within the Hillhead Community Council area, which Ms Fisher agreed to follow up;

(ii) that the surrounding area around Woodside Halls receive a clean-up prior to its opening event on 20th December 2023, which Ms Fisher agreed to put forward to the Cleansing Team; and

(2) highlighted issues with regard to the process of bulk item uplifts within Housing Association properties, which were not currently being adhered to.

Winter maintenance 2023/24 update noted.

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

(1) that the Winter Maintenance Plan submitted to the Council's Environment, Liveable Neighbourhoods City Policy Committee could be viewed 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 leaves and gully cleaning and that particular problem areas should be reported by phoning the Council or reporting via the Glasgow app;

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

(d) that a request would be made for an update to be provided to a future meeting of the Partnership on the Byres Road improvements.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund 2022/23 update noted – Request to the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

12 With reference to the minutes of 29th August 2023, there was submitted an updated report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS), regarding the Hillhead Infrastructure Fund, advising of

(1) the progress on work to be carried out within the ward and the commitments to date, as detailed in the report; and

(2) the Centre of Civic Innovation, Community Engagement Process, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report;

(b) highlighted concerns regarding

(i) inaccuracies within the report to be addressed by NRS;

(ii) the request to provide a CCTV camera at St George's Road/North Woodside Road, which should be installed as a matter of urgency for safety reasons;

(iii) the number of broken lampposts/poles from old road signs etc within the ward, which were a danger to children and residents and that details of these should be emailed to lise.fisher@glasgow.gov.uk to direct to the correct department for removal;

(c) agreed that community council members would discuss and confirm areas to spend the remaining budget, which should be brought to the next meeting of the Partnership.

Local Parks and Open Spaces update noted – Declaration of interest.

***13** With reference to the minutes of 29th August 2023, there was submitted a report by Kevin McCormack, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, regarding Local Parks and Open Space Improvement Fund providing an update on projects allocated within the ward for years 2021/22 and 2022/23, as detailed within the report.

After consideration, the Partnership

(1) noted the report;

(2) highlighted areas that still required attention within the ward as a matter of urgency, which should be emailed to Rory.OSullivan@glasgow.gov.uk who would collate and forward to Mr McCormack to assess;

(3) raised concerns regarding the protection of the Stewart Memorial Fountain during the winter months to prevent potential vandalism and requested fencing be installed to surround the fountain as a deterrent, if possible.

*Councillor Wardrop declared an interest in this item of business and took no part in the discussion thereon and Councillor Andrew assumed the Chair for this item only.

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

14 With reference to the minutes of the Council's City Administration Committee of 23rd March 2023, 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 Hillhead Area Partnership's Budget allocation for 2023/24 was £61,838.56 and that £53,908.07 had been allocated to date;

(3) of the returned funds totalling £1,020.00, leaving a balance of £8,950.49; and

(4) 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 awards being subject to the conditions detailed in the report:

Applicant	*Purpose of application*	*Decision*
YoMo (Glasgow)	Towards the cost of providing new Walk & Talk only staff to work across the city	Awarded £1,109
*Woodlands Community Development Trust	Towards the cost of funding across four areas of activity, linked to improving the accessibility and use of the garden as a centre for growing food and outdoor learning	Awarded £1,745
St Joseph's Parent Council	Towards the cost assisting the P7 class with their transition and St Joseph's Day	Awarded £850
Oakgrove Parent Council	Towards the cost of sending the whole school, totalling 180 pupils, on a Christmas trip, which would help improve their mental health	Awarded £1,000
Oakgrove Parent Council	Towards the cost of helping families with the cost of the P7 Residential Trip, Stem School Workshop, and to assist the P7 class with their transition	Awarded £1,790

*Councillor Wardrop declared an interest in this item of business and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon and Councillor Andrew assumed the Chair for this item only.

Hillhead Area Partnership workplan update noted.

15 There was submitted and noted a report by Mr Rory O'Sullivan, Partnership and Development Officer, City Policy and Corporate Governance, regarding the Partnership Workplan, requesting that members discuss and agree the frequency of standard agenda items and additional agenda points that they wished to be included at future meetings, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the Partnership requested

(1) that an update be provided by Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership on mental health and suicide prevention;

(2) an update by Homeless Network Scotland Project and the work carried out by the organisation in conjunction with Police Scotland;

(3) that the Council's Planning be invited to a future meeting of the Partnership to address local issues, including providing a presentation on the Health Impact Assessment; and

(4) that a report by the Council's Centre for Civic Innovation be deferred from January 2024 to a later meeting of the Partnership.

Future meeting dates 2024 approved.

16 The dates of the 2024 meetings were submitted and approved by the Partnership as detailed below.

Tuesday 30th January 2024 at 1400 hours
Tuesday 9th April 2024 at 1400 hours
Tuesday 27th August 2024 at 1400 hours
Tuesday 5th November 2024 at 1400 hours.