

**GARSCADDEN/SCOTSTOUNHILL AREA PARTNERSHIP.**

Minutes of meeting held on 3rd September 2024, Yoker Resource Centre, Glasgow.

**Present:** Councillor Malcolm Mitchell (Chair), Councillor Bill Butler, Councillor Chris Cunningham and Councillor Eva Murray, Glasgow City Council; Sergeant Michael Trueman, Police Scotland; Mary Kate Harte, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Lainy Bedingfield, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network; Beth Reid, Kingsway Community Council; Scott Donaldson, Scotstoun Community Council; Sandy Busby, Yoker Community Council; and Ross MacPhail, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

**Apologies:** Robert Smith, Linkes.

**Attending:** J Crawford (Clerk); P Boyce and S Johnstone (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance); M Johnston-Gray, North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector; R Smith, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability; and C Walker, Wheatley Group.

**Minutes of previous meeting approved.**

**1** The minutes of 16th April 2024 were submitted and approved.

**Glasgow Community Planning Partnership Governance Framework – Membership 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) Station Commander Ben Adams had been nominated as the representative for Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and had replaced Station Commander Kenneth McCartney; and
- (2) Ross MacPhail had been nominated as the co-opted member for Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability and had replaced Lise Fisher.

**Police Scotland ward update noted.**

**3** There was heard a report by Sergeant Michael Trueman, Police Scotland, advising the Partnership

- (1) of the body worn cameras to be phased in for use by officers and that public confidence in Police Scotland had risen since this had been introduced;

- (2) that statistics for reports of incidents had decreased, however the number of crimes recorded had increased due to an increase in shoplifting and electronic bike thefts;
- (3) that there had been no increased reports of racial violence or threats in the ward, following the recent riots across England and Northern Ireland;
- (4) that reports of all suspicious activity should be reported to Police Scotland by calling 101 or via Crimestoppers at 0800 555111;
- (5) of road safety issues within the Car Free School Zone areas and that these continued to decrease as local patrols were attending on a daily basis; and
- (6) of the recent arrests following a spate of shoplifting.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report and thanked Sergeant Trueman for the update and all the work carried out by Police Scotland within the ward; and
- (b) highlighted concerns and issues that were addressed by Seargent Trueman.

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

4 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.**

5 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 Garscadden/Scotstounhill Area Partnership's Budget allocation for 2024/25 was £87,055 and that to date had committed a total of £59,272 (68.1%) to various projects in the area, including £1,460 under the scheme of delegated functions, leaving a balance of £27,783 (31.9%); 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; and
  - (ii) the applications 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:

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Purpose of application</i>	<i>Decision</i>
Movement Park	Towards the costs of delivering the Movement Park Community Activity Project to Children within Garscadden Scotstounhill,	Consideration continued for the applicant to attend the next meeting.
*Yoker Resource Centre	Towards the costs of urgent structural stone repairs to the building that DRC Youth Project is based and operates from within Yoker Resource Centre.	Awarded £3,000
Ignite Theatre	Towards the cost of 15 older people participating in 26 weeks of drama workshops.	Awarded £5,794
†Knightswood Old Men's Club	Towards the cost of vital repairs to the roof.	Awarded £5,000
†**Kingsway Community Connections	Towards the cost of providing a breakfast club and creating a magical Christmas experience for children/young people	Awarded £3,000

†The Chair accepted these items of business for consideration, as a matter of urgency, in view of the timescales involved.

\*Sandy Busby declared an interest in this item of business and took no part in the discussion or decision.

\*\* Lainey Bedingfield and Beth Reid declared an interest in this item of business and took no part in the discussion or decision.

### **Wheatley Group – Update noted – Request to Head of Policy and Corporate Governance.**

6 There was heard a verbal report by Christopher Walker, Wheatley Group, advising the Partnership

- (1) that Wheatley Group staff had been more visible in the local areas to provide help and advice to residents;
- (2) of the various issues within the ward;
- (3) of the practical assistance provided to residents with mental health issues;
- (4) that the housing stock renovations , had commenced; and
- (5) of the Housing Officer visit programme.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) thanked Mr Walker for the update;
- (b) noted that homelessness had been an issue for all Housing Associations and organisations and that there had to be more affordable housing built to accommodate this rising problem and that more resident associations were required to help with the communication between residents and Housing Associations; and
- (c) requested that a forum or sub group be created with Wheatley Group and local Housing Associations to discuss ongoing projects and, that P Boyce, Community Support Officer, prepare an options paper for members to consider at the next Area Partnership meeting.

### **Local Parks and Open Space Improvement Fund update noted – Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.**

7 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS), regarding the 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 in the report.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (1) raised a raised a number of concerns and questions in relation to
  - (a) £3,000 that was not included or detailed at the greenspace at Danes Drive and Kingsway; and
  - (b) timescales and why this project had taken so long to progress; and
- (2) requested the Executive Director NRS provide a list of all projects including details of the £3,000 at the greenspace at Danes Drive and Kingsway.

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

**8** With reference to the minutes of 16th April 2024, there was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS), regarding the Garscadden/Scotstounhill Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund, advising of the progress in relation to the process to support the Fund including a summary of commitments to date, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (1) noted the report; and
- (2) raised concerns that on numerous occasions requests had been made for costings and actions to be undertaken however there had been no progress made; and
- (3) requested that the Executive Director NRS update Appendix 1 to include a list of all works that had been agreed and completed and the total costing that had already been spent in the ward along with potential projects that had still to be considered.

## **Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund - Community engagement – Update noted.**

**9** There was submitted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance regarding an update in relation to the process for engaging communities in relation to the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund (NIF), advising that

- (1) the next agreed ward for community engagement was Drumchapel/Annie'sland to start in Autumn 2024; and
- (2) the Communities Team was still working on the engagement process to include a number of wards across the city in 2025.

After consideration, the Partnership noted

- (a) the report; and
- (b) requested that Councillor Mitchell would provide a list of proposed projects for the NIF fund and for NRS to provide costings and to be brought back to the next Area Partnership meeting for approval.

## **Festive Lighting 2024/25 update noted – Funding approved – Delegated authority to the Director of Communication and Corporate Governance and the Chair.**

**10** With reference to the minutes of 16th April 2024, there was submitted and noted a report by Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and

Sustainability (NRS), 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

- (1) of the 2023/24 festive displays and switch-on events and asking the Partnership to confirm whether it should be included in the 2024/25 programme;
- (2) that the Partnership should notify NRS of any proposed new locations for assessment by NRS to determine the feasibility;
- (3) that members should approve the necessary funding for any additional costs over and above the central funding, which could be approved by delegated authority to the Director of Communication and Corporate Governance in consultation with the Chair during October 2024, following receipt of the updated pricing table; and
- (4) that approved funding in excess of the central funding would be deducted from the Garscadden/Scotstounhill Area Partnership 2024/25 Area Budget allocation.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report
- (b) approved funding for the natural tree at Knightswood Shopping Centre;
- (c) delegated authority to the Director of Communication and Corporate Governance and the Chair, to approve additional lighting within the ward, to be deducted from the Area Budget fund, after final updated prices had been confirmed during October 2024.

### **Northwest Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network - Update noted.**

**11** There was heard a report by Mrs Lainey Bedingfield, North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network (NWGVSN) providing an update on its work, advising

- (1) that there had been an increase in the number of residents attending food banks;
- (2) of the continued concerns with regards to the cost of living crisis, the increased demand on services and that some members would be considering fund raising and crowd funding to keep facilities open or to offer additional services;
- (3) of the concerns regarding the recent racist riots which took place in England and Northern Ireland and that although no incidents had occurred in Scotland, members had reported that BME and asylum seekers etc had experienced a

feeling of unease and that the network hoped to share practical advice and information to keep the community as a whole safe;

- (4) of the effect on pensioners, particularly elderly women, due to the removal of winter fuel payments by the UK Government, as detailed in the report;
- (5) that the Partnership should give consideration to whether the report provided by the network should be based around the Garscadden/Scotstounhill Ward only, with links to relevant information included; and
- (6) that they were dealing with more residents having been sanctioned by Department of Works and Pensions.

After consideration, the partnership noted the report and thanked Mrs Bedingfield for the update.