Item 1

22nd October 2024

SPRINGBURN/ROBROYSTON AREA PARTNERSHIP.

Minutes of meeting held on 11th September 2024, Hybrid meeting.

Present: Councillor Graham Campbell (Chair), Councillor Audrey Dempsey and Councillor Thomas Rannachan, Glasgow City Council; Inspector Colin MacLucas, Police Scotland; Joan McDonald, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Julie Toal, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network; Carole Phillip, Robroyston Community Council; Frank McGowan, Springburn Community Council; Kimberely Duff, Wallacewell Community Council; John Thorburn, NG Homes, Brian Land, Barmulloch Community Development Company; Daniella Kidd, Beatroute Arts; Ross MacPhail, Neighbhourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability; and Shawn Nicholas Fernandez, Springburn Unity Network.

Also present: Mala Jayhindaran, Springburn Unity Network.

Apologies: Barry Cranstoun and Russell McKinley, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; and Helen Carroll, Springburn Community Council.

Attending: Z Chaudhry (Clerk); K Gannon, A Martin and D Speirs (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance).

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

1 The minutes of 24th 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) Frank McGowan had been nominated as the substitute representative for Springburn Community Council; and

(2) Ross MacPhail had been nominated as the new co-opted member for Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability replacing Martin Lundie.

Police Scotland ward update noted etc.

3 There was heard a report by Inspector Colin MacLucas, Police Scotland, advising the Partnership that

(1) Police Scotland was putting in place better prevention plans with regards to victim safety;

(2) high tariff offenders had been arrested with the help of community intelligence; and

(3) in co-operation with trading standards, 3 shops had been visited and fake cigarettes, 3 kilos of loose tobacco and untaxed vapes had been seized.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report; and

(b) highlighted areas of concern regarding the number of vapes found in local parks during a recent litter pick up collection.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service ward update noted etc.

4 There was submitted a report by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) regarding the current issues, incidents and work being carried out in the ward for Quarter 1, from 1st April to 30th June 2024 advising the Partnership that

(1) the Service had attended 753 incidents in the North East area, these being 240 fires, 148 special service and 365 false alarms;

(2) the changes to Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS) response from 1st July 2023 had seen a 32% decrease in the number of false alarm incidents attended by operation crews; and

(3) the figure of 175 UFAS for this Quarter had shown a significant decrease of over 45% compared with the same period last year.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report; and

(b) raised concern at the number of fire hydrants that had recently been set off at the Carron area of Springburn which was near a multi-storey flat block and posed a major fire risk.

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

5 With reference to the minutes of 24th April 2024, there was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS), regarding the process to support the Springburn/Robroyston Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund (NIF), including a summary of commitments to date.

After consideration, the Partnership

(1) noted

(a) concerns and frustrations regarding the lack of progress and how consultations were prioritised;

(b) that a new project manager would be recruited specifically for the NIF fund which would help streamline the process in respect of consultations and costings; and

(c) that currently, CCTV could not be installed in some parts of the Robroyston area due to land ownership issues;

(2) raised further concerns regarding the huge dips in local pavements and main roads in the area that posed a health and safety risk and that footpaths and street paths in the area should be disability compliant; and

(3) requested the Executive Director NRS to provide

(a) costs for the installation of dropped kerbs; and

(b) information on land ownership in some parts of the Robroyston area so that CCTV could be installed.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund - Community engagement – Update noted – Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

6 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/ Anniesland, due to commence in Autumn 2024; and

(2) the Communities Team was still working on the engagement process to potentially include a number of wards across the city in 2025 and that Springburn/Robroyston would be a potential area that would be looked at.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted

(i) the report; and

(ii) that it wanted spending to be allocated fairly across the ward; and

(b) requested an additional meeting with NRS for either October or November of this year to arrange further NIF costings.

Health and Social Care Partnership – Adult Health and Wellbeing Survey 2022/23 - North East Glasgow update noted.

7 There was submitted a report by the Interim Chief Officer, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership (GCHSCP), regarding an update on NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde, Adult Health and Wellbeing Survey 2022/23, advising of the North East locality findings advising that

(1) the sample size was 1,669 residents from the North East area;

(2) the survey content included financial wellbeing, social health, social capital, health behaviours and health and fitness;

(3) 19% of people live alone and 68% of people aged 75+ lived alone;

(4) 69% had a positive view of the adequacy of their household income;

(5) 1 in 5 felt isolate from family and friends and 77% felt they belonged to their local area;

(6) 73% valued local friendships and 85% had a positive view of social support;

(7) 26% were current smokers and 8% of non-smokers were exposed to smoke at home or someone else's home;

(8) 67% of those who drink alcohol binge drank in the last year; and

(9) 69% rated their mouth/teeth as in good health and 68% definitely felt in control of decisions affecting their life.

After consideration, the Partnership noted

(a) the report and thanked Joan McDonald for the update; and

(b) that the next local GCHSCP partners event to consider and discuss the Adult Health and Wellbeing Survey results would take place on 23rd September 2024 at Eastbank NHS building.

Festive Lighting 2024/25 update noted – Funding approved etc.

8 With reference to the minutes of 24th April 2024, there was submitted a report by the 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 if 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; and

(3) that if the necessary funding for any additional costs was over and above the central funding this could be approved through delegated authority to the Council's Director of Communication and Corporate Governance in consultation with the Chair, Councillor Campbell prior to 31st October 2024.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report; and

(b) raised concerns regarding the tree location at Robroyston and that permission would be required from St Joseph's Nursing Home before any tree could be approved at that location;

(c) noted that Barmulloch Community Development Company would be happy to approve a tree at Quarrywood Avenue if required and no rushed decisions would be made in relation to any further locations;

(d) approved funding for festive lighting at Springburn shopping centre and at Robroyston Road/Standburn Road roundabout to the grassed verge adjacent to St Joseph's Nursing Home, pending the completion of the procurement process; and

(e) agreed that an additional special meeting would be held in October for the festive lighting.

Area Budget 2023/24 - Annual report noted.

9 There was submitted and noted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance regarding the Area Budget for 2023/24, in relation to projects previously funded in 2023/24, of which £100,319.59 had been allocated in the Springburn/ Robroyston ward from which 10% of projects funded had been selected to submit an evaluation report on how the funding was used, the impact of the funding and how the funding met the Area Partnership's Investment Priorities.

Area Budget 2024/25 - Applications for funding dealt with etc.

10 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 Springburn/Robroyston Area Partnership's Budget allocation for 2024/25 was £100,319.59 and that £67,593.06 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £32,726.53;

(3) of the applications for funding from the Area Budget for 2024/25; and

(4) of the applications dealt with under delegated authority.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the position regarding the Area Budget allocation for 2024/25;

(b) agreed that £15,000 be reserved from the Area Budget to fund the Festive Lighting Programme 2024/25;

(c) the ineligible applications, as detailed in the report; and

(d) dealt with applications for funding as follows, the grant award being subject to the conditions detailed in the report:

Applicant	Purpose of Application	Decision
Robroyston Parish Church	Towards the cost of running a weekly community cafe	Awarded £5,470
Saheliya	Towards the cost of purchasing equipment to support the groups' activities	Awarded £1,321.06
Rockfield Nursery	Towards the cost of outdoor equipment	Awarded £5,868.60
Rockfield Nursery	Towards the cost of organising a nursery and family Christmas panto	Awarded £835

Springburn Gardens Association	Towards the cost of renovating the allotment area	Consideration continued for further information
Barmulloch Community Development Company	Towards the cost of funding activities and events tackling social isolation	Consideration continued for further information
New Rhythms for Glasgow	Towards the cost of funding free weekly dance classes	Awarded £2,298