Item 1

6th November 2024

EAST CENTRE AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Minutes of meeting held on 28th August 2024, Mattie Carwood Centre, Glasgow.

Present: Councillor Declan Blench (Chair); and Councillor Kieran Turner, Glasgow City Council; Inspector Max Shaw, Police Scotland; Mairi McLachlan, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; James Smith, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network; Maire McCairns, Cranhill Community Council; Sharon Baldwin, Fuse Youth Café; and Ross MacPhail, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Apologies: Bailie Annette Christie; Bailie Ann Jenkins, Station Commander Barry Cranstoun, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; and Paul Conroy, Springboig and Barlanark Community Council.

Attending: Z Chaudhry (Clerk); A Moore and A Martin (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance); and K McCormick (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability).

Appointment of substitute approved.

1 In terms of paragraph 6.10 of the Governance Framework, the Partnership noted that in the absence of the representative and the substitute representative from Cranhill Community Council, the Chair had approved the attendance of Marie McCairns.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

2 The minutes of 10th April 2024 were submitted and approved.

Glasgow Community Planning Partnership Governance Framework - Membership update noted.

3 There was submitted and noted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration providing an update regarding membership of this Partnership, advising that Ross MacPhail had been nominated as the co-opted member for Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Thereafter, the Partnership noted that sadly, Joyce Carrol of Cranhill Community Council had passed away and extended its thanks to Joyce’s family for all of her hard work within the community and with this Partnership.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund - Progress update noted – Funding approved.

4 With reference to the minutes of 10th April 2024, there was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS), regarding the process to support the East Centre Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund (NIF), including a summary of commitments to date.

After consideration, the Partnership

(1) highlighted

(a) that street furniture and road safety should be looked at;

(b) the East Centre area in general was lacking in green space and this should be improved; and

(c) that local knowledge should be used to benefit the process;

(2) noted that all organisations within the ward would require to be consulted in the engagement process regarding any future commitment of the NIF fund; and

(3) approved funding for the CCTV project at Fastnet Street that would be a permanent solution, with potential costings for 1 static camera costing £36,000.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund - Community engagement – Update noted.

5 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, that could potentially include the East Centre ward at that time.

After consideration, the Partnership noted

(a) the report; and

(b) that Anita Moore has been requested to ask the Communities Team to further update the partnership on the NIF engagement process before a separate meeting was arranged for the partnership to discuss NIF funding proposals.

Variation in order of business noted.

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

Festive Lighting 2024/25 update noted – Delegated authority approved.

7 With reference to the minutes of 10th April 2024, there was submitted and noted 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 these 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 Communications and Corporate Governance in consultation with the Chair, Councillor Blench prior to 31st October 2024.

After consideration, the Partnership

(1) noted the report; and

(2) delegated authority to the Director of Communication and Corporate Governance in consultation with the Chair, Councillor Blench 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.

Local Parks and Open Space Improvement Fund update noted.

8 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, regarding the Local Parks & 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 concerns

(a) as to why Cranhill Park was not listed in the report;

(b) in relation to the work undertaken at the entrance to Cranhill Park as wild grass and wildflowers had overtaken the park; and

(c) regarding the open space at Cranhill Park which now seemed to have an issue with rats; and

(2) noted that

(a) Kevin McCormick, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability would liase with Marie McCairns, Cranhill Community Council to discuss all of the raised, ongoing issues at Cranhill Park; and

(b) the Barlanark Park MUGA and Greenfield pitches had some snagging issues, with designs and other work currently being looked at.

Police Scotland ward update noted.

9 There was heard a report by Inspector Max Shaw, Police Scotland, advising the Partnership that

(1) driving and motoring offences had decreased;

(2) drug possession levels had decreased, with drug supply charges having increased due to the recovery of a significant amount of drugs;

(3) anti-social behaviour and thefts had decreased however vandalism was marginally up, with thefts down a quarter possibly due to bad weather;

(4) sadly, there had been a serious incident in the Greenfield area and a young male had lost his life and 4 young persons had been charged, this incident having had left a profound impact on the local community;

(5) a police officer had developed a 10 week summer program that included taking children from local schools and participating in team building exercises; and

(6) work had now started in conjunction with the joint control team at Eastgate regarding fireworks preparation.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report;

(b) highlighted areas of concern regarding cars parked in areas that would block fire engines getting through around the Longstone high-rise flats; and

(c) further highlighted concerns in relation to car parking at Corston Street, Murrayfield Street and Inverleith Street.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service ward update noted.

10 There was submitted and noted 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

(1) that the Service had attended 753 incidents in the North East area, these being 240 fires and 345 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 Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals for Quarter 1 2024/25 showed a significant decrease of over 45% UFAS incidents from the same period last year.

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

11 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 lived 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 isolated 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 drank 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

(1) the report and;

(2) 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.

Area Budget 2023/24 - Annual report noted.

12 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 £114,591.36 had been allocated in the East Centre 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 – Declarations of interest.

13 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 East Centre Area Partnership's Area Budget allocation for 2024/25 was £114,591,36 and that £23,247.09 had been allocated to date;

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

(4) of the applications dealt with under delegated authority; and

(5) of the ineligible applications submitted.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the position regarding the Area Budget allocation for 2024/25; 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*
Cranhill Arts Project	Towards the cost of funding to deliver a skills building workshop for local vulnerable adults	Consideration continued for further information

Calvay Housing Association Ltd	Towards the cost of funding a creche facility	Awarded £5,057.60
Sandaig Primary School	Towards the cost of funding the ongoing pilot project to improve health and well-being within the primary school	Rejected as funded previously
Budhill Family Learning Centre	Towards the cost of funding for equipment and resources to kit out playrooms to support children's development	Awarded £9,988.00
Calvay Housing Association Ltd	Towards the cost of funding equipment to enable delivery of educational and development courses	Awarded £5,795.00 subject to a condition that all items were returned to Glasgow City Council
Cranhill Primary School	Towards the cost of funding to paint outdoor learning spaces	Awarded £4,762.00
Cranhill Primary School	Towards the cost of funding to take 20 pupils to Inverclyde National Sports Training Centre	Awarded £1,000.00
Carntyne and Cranhill Church Young at Heart Project	Towards the cost of funding take a group of 40 people and volunteers to a Christmas show in December 2025	Awarded £830.00
*Message Trust No More Knifes School Tour	Towards the cost of funding support to the no more knives tour to visit 4 schools in the east end	Consideration continued to the next meeting
Calvay Community Events Committee	Towards the cost of funding for various events to include panto and party events from October to December 2024	Awarded £3,150.00
Christ Healing Evangelical Chapel	Towards the cost of funding for a range of programmes focused on	Consideration continued for

	health education, physical activities and mental health support	further information
**Fuse Youth Cafe	Towards the cost of funding to deliver a street work programme in the community of Greenfield 2 nights per week	Awarded £11,459.00 subject to a condition that there be an evaluation at a midway point and an invitation be extended to the next Area Partnership meeting

*Councillor Kieran Turner declared an interest in this application and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon.

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