Item 1

26th September 2024

ANDERSTON/CITY/YORKHILL AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Minutes of meeting held on 22nd August 2024, The Pyramid at Anderston, Glasgow.

Present: Councillor Eva Bolander (Chair), Councillor Philip Braat, Bailie Christy Mearns and Councillor Angus Millar, Glasgow City Council; Station Commander Graeme Morrow, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service James Stuart Duffin, North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network; James Rouse, Anderston Community Council; Irene Loudon, Blythswood and Broomielaw Community Council; David Hughes, Merchant City and Trongate Community Council; Michael Glen, Townhead and Ladywell Community Council; John Gerrard, Yorkhill & Kelvingrove Community Council, Nora Hytiris, Garnethill Community Council and Lise Fisher, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Apologies: Inspector Jonathan Watters, Police Scotland and Shogufta Haq, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership.

Attending: J Crawford (Clerk); R O'Sullivan (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance); Steven Gray, Neighbourhood Regeneration and Sustainability; Eileen Findlay, Dundasvale Community Council and Jonny Howes, Glasgow Life.

Minutes of the previous meeting approved.

1 The minutes of the 9th May 2024 were submitted and approved. The chair wanted it noted that Bailie Mearns added her apologies for all the meetings that she did not attend, due to being on Maternity leave.

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) James Stuart Duffin was the new representative for the North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network;

(2) Station Commander Ben Adams had replaced Station Commander Kenny McCartney as the substitute for Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; and

(3) Inspector Iain Sibbald had replaced Inspector Mhairi Crawford as the substitute representative from Police Scotland.

Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network update noted.

3 There was submitted a report by Mr James Stuart Duffin, North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network (NWGVSN), providing an update on its work, advising

(1) 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;

(2) of the published blog carried out by NWGVSN and Strathclyde University on the cost of living and Glasgow Third Sector, which could be found at https://gcvs.org.uk/its-the-knock-on-effect/;

After consideration, the Partnership noted the report and thanked Mr Duffin for the update.

City Centre Transport Plan - People First Zone - Update noted etc.

4 There was heard a presentation by Steve Gray, Neighbourhoods, Regneration and Sustainability regarding the City Centre Transport Plan (CCTP) and People First Zone (PFZ) advising that

(1) the Glasgow CCTP included a PFZ that aimed to give pedestrians priority over vehicles and was intended to be a high-quality public realm that encouraged walking, wheeling and cycling and would be located between Hope Street, Cowcaddens Road, North Hanover Street/Glassford Street and Howard Street;

(2) the CCTP built on previous work and studies and had been aligned with the National Transport Strategy and overarching Glasgow Transport Strategy, and was aligned with a number of additional policies;

(3) the vision and strategy of the CCTP would be to reinforce the city centre's economic competitiveness by supporting the doubling of the population and reconnecting the city centre with surrounding communities and the riverside; and

(4) the CCTP also aimed to reduce car dependency and traffic dominance in the city centre in order to create a people friendly city centre that was healthier and cleaner.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the presentation and thanked Mr Gray for the update; and

(b) raised a number of concerns and questions that were addressed by Mr Gray.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund - Progress update noted etc.

5 With reference to the minutes of 9th May 2024, there was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS), regarding the process to support the Anderston/City/Yorkhill Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund (NIF), including a summary of commitments to date.

After consideration, the Partnership

(1) highlighted

(a) that a new member of staff had been employed to assist with the NIF funding for all 23 Wards;

(b) the road resurfacing and patching that were still awaiting more details;

(c) that the CCTV on the King George V Bridge would be funded by the Govan Area Partnership; and

(d) that line marking would be required following resurfacing work, in particular on a pelican crossing at Great Western Road;

(2) noted that

(a) Rory O'Sullivan, Community Support Officer would collate a list of issues highlighted by the Partnership to allow Lise Fisher, NRS to direct to the correct Council department for action; and

(b) members could submit proposals to be considered at a future meeting of the Partnership for the remaining balance of around £367,000, depending on costs for the spend so far; and

(3) requested

(a) that a full and comprehensive breakdowwas required from NRS, for all projects in the Ward;

(b) NRS to liaise with Parking Enforcement about Parking Attendants being deployed into the city centre after 18:00;

(c) further information on who carried out enforcement for street café/ bar furniture and 'A' boards as these were causing issues for pedestrians; and

(d) that NRS liaise with Parks about the Dover Street playpark to provide options for redevelopment that could be funded via NIF and that an update be provided for the next Area Partnership meeting in September.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund - Community engagement – Update noted.

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 to start in Autumn 2024 and the kind of 'people' resource that was needed, had been identified at this stage to be predominantly co-ordination, survey creation, people who could do community engagement with people in the area, and data analysis;

(2) the Communities Team would still carry out much of the 'feet on the ground' engagement, with additional support from Glasgow Life and colleagues across different services in NRS; and

(3) 7 new staff members had been employed and were working towards a new workplan for August/September 2024.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report; and

(b) raised questions around community involvement for future projects.

Graffiti and vandalism - Update noted etc.

7 The Partnership heard a report by Lise Fisher, Neighbourhood, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS) regarding plans for the removal and control of graffiti and vandalism in the city advising that

(1) the Council's graffiti removal service continued to target the removal of sectarian, homophobic, offensive, racist and explicit graffiti on primarily Council owned assets;

(2) 2 Council-owned properties in the city centre had been identified to be used as graffiti walls one at Custom House Quay by the Clyde Walkway and the other at the underpass at Cowcaddens and that the projects would be led by 2 community arts organisations with the hope that the legal walls would provide an outlet for street artists while also eventually encouraging residents, businesses and organisations to explore the possibility of developing legal graffiti walls in other areas of the city;

(3) officer would look into the possiblity of a graffiti wall similar to the Mural Trail for Graffiti Artists; and

(4) the public should continue to report any graffiti and vandalism to Glasgow City Council https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/article/5068/Graffiti-Removal-Service

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report; and

(b) raised questions in relation to engagement work with Police Scotland, local communities and businesses.

Anderston/City/Yorkhill Area Partnership workplan update noted.

7 There was submitted and noted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance, regarding the Partnership Workplan and the frequency of standard agenda items and additional agenda points it wished to be included at future meetings, as detailed in the report.