Item 1

18th September 2024

DRUMCHAPEL/ANNIESLAND AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Minutes of meeting held on 1st May 2024, Netherton Community Centre.

Present: Councillor Anne McTaggart (Chair), Bailie Patricia Ferguson and Councillor Fyeza Ikhlaq, Glasgow City Council; Inspector Derek Gibson, Police Scotland; Station Commander Kenneth McCartney, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Kenna Campbell, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Paul Maher, Blairdardie and Old Drumchapel Community Council; and Ellen Wright, High Knightswood and Anniesland Community Council.

Apologies: Councillor Paul Carey, Glasgow City Council; Eric Flack, Blairdardie Community Council; Douglas Taylor, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network; and Andrew Lynch, Drumchapel Community Council.

Attending: P Yule (Clerk); P Boyce (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance); K Venables, K McCormack, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability; L Lovelock, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network; and L Crawford and K Auld, Glasgow Life.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

1 The minutes of 21st February 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, noting that Martin Lundie was no longer the nominated co-opted member for Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Glasgow Life – Presentation noted.

3 The Partnership heard and noted a presentation by Glasgow Life regarding Glasgow Life's new Youth and Community Team, advising

(1) that youth and community development was a key priority for Glasgow's Community Learning and Development plan and its' purpose was to support people within communities and volunteer to be involved in decisions which may affect them and the area they live in;

(2) that the Youth and Committee Team was part of Glasgow Life, Libraries and Communities;

(3) that each ward had an assigned officer from both the Youth Team and the Community Team who could be contacted if required;

(4) of the role of the Youth and Community Team within communities; and

(5) of contact details for both officers assigned to the area.

After consideration, the Partnership noted

(a) the presentation and thanked Keli Auld and Lesley Crawford for the presentation;

(b) that Paul Maher, Blairdardie and Old Drumchapel Community Council;

(i) highlighted that the Blairdardie area and around St Ninian's Primary School and Gorget area had not been mentioned in the presentation and suggested that Blairdardie Primary School is available for activities as it's a community school; and

(ii) invited Glasgow Life to attend the next Blairdardie Community Council on the 20th May 2024 in order that Blairdardie could be included with the activities that Glasgow Life's new Youth and Community Team had to offer.

Local Parks and Open Space update noted - Request to the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

4 With reference to the minutes of 29th November 2023, there was submitted a report by Kevin McCormack, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS), regarding the Local Parks and Open Space Improvement Fund providing an update on the 2022/23 funds and advising that NRS was in discussions with the 3 community councils on how they would like to spend their portion of the funds allocated to the ward.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report

(b) highlighted

(i) that the Partnership had not agreed to some of the projects that had previously been approved from the 2021/22 fund namely various play area improvements at Gorget Avenue and the refurbishment of a section of the railings where previous lead paint had been used at Drumchapel Park ; and

(ii) that the Partnership did not want to have another informal meeting to discuss potential projects as this would delay the process as decisions

had already been made and agreed and no action had been taken to date;

(c) requested that the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability provide a list of all projects;

(d) raised a number of questions in relation to timescales and why this project had taken so long to progress; and

(e) that Kevin McCormack confirmed that 90% of the projects from the 2021/22 funding had already been committed and project works started.

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

5 With reference to the minutes of 21st February 2024, there was submitted and noted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS), regarding the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund (NIF), advising

(1) of an update on the progress of the NIF and that Drumchapel/Anniesland had not made any commitments to date; and

(2) that Area Partnerships would still be expected to allocate the full £1m initially awarded and that this funding was capital expenditure therefore could be carried forward to be spent in future financial years.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report;

(b) requested

(i) for costings of a MUGA pitch and pathways at the site of the old Blairdardie sports pavilion and the potential for a well garden;

(ii) parking spaces and a swing park around Blairdardie Drive; and

(iii) that the NIF should be proportionally split between High Knightswood and Anniesland Community Council, Blairdardie and Old Drumchapel Community Council and Drumchapel Community Council;

(c) highlighted that the introduction of junction improvements at the junction of Cowdenhill Road and Lincoln Avenue was not for convenience and was for road safety concerns; and

(d) raised a number of questions that were addressed by Karen Venables.

Festive Lighting 2024/25 update noted etc – Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

6 There was submitted and noted a report by Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, 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 that

(1) the standard pricing schedule for the 2024/25 festive lighting programme remained the same as previous years, however prices would be undergoing a review, which would be updated at the September Partnership meeting;

(2) the Festive Lighting delivery programme was subject to a new procurement exercise for 2025 to 2028;

(3) the cost to repeat the 2023/24 programme in 2024/25 was £5,500;

(4) if the total cost of delivery of the festive lighting programme selected by the Area Partnership exceeded the £3,600 central funding, the balance of the funding would require to be met by the Area Partnership from other funds; and

(5) the Partnership could nominate additional or alternative festive lighting locations to those delivered as part of the 2023/24 programme, to be notified by June 2024 and to identify locations where a switch on event could be proposed for either a Christmas or natural tree

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the 2023/24 festive lighting arrangements and the central funding available for the 2024/25 programme;

(b) requested that Stephen Blanchflower, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, contact Ellen Wright, Knightswood/Anniesland Community Council and Paul Maher, Blairdardie and Old Drumchapel Community Council, to discuss potential new locations;

(c) highlighted

(i) that the Christmas tree location at Kirkhope roundabout was not on the road; and

(ii) of the positive feedback that had been received in relation to the Christmas tree at the Kirkhope roundabout; and

(d) continued consideration of funding and locations until the final costs had been submitted and that the partnership would then confirm approval at the next area partnership meeting in September.

Review of Community Planning and Community Empowerment Services – noted.

7 There was submitted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance, regarding a review of Community Planning and Community Empowerment Services (CES), advising

(1) of the Glasgow's Local Outcome Improvement Plan 2024-34 (the Glasgow Community Plan), which had been reviewed and approved by the Glasgow Community Planning Partnership (GCPP) Strategic Partnership on 13th February 2024 and that the Plan had been developed by partners during the latter part of 2023 by the GCPP Executive Board;

(2) of the Community Empowerment Services Service Reform, the next steps and key priorities, as detailed in the report;

(3) of the work carried out by the Centre for Civic Innovation Team on 2 pilot areas for the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund, namely Greater Pollok (Ward 3) and Calton (Ward 9), to learn from the prototypes and expand the engagement to other wards across the city;

(4) of the progress to date following the citizen led pilots with detailed information found within appendix 1 of the report and a breakdown of proposals approved by Greater Pollok and Calton Area Partnerships shown in appendix 2 of the report;

(5) of the city-wide community engagement work; and

(6) that the Partnership should consider whether other options for engaging citizens on the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund should be explored.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report and that an updated report on the progress of the review would be provided to a future meeting of this Partnership; and

(b) raised questions that were addressed by Patricia Boyce.

Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network update noted.

8 There was submitted and noted a report by Lyn Lovelock, North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network (NWGVSN) providing an update on its work, advising

(1) of the continued IT recycling project "Plugged In" and that information could be accessed via Plugged In – North West Glasgow VSN (nwgvsn.org.uk);

(2) of the continued concerns with regard to the cost of living crisis, the demand on services and anti-social behaviour in some wards;

(3) that the Cabinet Secretary for Health visited the Phoenix Hall on a private visit to meet with members of the Chance2Change Group; and

(4) that Thriving Places (TP) hosted their final Breakfast & Blether in March as Thriving Places as TP came to an end on 31st March 2024 and that TP would now be called G15 Thriving Places and plan to continue their great work as a charity.

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

Police Scotland ward update noted.

9 There was heard a report by Inspector Derek Gibson, Police Scotland, advising the Partnership regarding

(1) the current issues, incidents and work being carried out in the ward;

(2) that the outcome of the Your Police Survey would be available soon and that the new survey was available online;

(3) of the current progress that Police Scotland was making within the ward in relation to trail bikes;

(4) that members of this Partnership and the public should continue to report any incidents to Police Scotland; and

(5) that reports of dishonesty calls by criminals impersonating police officers to obtain money had been reported and current advice was not to give out personal information to any callers and all suspicious activity should be reported to Police Scotland by calling 101 or via Crimestoppers at 0800 555111.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report; and

(b) raised questions and concerns that were addressed by Inspector Derek Gibson;

(c) highlighted concerns regarding the removal of speed camera on Great Western Road near Blairdardie Primary School and that an alternative should be put in place; and

(d) concerns in relation to potential drug misuse at the Key store.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service ward update noted.

10 There was submitted and noted a report by Station Commander Kenneth McCartney, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) regarding the current issues, incidents and work being carried out in the ward for Quarter 4, from 1st January to 31st March 2024, advising the Partnership

(1) that the SFRS had launched an online survey to consider future changes to the emergency service for full information is available via the SFRS website Shaping our Future Service: Your Say | Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (firescotland.gov.uk); and

(2) that the Service had attended 30 false alarms across the ward and carried out 414 home safety visits across the North West of the City.

Area Budget 2024/25 – Applications for funding dealt with etc – Declaration of interest.

11 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 Drumchapel/Anniesland Area Partnership's Budget allocation for 2024/25 was £84,175 and that £4,857 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £79,318; 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;

(ii) 1 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*
Glasgow Life	Towards the cost of hosting an evening of activity at Kelvingrove Museum on 8th November 2024 from 6pm to 9pm for all young people who wish to participate	Refused as not considered good value for money

Knightswood Gala Committee	Towards the cost to support the Annual Fun Day on 15th June 2024, from 12noon to 4pm at Knightswood Park	Awarded £7,500
Men Matters Scotland	Towards the cost to extend the pilot Sundays 'Go Wild' sessions which includes mountain biking, hillwalking, climbing, fishing, kayaking and cold water therapy	Awarded £4,000
Barnardo’s Scotland	Towards the cost to support the cost of a Primary School Transitions Programme	Awarded £3,626
Born2Be Alive Holistic & Fitness Hub	Towards the cost of purchasing resources to deliver a bespoke mindful movement programme	Awarded £3,840 subject to the condition that programme should include the Blairdardie area
204th Glasgow Scout Group	Towards the cost to purchase outdoor equipment for 204th Scout Group	Awarded £1,092
Glasgow Sling Library	Towards the cost of equipment to assist with a family support group between July and September	Consideration continued for further information
New Hope Community	Towards the cost of renting 3 caravans for 9 local families being able to enjoy a break away	Awarded £510
Heart of Scotstoun	Towards the cost of upgrading the kitchen within the centre which is well used by a wide range of beneficiaries from areas of deprivation and affected by addiction including alcohol and drugs	Consideration continued for further information
Antonine Court -	Towards the cost to purchase Meta Quest headsets, Xbox consoles, and PS5's to enhance the multimedia group program, promoting inclusion for all service users	Awarded £3,464.98

Camstradden Primary School Parent Council -	Towards the cost of regenerating the school playground area to promote more positive social engagement outside during breaks	Refused
Antonine Primary School	Towards the cost of subsidising a trip to France for 16 children	Awarded £1,000
Halo Arts	Towards the cost to deliver a Community Arts Project	Refused as this was a repeat application
G15 Thriving Places	Towards the cost of hosting an event that would provide an opportunity for local communities to engage in celebrating their community spirit and showcase the diverse range of activities	Awarded £5,000
Parent Network Scotland	Towards the cost of providing a Wellbeing Programme for parents/cares from Knightswood Secondary School	Consideration continued for further information
* Blairdardie Out of School Service	Towards the travel cost for a programme of excursions during the school holiday period	Awarded £3,240
*T.A.S.C. After School Care	Towards the travel cost for a programme of excursions during the school holiday period	Awarded £3,240
* Glasgow and West of Scotland Branch	Towards the cost to support the memorial event on 11th May at the War Memorial on Baldwin Avenue	Awarded £2,325

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