Item 1

29th October 2024

GOVAN AREA PARTNERSHIP.

Minutes of meeting held on 3rd September 2024, Kinning Park Complex, Cornwell Street, Glasgow.

Present: Councillor Dan Hutchison (Chair) and Councillor Richard Bell, Glasgow City Council; Sergeant Martin Madden, Police Scotland; Deidre Gaughan, Central Govan Action Plan; Carol Ball, Drumoyne Community Council; Esme Clark, Govan Community Council; Alice Connelly, Govan East Community Council; John McInstry, Ibrox and Cessnock Community Council; Carly McNamara, Kinning Park Community Council; and Karen Venables, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Apologies: Councillor Imran Alam, Glasgow City Council; Ethan McInally, Govan Youth Information Project; Avril Williamson, Ibrox and Cessnock Community Council; and Serge Sanle, Kinning Park Community Council.

Attending: E Miller (Clerk); K Dooley and K Gannon (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance); S Blanchflower and T Henderson (for the Executive Director of Regeneration and Sustainability); and P MacAlindon, Artistic Director, The Glasgow Barons.

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 Inspector James Friel had been nominated as the representative for Police Scotland and had replaced Inspector Robert Anderson.

Variation in order of business noted.

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

Govan-Partick Bridge progress update – Report noted.

4 There was heard a report by Paul MacAlindon, Artistic Director, The Glasgow Barons, regarding details of a festival for the opening of the Govan-Partck Bridge, advising

(1) of the free public event to celebrate the opening of the bridge on Saturday 7th September 2024, which would open to the public from 10.00am

(2) of the programme of events around Water Row in Govan from 10am-8pm, on Saturday 7th September, which had been organised by the Govan based charity Glasgow Barons and that further information could be found at https://www.glasgowbarons.com/govan-footbridge-festival;

(3) of the annual Clyde Built Festival, which would be held at the Riverside Museum from 10am-7pm on Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th September and that further information could be found at https://www.clydebuiltfestival.com/; and

(4) that some road closures would be in place to allow public access to the event and the stalls etc.

After consideration, the Partnership noted

(a) the report and thanked Mr MacAlindon for the update; and

(b) that Mr MacAlindon would liaise with Sergeant Madden with regard to the logistics for policing the event.

Police Scotland ward update noted.

5 There was heard a report by Sergeant Martin Madden, Police Scotland, advising the Partnership

(1) of the changes to staff, the current recruitment process and the hope that all vacancies would be filled in due course;

(2) of the meetings with housing providers with information sharing to help tackle complaints and anti-social behaviour;

(3) of the continued work by officers to control youth disorder within the ward, which had declined, and the continued work with partners, Social Workers, Glasgow Life etc regarding problem youths to try and address the issues caused by youth disorder; and

(4) that Police Scotland continued to attend Middle East protests, which had been largely peaceful, with any disorderly issues addressed.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted and thanked Sergeant Madden for the report and thanked Police Scotland for the work carried out within the ward; and

(b) requested further information and statistics with regard to the regulation on enforcement around misuse of electronic bikes to establish what action officers could take.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service ward update noted.

6 There was submitted and noted a report by 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.

After consideration, the Partnership

(1) raised concerns around the number of fatalities and casualties detailed in the report; and

(2) requested the attendance of a Station Commander at a future Partnership meeting to speak to the report and provide detailed statistics specific to the ward.

Festive Lighting 2024/25 update noted etc.

7 With reference to the minutes of 16th April 2024, there was submitted 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 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;

(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, Councillor Hutchison, 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 Govan Area Partnerships 2024/25 Area Budget allocation.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report;

(b) highlighted its disappointment at further delays in providing costings for festive lighting within the ward despite being promised figures by June 2024, which were addressed by Stephen Blanchflower, Group Manager, NRS and Tricia Henderson, Assistant Group Manager, NRS, who assured the Partnership that despite being promised over the last 2 years that costs would reduce, NRS would endeavour to provide competitive prices; and

(c) agreed that festive lighting for the ward would be approved by holding an additional meeting, which would be held via Microsoft Teams at the end of October 2024, after final updated prices had been confirmed during October 2024.

Community Engagement report noted.

8 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 would be 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 noted

(a) the report;

(b) that the partnership had until 20th October 2024 to identify and propose ideas on what could be funded from NIF;

(c) that any proposed suggestions which already had work planned by the Council had been removed to avoid duplication; and

(d) that the community would have an opportunity to vote on proposals to be brought to the Partnership for costing and approval.

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

9 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 Govan Area Partnership's Budget allocation for 2024/25 was £90,148.45 and that £42,280 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £47,868.56; 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) the applications dealt with under delegated functions, as detailed in the report; and

(iii) 1 ineligible application; 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*
The Preshall Trust – Beginners Photography and Digital Programme Resources	Towards the cost of purchasing resources to deliver a 6-week beginners' photography and digital photography programme	Awarded £1,400
Active Schools Lourdes Cluster EC Budget	Towards the cost of running a 12-week programme targeting children in P1-3 care experienced children and pupils that live within SIMD 1 and 2 areas	Awarded £720 on the condition that Social Work be contacted to clarify how the project fits with delivery of social exclusion
Halo Arts – Govan Community Panto	Towards the cost of delivering a community pantomime 'Wizard of Oz' over a 4-week period starting on 25th November 2024	Awarded £2,890

The Language Hub – Onwards and Upwards Improving Language, Life and Work Skills	Towards the cost of delivering a 16+ employability program which combines ESOL support with employability life skills	Consideration continued to allow the organisation to present an item at the next meeting of this Partnership on the work of the project
Pacitti Community Garden – Regeneration Project	Towards the cost of making the Pacitti community garden into a more secure, accessible, weather-proof area by investing in building a shelter to be used for member meetings and equipment storage	Awarded £9,015
*Clyde Community Hall – Community Meal and Tea Dance	Towards the cost of a 5-piece local skiffle band for a monthly tea dance during the winter months	Awarded £875
**Aberlour Youthpoint Glasgow	Towards the cost of purchasing resources for the Youthpoint Thursday Club	Consideration continued for additional information

*Councillor Hutchison declared an interest in this item of business and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon and Councillor Bell assumed the Chair for this item only.

**The Chair accepted this item for consideration as a matter of urgency.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund update noted.

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

After consideration, the Partnership noted

(1) the balance outstanding to spend for NIF was £980,000;

(2) that a static CCTV camera had been installed at King George V statue; and

(3) that survey costs for a dog park would be carried out and options provided to a future meeting of the Partnership.

Next meeting date noted.

11 The Partnership noted that the next meeting would take place in Elder Park Library on Tuesday 12th November 2024 at 1400 hours.