Item 1

15th November 2024

NORTH EAST AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Minutes of meeting held on 6th September 2024, by video conference.

Present: Councillor Ruairi Kelly (Chair) and Councillor Sharon Greer, Glasgow City Council; Watch Commander Colin Hooper, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Chloe Heyburn, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Stephen Orr, Garthamlock, Craigend & Gartloch Community Council; Denise McGuigan, Ruchazie Community Council; Lynda O'Neill, Blairtummock and Rogerfield Partnership; and Ross MacPhail, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Apologies: Inspector Stephen Gow, Police Scotland, Station Commander Russell McKinlay, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and James Dean, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network.

Attending: Z Chaudhry (Clerk); and A Moore, A Martin and J Hunter (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance).

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 Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, the Chair had approved the attendance of Watch Commander Colin Hooper.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

2 The minutes of 19th April 2024 were submitted and approved.

Variation in order of business noted.

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

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

4 With reference to the minutes of 19th April 2024, there was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS), regarding the process to support the North East 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 Garthamlock, Craigend and Gartloch Community Council had sent a list of items to be costed 2 years ago and no costings had been provided since then; and

(c) 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;

(2) requested the Executive Director NRS provide the costings of projects submitted by Garthamlock, Craigend and Gartloch Community Council 2 years ago to the next meeting of the Partnership; and

(3) approved funding of £5,000 towards the swing-arm gate at GESH to prevent access to the carpark where fly-tipping was an ongoing issue.

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.

After consideration, the Partnership noted

(a) the report; and

(b) that the Partnership was at the stage where community engagement was not required and was keen to start approving more items due to inflation.

Festive Lighting 2024/25 update noted – Funding Approved.

6 With reference to the minutes of 19th 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 they 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 Kelly prior to 31st October 2024.

After consideration, the Partnership

(1) noted the report; and

(2) raised concerns regarding the lack of festive lighting in previous years in the Garthamlock, Craigend and Gartloch areas and that the festive lighting location choices should be more open and transparent;

(3) approved funding for festive lighting at Greater Easterhouse Supporting Hands and Gartloch Road pending the completion of the procurement process; and

(4) approved funding of £10,000 to £15,000 from the NIF fund towards the erection of Christmas lights on Gartloch Road which Ruchazie Community Council had acquired.

Glasgow Community Planning Partnership Governance Framework – Membership noted.

7 There was submitted and noted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration providing an update regarding membership of this Partnership, noting that

(1) Yvonne Letch had been nominated as the representative and Denise McGuigan as the substitute representative for Ruchazie Community Council;

(2) Lynda O'Neill had been nominated as the representative and Eddy Ferguson as the substitute representative for Blairtummock and Rogerfield Partnership;

(3) Inspector Steven Gow had been nominated as the representative for Police Scotland; and

(4) Ross MacPhail had been appointed as the co-opted member for Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Police Scotland ward update noted.

8 The Partnership agreed to continue consideration to a future meeting a ward update report by Police Scotland to a future meeting of this Partnership.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service ward update noted.

9 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 that

(1) 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.

10 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 Survery 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

(a) the report and; 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.

Area Budget 2023/24 - Annual report noted.

11 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 £88,194.44 had been allocated in the North East ward of 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 – Request to Head of Policy and Corporate Governance – Declaration of interest.

12 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 North East Area Partnership's Budget allocation for 2024/25 was £88,194.44, with £49,485.17 having been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £38,709.27; 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; and

(ii) the ineligible application, as detailed in the report;

(b) requested that at the next meeting of the Area Partnership more transparency with regards to the funding of nursery applications be provided; and

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

Applicant	Purpose of Application	Decision
FARE	Towards the cost relating to a community allotment	Consideration continued for further information
Blackhill, Provanmill Lunch Club	Towards the cost of multiple community events	Awarded £2,841.91
Buchlyvie Nursery School	Towards the cost of storage and outdoor facilities for outdoor play area	Consideration continued for further information
Circle Scotland CIC	Towards the cost of new windows and mesh grills to protect against vandalism	Refused as owned by City Property
Greater Easterhouse Supporting Hands	Towards the cost of Christmas events	Awarded £1,700
*Craigend, Garthamlock and Gartloch Community Council	Towards the cost of free mat and chair yoga classes for local residents	Awarded £1,562.50
Elmcroft Nursery	Towards the cost of delivering a range of activities such as family and children workshop sessions	Consideration continued for further information
Green Door Theatre	Towards the cost of a theatre production	Refused as no ward benefit
**St Rose of Lima Primary School	Towards the cost of a 12-week cycling project	Consideration continued for further information

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

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