Item 1

12th November 2024

LANGSIDE AREA PARTNERSHIP.

Minutes of meeting held on 3rd September 2024, City Chambers, Glasgow.

Present: Councillor Paul Leinster (Chair), Councillor Susan Aitken, Councillor Holly Bruce, and Councillor Stephen Docherty, Glasgow City Council; Inspector Graham Hogg, Police Scotland; Marion McMillan, Cathcart and District Housing Association; Judith Pollok, Mount Florida Community Council; Graham Stark, Langside, Battlefield and Camphill Community Council; Kevin Watson, Toryglen Community Council; Patricia Cahill, Sanctuary Housing Association; Jess Steele, South East Integration Network; and Karen Venables, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Apologies: Douglas Millar, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, Heather Bath, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership, and Eveline McNair, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network.

Attending: Z Chaudhry (Clerk); K Docherty, J Hunter and A Abbott (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance); S Faichney and L Tinkler (Glasgow Life).

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 Police Scotland, the Chair had approved the attendance of Graham Hogg.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

2 The minutes of 16th 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 regarding an update on the membership of this Partnership, advising that South East Integration Network had become a co-opted member of the partnership with Jess Steele as the member and Hester Wylde as the substitute member.

Police Scotland ward update noted etc.

4 There was heard and noted a verbal report by Inspector Graham Hogg, Police Scotland, advising the Partnership that

(1) since the last Area Partnership meeting there had been no major incidents in the ward;

(2) there had been issues with the Union Bears during Rangers matches at Hampden stadium;

(3) Rangers would no longer be playing its matches at Hampden Stadium; and

(4) Police Scotland was working to reduce vandalism at Langside Halls however couldn't be there all the time as a priority.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report;

(b) highlighted areas of concerns regarding local graffiti.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service ward update noted.

5 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 902 incidents in the South area, these being 314 fires, 193 special service incidents and 395 false alarms;

(2) the changes to Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS) response from 1st July 2023 had seen a 31% decrease in the number of false alarm incidents attended by operation crews; and

(3) the figure of 150 Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals for Quarter 1 2024/25 showed a significant decrease of 47% UFAS incidents from the same period last year.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund - Progress update noted etc.

6 With reference to the minutes of 16th April 2024, there was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS), regarding the process to support the Langside Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund (NIF), including a summary of commitments to date.

After consideration, the Partnership

(1) requested that

(a) a list of proposals from Mount Florida Community Council for NIF funding should be included in the next meeting of the Partnership;

(b) NRS provide costings for the various street and playground signs that children at Toryglen Primary School had made with a view to forming these into physical signs;

(c) the Langside Avenue cycle route should be looked at for potential investment as the crossing was unsafe and traffic lights installation could be considered;

(d) an upgrade to the Langside monument was another option that could be considered; and

(e) an update be provided at the next meeting regarding the playparks at Shawlands Academy and Holyrood Secondary School; and

(2) noted

(a) that the delay in CCTV installations in Toryglen was due to waiting on Scottish Power linking up for power and that this was a slow process due to the process involved;

(b) that the lamps at Holmlea Bridge required a power supply and that Karen Venables, NRS would provide costings for this; and

(c) an update on the progress of the NIF, as detailed in an appendix to the report.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund - Community engagement – Update noted.

7 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 ward has had a lot of previous consultation in the past due to the liveable neighbourhood's consultation;

(c) there would need to be a fair balance of funding across the ward and that the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation data for each community council area in the ward could be used to consider an appropriate funding split;

(d) any specific community engagement with regards to the NIF fund would be at the discretion of the Area Partnership.

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

8 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 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 Leinster 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 Leinster 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; and

(3) approved funding at the following locations Queens Park (Langside Halls), Mount Florida and Toryglen.

Glasgow Life – Langside Library Refurbishment - Update noted.

9 There was heard a report by Scott Fainchey, Glasgow Life regarding an update on the Langside Library capital refurbishment advising that

(1) the library supported local development and residential growth;

(2) the building had issues including accessibility, visibility, rising dampness, rot and asbestos;

(3) design development would include a new accessible entrance and reception, new community wing and public toilets;

(4) fabric improvements included roof insulated refurbishment, exterior window refurbishment and air source heat pump strategy;

(5) a project community display and design briefing session for the community would be held in September 2024;

(6) the submission of a planning application and formal submission of design and application to statutory authorities would be late September 2024; and

(7) the library would be looking to re-open in 2026.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report; and

(b) raised a number of concerns and questions that were addressed by Glasgow Life.

Area Budget 2024/25 - Applications for funding dealt with etc.

10 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 Langside Area Partnership's Budget allocation for 2024/25 was £61,580.48; and a total of £37,245.21 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £24,335.27; 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 applications dealt with under delegated functions, as detailed in the report; 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
Parent Network Scotland	Towards the cost of funding 2 courses	Awarded £5,492
Castlemilk Youth Project	Towards the cost of funding to provide a detached and outreach youth work service through Autumn	Refused as project no longer has capacity
Police Scotland	Towards the cost of funding to purchase 2 quad bikes to deal with anti-social behaviour	Refused as based on other 2 wards approving
46th City of Glasgow Guide Company	Towards the cost of funding a residential trip for 58 young people and 8 adults in March 2025	Awarded £150
McLaughlin School of Dance Parental Committee	Towards the cost of funding to take the dance pupils to take part in the Dublin Word Championships in 2025	Awarded £3,400 subject to confirmation of flight and accommodation costs
Friends of Queens Park	Towards the cost of funding to repair the metal storage container and to purchase gardening tools and equipment	Consideration continued for further information
Langside Sports Club	Towards the cost of funding to pay for roof repairs to the Langside sports pavilion roof	Consideration continued for further information
Active Schools Shawlands Cluster	Towards the cost of funding for extra physical activity aimed at target groups	Awarded £960
*Halo Arts	Towards the cost of funding a pantomime to 31 school performances	Awarded £3,562

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