VICTORIA PARK AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Item 1

15th November 2023

Minutes of meeting held on 6th September 2023, City Chambers, Glasgow.

Present: Councillor Feargal Dalton (Chair), Councillor Eunis Jassemi and Councillor Lana Reid-McConnell, Glasgow City Council; Inspector Mhairi Crawford, Police Scotland; Station Commander Kenneth McCartney, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Mary Kate Harte, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Charles Scott, Broomhill Community Council; Brenda McKay, Jordanhill Community Council; Elizabeth Brown, Whiteinch Community Council. Francine O'Rourke, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Also present: Councillor Anne McTaggart, Glasgow City Council.

Apologies: Catherine Benton, Jordanhill Community Council and Ailie Hunter, Thornwood Community Council.

Attending: P Yule (Clerk); P Boyce (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance); S Blanchflower (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability); and L Lovelock, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

1 The minutes of 19th April 2023 were submitted and approved.

Variation in order of business noted.

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

Festive Lighting 2023/24 – Funding approved.

3 With reference to the minutes of 19th April 2023 when the Area Partnership agreed that a report be brought back to make a final decision on the festive lighting fund, there was submitted a report by Stephen Blanchflower, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainabilty 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.

After consideration, the Partnership

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

(2) agreed funding for 2 natural tree features at Summerfield cottages Dumbarton Road, costing £6,600, and 3 natural tree features at Thornwood Park Dumbarton Road, costing £9,100 and totalling £15,700; and

(3) once the£3,600 central funding had been deducted from the £9,100 total, this would leave a balance of £12,100 to be allocated from the Partnerships Area Budget fund.

Glasgow Community Planning Partnership Governance Framework – Membership update noted.

4 There was submitted and noted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration providing an update regarding membership of this Partnership advising that Brenda McKay had been nominated as the substitute representative for Jordanhill Community Council.

Local Parks and Open Spaces update noted – Funding approved.

5 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, regarding Local Parks and Open Space Improvement Fund providing an update on projects allocated within the ward for years 2021/22 and 2022/23, as detailed within the report.

After consideration, the Partnership

(1) noted the report, and

(2) agreed that Ms O'Rourke would request for a copy of the plans of the new bicycle dirt track and cycle skills learning area to be sent to the Victoria Park Development Trust.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund 2022/23 update noted – Project proposals approved.

6 There was subitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, regarding the Victoria Park Infrastucture Fund, advising

(1) that the funding is a capital expenditure and could be carried forward to be spent in future financial years, as detailed in the appendices to the report;

(2) of redirected funding totalling £6m to be topped up in future budget years, for road repairs, with details relating to the ward confirmed within the appendices to this report;

(3) that Area Partnerships would still be expected to allocate the full £1m initially awarded;

(4) of a pilot programme of work, led by the Council's Centre of Civic Innovation, to research existing systems etc, as detailed in the report; and

(5) that the Council's Centre of Civic Innovation would be working with Community Empowerment Services to run the system in a live testing environment, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) approved in principal, proposals for the following projects, with some costs approximate until final expenses had been confirmed by contractors –

(i) to install a speed sign on Crow Road to prevent cars from speeding, indicating that this would be a shared cost with Partick East/Kelvindale Area Partnership at a cost of £4,000; and

(ii) to install 4 redeployable CCTV units at the fly tipping hot spots in the Ward.

(b) agreed that Ms O'Rourke would submit a more detailed report on the breakdown of costings for the new proposed projects and proposed locations of the 4 redeployable CCTV units.

North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network.

7 There was submitted a report by Ms Lynn Lovelock, North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network (NWGVSN) providing an update on its work, advising

(1) of the continued work regarding the issues, processes and decisions that had affected the network following changes to the Glasgow Communities Fund;

(2) of the ongoing IT recycling project, indicating that further information could be found at https://nwgvsn.org.uk/network-it-recycling-project-2/ ;

(3) of the work carried out within the ward, which included concerns with regards to the cost of living crisis within the ward and across the north west of the city and updates on Whiteinch centre, DRC Youth Project and Glasgow Eco Trust, as detailed in the report.

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

Police Scotland ward update noted.

8 There was heard a report by Inspector Mhairi Crawford, Police Scotland, advising the Partnership

(1) of the £50m savings that Police Scotland faced during 2023/24, which would affect services;

(2) that the Your Police Survey was now live and analysed weekly, whilst indicating that itwould be anonymous,take around 10 minutes to complete and could be accessed at https://consult.scotland.police.uk/strategy-insight-and-innovation/your-police-2023-2024/ or insightengagement@scotland.police.uk;

(3) that bike and car thefts continued to be monitored and events would be carried out by Police Scotland on security and theft prevention, and that any suspicious activity should be reported to Police Scotland or via Crimestoppers on 0800 555111;

(4) that statistics for reports of incidents had reduced;

(5) of the issues of shoplifting at the Westend retail park and that officers continued to monitor this and are working closely with retailers offering prevention;

(6) of the anti-social behaviour operation that continued to be patrolled within Victoria Park and within the Dumbarton Road corrider;

(7) that a successful bike marking event had taken place during the UCI World Championships, with another scheduled to take place during Freshers' Week;

(8) of road safety action plans to promote safety within the Car Free School Zone areas and the continued work to educate parent and carers and getting schools more involved.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report and thanked Inspector Crawford for this and all the work carried out by Police Scotland within the ward; and

(b) highlighted concerns with regards to speeding on Woodend Drive, Clarence Drive, Chamberlain Road and Squire Street.

Scottish Fire Rescue Service ward update noted.

9 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 1, from 1st April to 30th June 2023, advising the Partnership

(1) of the activity and other statistics within the North West of the City; and

(2) detailing the current statistics within the Ward in relation to fires, false alarms, unwanted fire alarms and home fire safety visits.

After consideration, the Partnership noted and thanked Station Commander, Kenneth McCartney for the report.

Area Budget 2023/24 – Applications for funding dealt with etc – Declaration of interest.

10 With reference to the minutes of the Council's City Administration Committee of 23rd March 2023, when the committee approved the 2023/24 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 2023/24;

(2) that the Victoria Park Area Partnership's Budget allocation for 2023/24 was £59,732.90 and that £33,351.19 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £26,381.71; and

(3) of the applications for funding from the Area Budget for 2023/24.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted

(i) the position regarding the Area Budget allocation for 2023/24;

(ii) the application dealt with under delegated functions as detailed in the report

(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*
Weekday Wow Factor	Towards the cost of delivering monthly daytime discos for 30 older people within the ward	Consideration continued
Victoria Park Community Trust	Towards the costs of planting in front of the Still Game bench	Awarded £1,870
West Glasgow New Church	Towards the costs of a youth club event to create a safe space for the young people in Whiteinch	Awarded £2,470
National Autistic Society - Glasgow Branch	Towards the costs of 4 Autism specific guest speakers	Awarded £950

St Thomas Aquinas Secondary School	Towards the costs of an educational day trip on the 26 October to Edinburgh for 60 pupils	Awarded £1,000
Glasgow Wood Recycling	To assist with the cost to improve their environmental footprint and maintaining their sustainable social enterprise activities	Consideration continued
*The Edge Gym	Towards the costs of installing a gender-neutral toilet and shower/changing facility	Refused
*YoMo	Towards the costs of providing a Walk and Talk service that support young people's mental health	Awarded £1,109

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