Item 1

28th November 2023

SOUTHSIDE CENTRAL AREA PARTNERSHIP.

Minutes of meeting held on 19th September 2023 at Queen's Park Baptist Church, Glasgow.

Present: Bailie Elaine Gallagher (Chair), Councillor Alexander Belic and Bailie James Scanlon, Glasgow City Council; Andrew Carberry, Crosshill and Govanhill Community Council; Katie Stewart, Princes Trust; and Karen Venables, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Apologies: Councillor Soriya Siddique, Glasgow City Council; Douglas Miller, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; and Inspector Ian Scott, Police Scotland.

Attending: P Yule (Clerk); H McMillan (for the Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities); M Fullerton and T McGilin (for the Chief Executive, Gorbals Housing Association); D Zabiega (for the Chief Executive, Govanhill Housing Association) and K McCormick (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability).

Appointment of substitute approved.

1 In terms of paragraph 6.10 of the Governance Framework, the Partnership noted that in the absence of the representatives from Police Scotland, the Chair had approved the attendance of Sergeant Andy Nixon to represent the organisation at this meeting.

Minutes of previous meeting approved etc.

2 The minutes of 11th April 2023 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 providing an update regarding membership of this Partnership, advising that Station Commander George Winters had been nominated as the substitute representative for Scottish Fire Rescue Service.

Variation in order of business noted.

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

Infrastructure Fund 2022/23 update noted - Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

5 There was submitted and noted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS), regarding the Southside Central Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund (NIF), advising

(1) that the funding was 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;

(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; and

(6) of an update on the progress of the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund that had been carried out and of the commitments to date, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report; and

(b) highlighted the ongoing issues and concerns in relation to the Kingarth Lane along with other issues and concerns within the ward, which were all addressed by Ms Venables.

Local Parks and Open Spaces update noted – Funding approved.

6 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.

Police Scotland ward update noted etc.

7 There was heard and noted a report by Sergeant Andy Nixon, Police Scotland, advising the Partnership

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

(2) of the current progress that Police Scotland were making within the ward in relation to anti-social behaviour;

(3) that Police Scotland had been working on action plans and local plans on the run up to bonfire night and would be targeting premises who would be selling fireworks; and

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

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report; and

(b) requested that if possible, the action plans in relation to bonfire night could be shared with this Partnership.

Festive Lighting 2023/24 – Funding approved.

8 With reference to the minutes of 11th April 2023 when the Area Partnership agreed to fund a repeat of the 2022/23 festive lighting programme at a cost of £16,850 along with funding totalling £105 for a switch-on event at Richmond Park there was heard an update by Karen Venables, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding the switch-on event.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report; and

(b) that Govanhill & Crosshill Community Council agreed that the switch on of the lights at the Millennium Square would be Tuesday 28th November at 7pm.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service ward update noted.

9 There was submitted and noted a report by Scottish Fire and Rescue Service regarding the current issues, incidents and work being carried out in the South Sector of Glasgow City for Quarter 1, from 1st April to 30th June 2023.

Gorbals Locality Plan update noted.

10 There was heard and noted a report by Michael Fullerton, New Gorbals Housing Association (NGHA) regarding the Gorbals Locality Plan, advising

(1) that there would be no further funding available for Thriving Places and the programme would end on 31st March 2024;

(2) of the successful funding applications to Scottish Government's Investing in Communities Programme and the National Lottery Community Led Activity that would enable continuation of community engagement work and participatory budgeting work by the Community Anchor Organisation for a period of 3 years covering 2023 to 2026; and

(3) a community engagement sub-group had been established and that work was underway on the evaluation of the programme and that all community connectors/co-ordinators would be in regular contact with locality planning officers with the next steps, requirements and discussion on how Locality Planning work would continue from 1st April 2024.

Govanhill Locality Plan update noted.

11 There was heard and noted a report by David Zabiega, Govanhill Housing Association regarding the Gorbals Locality Plan, advising that

(1) the contract for the current community connector had come to an end on the 31st August 2023 and that the sustainable communities co-ordinator would work three days per week to oversee the completion of the Govanhill Locality Plan and a part-time Community Connector;

(2) since the decision had been made by Thriving Places Board on 18th April 2023 for a proposed second heritage mural, a decision had been made to put the current mural project on hold to incorporate Govanhill Association's 50th anniversary;

(3) a second round of the Thriving Govanhill Fund would be launched in September 2023 and would see the participatory budgeting of around £16,000 provided by the HSCP.

Area Budget 2023/24 – Applications for funding dealt with etc

12 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 Southside Central Area Partnership's Budget allocation for 2023/24 was £85,842.35 and that £63,408.35 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £22,434.35; 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 3 applications 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*
Halo Arts	Towards the cost of delivering a pantomime 'Cinderella' to 25 primary schools across five wards in the south of the city from 4th to 21st December 2023, providing a free show to over 7000 pupils	Awarded £1,596
Preston Place Community Group	Towards the costs of creating a community garden trail and a small community garden in the disused drying area	Refused to source alternative funding
Volunteers Tutor Organisation	Towards the cost of equipment and resources to support Learning Hubs to improve academic attainment, increase confidence, self-esteem, engagement and motivation to learn	Awarded £724
Annette St Primary School	Towards the costs for a residential trip to Blairvadich Outdoor	Awarded £1,000

	Centre for 32 P7 pupils in February 2024	
South Glasgow Childcare Forum	Towards the costs of providing free lunches at the end of their free book bug/movement sessions for the children and family to help with the cost of living crisis	Awarded £4,000
YOMO Young Movers	To assist with the cost with additional staffing to support 10 local young people for 6 months for the current Walk and Talk programme	Refused to source alternative funding
Govanhill Baths	Towards the costs for black history month and International Women 's Day programme	Awarded £2,250
The Occasion Theatre	Towards the costs for a Christmas production at Govanhill Library and Queens Park Govanhill Church	Awarded £2,268
The Wee retreat CIC	Towards the costs to prepare a disused outdoor space to be used as an outdoor wellbeing hub/community garden	Refused to source alternative funding
The Feel Good Women's Club	Towards the costs for guest speakers for twice a month at the lunch club	Continued consideration for further information
Kingarth Lane Community Group	Towards the costs of storage fees and insurance costs	Refused to source alternative funding
Wing Tsjun Scotland SCIO	Towards the costs of holding self defence programme for women in Govanhill area	Continued consideration for further information

Area Budget 2022/23 - Annual report noted.

13 There was submitted and noted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance regarding the projects previously funded by the Area Budget 2022/23, from a spend of £87,342, indicating that 10% of the projects would be selected to submit an evaluation form as part of the Area Budget monitoring and evaluation process to show how their funding had been utilised and how they had met the Area Partnerships' Investment Priorities.