Item 1

29th November 2023

DRUMCHAPEL/ANNIESLAND AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Minutes of meeting held on 20th September 2023, Drumchapel Community Centre, Glasgow

Present: Councillor Anne McTaggart (Chair), Councillor Fyeza Ikhlaq and Bailie Patricia Ferguson, Glasgow City Council; Inspector Neil Reilly, Police Scotland; Station Commander Kenneth McCartney, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Paul Maher, Blairdardie and Old Drumchapel Community Council; Andy Lynch, Drumchapel Community Council; Ellen Wright, High Knightswood and Anniesland Community Council; and Francine O'Rourke, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Apology: Councillor Paul Carey, Glasgow City Council.

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

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

1 The minutes of 26th April were submitted and approved.

On the Ball Academy – Consideration continued.

2 The Partnership agreed to continue consideration to a future meeting a presentation by Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding the On the Ball Academy.

Local Parks and Open Spaces update noted.

3 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS), 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,

(2) agreed that

(a) the available funds for 2022/23 should be allocated across the 3 Community Council areas at a total of £24,500 each;

(b) each Community Council should submit their suggestions as to how these funds should be allocated to allow for NRS to make arrangements with local stake holders and finalise details of any potential projects; and

(c) once responses had been received, NRS would submit a report to a future meeting of this Partnership for its consideration.

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

4 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, regarding the Drumchapel/Anniesland Infrastructure Fund, advising

(1) of progress on work to be carried out within the ward and the commitments to date, 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 colleagues from the City Policy and Corporate Governance team to run the system in a live testing environment, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report;

(a) requested that Frankie O'Rourke, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability confirm whether traffic lights could be considered at the junction between Cowdenhill Road and Lincoln Road and the potential costs for this; and

(b) agreed that this Partnership would look at potential investment options at the next meeting.

Variation in order of business noted.

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

Police Scotland ward update noted etc.

6 There was heard and noted a report by Sergeant Neil Reilly, 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 it would be anonymous, take around 10 minutes to complete and could be accessed at https://consult.scotland.police.uk/strategy-insight-and1innovation/your-police-2023-2024/ or insightengagement@scotland.police.uk;

(3) of the current progress that Police Scotland was making within the ward in relation to drugs and anti-social behaviour;

(4) that there had been an increase in house breakings and shops;

(5) of the current progress that Police Scotland was making within the ward in relation to trail bikes; and

(6) that members of this Partnership and the public should continue to report any incidents to Police Scotland.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report; and

(b) raised a number of questions that were addressed by Sergeant Reilly.

Festive Lighting 2023/24 – Update noted – Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability

7 With reference to the minutes of 26th April 2023 when the Area Partnership agreed that a report be brought back providing costings for festive lighting locations in the Ward, there was submitted a report by Stephen Blanchflower, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS), advising

(1) of the festive lighting locations for the Ward delivered as part of the 2022/23 programme; and

(2) of the costs for the 2023/24 festive lighting programme, as detailed in the report.

(3) that in view of previous questions and concerns that had been raised by members of this Partnership over previous festive lighting costs, it was agreed that officers from NRS

(a) should moving forward, and in order to identify reduced future savings, propose to buy, rather than rent, more energy efficient future festive lighting features; and

(b) submit proposed festive lighting costs for 2024 to this Partnership for consideration at its scheduled meeting on 20th February 2024, with a view to these being finalised and agreed by June 2024.

After consideration the Partnership

(i) noted

(A) the report;

(B) that High Knightswood Community Council had advised that they proposed to source external funding to support a sustainable tree at Anniesland Cross;

(C) that NRS would look at reducing festive lighting costs next year and that proposals should be agreed and submitted to NRS as early in 2024 as possible; and

(D) requested clarity from NRS officers in what seemed to be a variation in the 2023/24 standard pricing costs schedule, as the costs of the projects for the Kirkhope Roundabout Tree and two switch on events seemed to be higher than other wards;

(ii) raised concerns and questions that were addressed by Mr Blanchflower;

(iii) approved

(A) the locations for multi-coloured lights at the central natural tree at Hecla Park, the Christmas tree at Kirkhope roundabout and for 2 switch on events; and

(B) to award up to £5,500 from the Area Budget to assist with the costs of its Festive Lighting Programme, with a view that NRS officers would look at a potential reduction in the actual costs of the Central Natural Tree multi-coloured lights at Hecla Park, with current costings being £3,600; and

(iv) requested that NRS submit revised costs for the afore mentioned locations and events to the Partnership and Development Officer and the Chair for consideration and final approval.

Drumchapel Thriving Places – Progress report noted.

8 There was submitted and noted a progress report by Mr Ted Scanlon, Community Connector in relation to Drumchapel Thriving Places, advising that

(1) Thriving Places had only been funded for this financial year and they had taken the initiative to recreate Drumchapel Thriving Places as a Third Sector organisation called G15 Thriving Places and that all organisations involved gave full support of this change;

(2) Thriving Places were planning on taking part in the evaluation of Thriving Places across Glasgow, however if this was not to take place then Drumchapel Thriving Places would conduct their own evaluation with a 3 year plan for 2024-27; and

(3) the Thriving Places team consistently shared information on services, support and activities in the local area and had been involved in planning, delivering and supporting various community events in the last quarter, as detailed in the report.

North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network - Update noted.

9 There was submitted and noted a report by North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network providing an update of activity undertaken, and local issues identified, as detailed in the report.

Scottish Fire Rescue Service ward update noted.

10 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;

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

(3) of the work carried out by SFRS in reducing the amount of water deaths in Scotland by running a QR code campaign around the city's waterways and due to the success of the campaign SFRS had now initiated the same strategy for road safety linking the QR code to Road Safety Scotland sites;

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

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

11 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 Drumchapel/Anniesland Area Partnership's Budget allocation for 2023/24 was £84,175 and that £34,738 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £49,437; 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 6 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*
Drumchapel Community Business	Towards the costs of a public access defibrillator to be sited externally at Drumchapel Community Business Park	Refused to source alternative funding
G15 Youth Project	Towards the costs of outdoor equipment, gaming console and youth club equipment	Awarded £2,446.15
G15 Thriving Places	Towards the costs in new organisational signage, posters, flyers, business cards and website and emails	Awarded £2,000
Active Schools	Towards the cost to provide extracurricular activity in schools to increase physical activity and participation in sport for Knightswood	Awarded £1,600

	Secondary School and Blairdardie Primary School	
3D Drumchapel	Towards the cost of purchasing furniture, play equipment and other resources to equip the applicant for a move back to the Drumchapel Community Centre	Awarded £3,777
Pikeman Family Learning Centre	Towards the cost to purchase 2 iPads to support access to children's online journals, completion of forms online, English as an Additional Language for families with translation and for families to manage their finances	Consideration continued for further information
The Glasgow Group of the Riding for the Disabled Association	Towards the cost to provide 16 weeks of adapted horse-riding for 12 pupils from Abercorn School who have communication and behaviour needs	Awarded £3,384
YoMo	To assist with the cost with additional staffing to support 10 local young people for 6 months for the current Walk and Talk programme	Awarded £1,109
*Central and West Integration Network	Towards the costs for sessional worker for 10 hours per week for a 6-month period to run twice weekly volunteer sessions within Growchapel Allotments	Consideration continued for further information
*Early Years Scotland - Buggy Buddies	Towards the costs of a 5 8-weeks free group buggy walk programmes in Drumchapel	Consideration continued for further information

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

Area Budget 2023/24 – Application for funding for Drumchapel Winterfest refused.

12 In terms of paragraph 12.4 of the Governance Framework, there was submitted, as a matter of urgency, a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance regarding an application by Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability for funding of £8,417 for the Drumchapel Winterfest event to be held on 5th November 2023.

After discussion and consideration by the Partnership the application was refused after failing to secure the 2/3 majority of votes required for approval.