ANDERSTON/CITY/YORKHILL AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Item 1
23rd November 2023

Minutes of meeting held on 14th September 2023, Townhead Village Hall, Glasgow.

Anderston/City/Yorkhill Area Partnership.

Present: Councillor Angus Millar (Chair) and Councillor Philip Braat, Glasgow City Council; Inspector Jonathan Watters, Police Scotland; Graeme Morrow, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Susie Anderson, North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network; James Rouse, Anderston Community Council; Irene Loudon, Blythswood and Broomielaw Community Council; Nora Hytiris, Garnethill Community Council; Gary Atkinson, Merchant City and Trongate Community Council; Michael Glen, Townhead and Ladywell Community Council; Anne McPherson, Yorkhill and Kelvingrove Community Council; and Lise Fisher, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Apologies: Councillor Eva Bolander and Bailie Christy Mearns, Glasgow City Council.

Attending: D Brand (Clerk); R O'Sullivan (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance); R Barton, S Battye, I Elder and A Paterson (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability); and G Taylor, North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network.

Approval of substitute noted.

1 In terms of the Governance Framework, in the absence of the representative and substitute representative from Garnethill Community Council, the Chair had approved the attendance of Nora Hytiris to represent them at this meeting.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

2 The minutes of 15th June 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

(1) Susie Anderson was the new representative for the North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network;

(2) Anne McPherson was now the substitute representative from Yorkhill & Kelvingrove Community Council; and

(3) Inspector Mhairi Crawford had replaced Sergeant John Brown as the substitute representative from Police Scotland.

Anderston/City/Yorkhill Area Partnership Workplan - Update noted.

4 There was submitted and noted a report by Community Empowerment Services regarding the workplan for this partnership, advising

(1) of future meeting dates for the remainder of 2023/24, as detailed in paragraph 2.2 of the report; and

(2) that members were invited to discuss and agree both the frequency of standard agenda items, as detailed in paragraph 2.1 of the report, and any additional agenda items they wished to be included on future meeting agendas.

District Regeneration Frameworks – Update noted etc.

5 With reference to the minutes of the City Administration Committee of 14th May 2013 (print 2, page 25) approving the District Regeneration Frameworks (DRF) for the Learning Quarter, Merchant City, Cowcaddens and Townhead, there was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, providing an update of the DRF for Cowcaddens, Townhead, Learning Quarter and Merchant City, advising that

(1) the development of a DRF for each of the 9 districts was a 10-year regeneration plan with a series of short, medium and long-term actions that combined strategic planning and place making with shorter term operational and environmental improvements;

(2) the framework had been developed collaboratively by a multi-disciplinary team who had worked with the local community, stakeholders and organisations within both the public and private sectors; and

(3) a draft action plan had been developed as a result of the recommendations and proposals and would be incorporated into the new City Centre Strategy which would run from 2024 to 2030.

After consideration, and having heard a presentation by Ian Elder, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, outlining the proposals for each of the 4 districts, the Partnership

(a) noted the report; and

(b) thanked Mr Elder for his informative presentation.

PlaceStandard: Local Place Plans and Play Sufficiency - Presentation noted.

6 There was heard a presentation by Gillian Dick, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, outlinging Glasgow's Open Space Strategy which was a corporate strategy that would align the work of various council services to deliver a variety of benefits for people and nature in Glasgow in line with the strategy's 3 outcomes, which were to enhance the city's liveability, the health and wellbeing of the city's population and the long-term resilience of the city in relation to issues such as climate change.

After consideration, the Partnership noted

(1) the report; and

(2) thanked Gillian Dick for her presentation.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service ward update noted.

7 There was submitted a report by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service regarding the Community Safety Report detailing the current issues, incidents and work being carried out in the ward for Quarter 1, from 1st April to 30th June 2023.

After consideration, the Partnership

(1) noted

(a) the report;

(b) that a report would be brought back to the Partnership early next year following the consultation relation to the future of the Cowcaddens fire station site; and

(2) raised their concerns about the withdrawal of appliances across the sector, as well as the future of Cowcaddens Fire Station.

Police Scotland Ward update noted

8 There was heard and noted a report by Inspector Jonathan Watters, Police Scotland, advising

(1) of the ongoing issues being reported for youth disturbances in the city centre;

(2) that the Service had seen an increase in calls relating to mental health;

(3) of their promotion of e-bike safety, in partnership with delivery companies, to address the challenges their employees were facing and to work on solutions to resolve the issues that continued to be raised;

(4) of upcoming events that had been organised to address busking in the city centre, begging and crime against retailers;

(5) that the city centre policing plan, which drafted in police officers from outwith the city centre, had been reduced to Fridays and Saturdays only;

(6) of the budget constraints that Police communities were facing but that Police Scotland would continue to prioritise crimes to protect vulnerable people;

(7) of the events that had been held for elderly citizens to help them identify online scams; and

(8) that the Your Police Survey was now live and analysed weekly, would be anonymous, would 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.

Connecting Yorkhill & Kelvingrove Project - Presentation noted.

9 There was heard and noted a presentation by Ross Barton and Sophie Battye, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, outlining the results of the Phase 1 Yorkhill concept design consultation, and the next steps in the Connecting Yorkhill and Kelvingrove project, advising

(1) that the consultation had been carried out over a 4 week period during April and May 2023 and that 160 survey responses had been received;

(2) that the results had shown that the majority of those who had responded were either fully in favour of the proposals or partially in favour;

(3) of the stakeholder feedback and design changes which had been considered following suggestions which had been made as part of the consultation; and

(4) of the current progress and next steps in relation to Phase 1 and 2 of the project.

Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network update noted.

10 There was submitted and noted a report by Susie Anderson, 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-update/;

(3) of the work carried out within the ward, which included concerns with regards to the cost of living crisis and the loss of funding for staff within the ward and across the north west of the city; and

(4) of the events that had taken place in the ward, as detailed in the report.

Local Parks and Open Space Improvement Fund 2021/22 and 2022/23 – Update noted.

11 There was submitted and noted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, providing an update on investment of the Local Parks and Open Space Improvement Fund within the Anderston/City/Yorkhill Ward from funds allocated in 2021/22 and 2022/23, as detailed in the report.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund 2022/23 update noted.

12 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, regarding the Anderston/City/Yorkhill 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 the 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; and

(b) requested a progress report on what's already been approved to track delivery of existing projects.

Area Budget 2022/23 – Applications for funding dealt with etc. – Declarations of interest.

13 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 Anderston City Yorkhill Area Partnership's Area Budget allocation for 2023/24 was £62,446.05 and a total of £39,323.45 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £23,052.60; and

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

After consideration, the partnership

(a) noted the position regarding the Area Budget allocations for 2023/24;

(b) noted the applications dealt with under delegated functions, as detailed in the report; 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*
Garnethill Neighbourhood Watch	Towards the running costs of meetings, ink, mobile top-up, self-defence course and first aid training	Approved £900
ESOL forum	Towards the provision of women only classes at the Pyramid to deliver 26 weeks of ESOL classes	Approved £5,901
G3 Growers	Towards the installation of 5 permanent raised beds	Refused to source alternative funding
*Stepping Stones For Families	Towards the associated costs of running community events	Approved £5,110
**The Pyramid	Towards the cost of a defibrillator	Approved £500
ENABLE Glasgow	Towards the cost to provide equipment to enable service users	Refused due to low

	at Esmond Street facility to have quality of life	number of beneficiaries, as well as lack of wider community benefit
Police Scotland	Towards the cost of purchasing e-bicycles for local community police officers in the city centre	Refused to source own funding or alternative funding
Central Gurdwara Singh Sabha	Towards the provision of Punjabi classes and community based Events	Approved £850
St Mungo's Primary School	Towards the provision of equipment to deliver outdoor learning	Approved £2,928
YoMo (Glasgow)	Towards the cost of providing a Walk and Talk service that supports young people's mental health	Approved £1,109

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

** Councillor Braat and Susie Anderson declared an interest in this application and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon.