Item 1

30th October 2024

DRUMCHAPEL/ANNIESLAND AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Minutes of meeting held on 18th September 2024, Netherton Community Centre.

Present: Councillor Anne McTaggart (Chair) and Councillor Fyeza Ikhlaq, Glasgow City Council; Station Commander Ben Adams, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Sergeant Fahad Bashir, Police Scotland; Kenna Campbell, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Douglas Taylor, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network; Paul Maher, Blairdardie and Old Drumchapel Community Council; Elspeth Kerr, Drumchapel Community Council; Ellen Wright, High Knightswood and Anniesland Community Council; and Ross MacPhee, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Apologies: Councillor Paul Carey, Glasgow City Council and Inspector Derek Gibson, Police Scotland.

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

Appointment of substitute approved.

1 In terms of paragraph 6.10 of the Governance Framework, the Partnership noted that

(1) in the absence of the representatives from Police Scotland, the Chair had approved the attendance of Sergeant Fahad Bashir to represent Police Scotland at this meeting; and

(2) in the absence of Paul Maher from Blairdardire Community Council, the Chair had approved the attendance of Bill Mathieson to represent Blairdardie Community Council at this meeting.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

2 The minutes of 1st May 2024 were submitted and approved whilst noting that Elspeth Kerr had submitted her apology for the previous meeting.

Glasgow Community Planning Partnership Governance Framework - Membership update noted – Request to Head of Policy and Corporate Governance.

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) Ross MacPhail had been appointed as the new co-opted member for Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability;

(2) Station Commander Ben Adams had been nominated as the new representative for Scottish Fire Rescue Service replacing Station Commander Kenny McCartney; and

(3) Kenna Campbell had been nominated as the new representative for Glasgow Health and Social Care Partnership and Stephanie Thomson as the new substitute representative.

Local Parks and Open Spaces Improvement Fund update noted - Request to Head of Policy and Corporate Governance.

4 With reference to the minutes of 1st May 2024, there was submitted and noted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS), regarding the 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 in the report.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report;

(b) highlighted

(i) that High Knightswood and Anniesland community council and Blairdardie community council had not agreed to some of the projects that had previously been approved from the 2021/22 fund namely play area improvements at Gorget Avenue totalling £9,088 and the refurbishment of railings at Drumchapel Park totalling £35,994;

(ii) a concern raised by Blairdardie and Old Drumpchapel community council that they felt the Partnership as a whole, were not fully supported by Council officers; and

(iii) High Knightswood and Anniesland community council had submitted a letter of complaint in relation to the community council not receiving their full allocation of the fund and that 4 projects had been submitted and were still awaiting funding; and.

(c) requested the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance to have an informal meeting with Kevin McCormick, NRS, the 3 community councils and elected members of this Partnership to discuss all allocations and funding.

Festive Lighting 2024/25 update noted – Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

5 With reference to the minutes of 1st May 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 whether 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;

(3) that members should approve the necessary funding for any additional costs over and above the central funding, which could be approved by delegated authority to the Director of Communication and Corporate Governance in consultation with the Chair during October 2024, following receipt of the updated pricing table; and

(4) that approved funding in excess of the central funding would be deducted from the Drumchapel/Anniesland Area Partnership 2024/25 Area Budget allocation.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report;

(b) agreed that festive lighting for the ward would be approved by holding an additional meeting, which would be held via Microsoft Teams at the end of October 2024, after final updated prices had been confirmed during October 2024;

(c) highlighted that the location for a Christmas tree on Kirkhope roundabout was off-road and not on road as indicated in the report and that Ross MacPhail, NRS would confirm the exact location at the additional meeting in October; and

(d) requested

(i) costings for a natural tree and lights at Knightswood Cross, as indicated by High Knightswood and Anniesland Community Council; and

(ii) costings for a natural tree at the corner of Kirkhope Drive, as indicated by Blairdardie and Old Drumchapel Community Council.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund - Community engagement update noted - Request to Head of Policy and Corporate Governance.

6 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 to start in Autumn 2024 and the kind of 'people' resource that was needed, had been identified at this stage to be predominantly co-ordination, survey creation, people who could do community engagement with people in the area, and data analysis;

(2) the Communities Team would still carry out much of the 'feet on the ground' engagement, with additional support from across the Council Family and other key partners.

After consideration, the Partnership noted

(a) the report;

(b) that High Knightswood and Anniesland Community Council, Blairdardie and Old Drumchapel Community Council and Drumchapel Community Council had already identified their priorities on what they wish to spend their proportionally split of the fund;

(c) that Judith Hunter, Communities Team would be leading on the development and delivery of a new community budgeting model in conjunction with a range of key stakeholders within the public and Third Sector;

(d) that the Communities Team would arrange a meeting with the 3 community councils to agree a collective approach to the allocation of the £1m Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund for the ward and would invite Dougie Taylor, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network and the elected members; and

(e) to allow NRS to finalise costs, any projects for consideration would be brought to future Partnership meetings to be approved and the decision minuted.

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

7 With reference to the minutes of 1st May 2024, there was submitted and noted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS), regarding the Drumchapel/Anniesland Infrastructure Fund, advising of the progress in relation to the process to support the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund including a summary of commitments to date, as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report.

After consideration, the Partnership

(1) noted the report;

(2) raised questions in relation to what the NIIF could be used for namely, if gully cleaning and community buildings could be included, all which Ross MacPhail, NRS addressed; and

(3) requested information from the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding the gully cleaning programme and to provide timescales of when it was due to commence in Drumchapel/Anniesland and how many machines were available within the City.

North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network - Update noted.

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

Police Scotland ward update noted - Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability and Police Scotland.

9 There was heard a report by Sergeant Fahad Bashir, Police Scotland, advising the Partnership

(1) of the body worn cameras to be phased in for use by officers, with the evidence to be used to support evidence for victims, witnesses etc in court cases;

(2) that there had been no increased reports of racial violence or threats in the ward following the recent unrest across England and Northern Ireland;

(3) that reports of all suspicious activity should be reported to Police Scotland by calling 101 or via Crimestoppers at 0800 555111;

(4) of the current progress that Police Scotland was making within the ward and of the current statistics in relation to incidents within the ward; and

(5) of road safety issues within the Car Free School Zone areas that continued to be monitored along with probationer officers.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report and thanked Sergeant Bashir for the update;

(b) highlighted

(i) the ongoing issues relating to speeding vehicles on Blairdardie Drive that had been repeatedly reported to Police Scotland but nothing seems to be improving; and

(ii) issues in relation to incidents with cyclists and pedestrians within walk ways around the canals;

(c) requested the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability

(A) investigate the possibility of erecting speed bumps on Blairdardie Drive to reduce the speeding issues; and

(B) investigate whether signage regarding speed limits could be erected to help reduce speeding cyclists and to make them aware that the walking paths were for everyone to use.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service ward update noted.

10 There was heard a report by Station Commander Ben Adams, 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 1,051 incidents in the North West area with a significant decrease from 2023/24 quarter 4 due to the unwanted fire alarm incidents reduction policy being introduced;

(2) that the service had attended 422 home fire safety visits;

(3) of the work carried out by SFRS in relation to external wall cladding and that the Glasgow prevention and protection department had been supporting various businesses throughout the city with the external wall systems fire safety guidance, engaging with members of residential blocks affected and providing them with home fire safety advice;

(4) that there had been an increase in special service incidents this quarter; and

(5) that phase 1 of the SFRS consultation had concluded with phase 2 to commence in December 2024.

After consideration, the Partnership noted the report and thanked Station Commander Adams for the work carried out by the service.

Drumchapel Local Development Framework and Drumchapel Town Centre Regeneration Project update noted.

11 There was heard a report by Andy Cortetto and Johnny Pickering, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding the Drumchapel Local Development Framework (LDF) and the Drumchapel town centre regeneration project, advising

(1) that the City Development Plan proposed Local Development Frameworks (LDFs) to deliver planning change at a local level for areas of the city where it was recognised that an additional layer of planning intervention was required and that Drumchapel was 1 of the 3 areas being identified;

(2) that LDF for Drumchapel identified key issues and opportunities in the area and sets the vision and framework for future development, in line with the spatial policies of the City Development Plan; and

that projects across Scotland were part of the ongoing review of spending commitments that the UK Government was undertaking ahead of the October Budget, however, the possibility of securing funding was still hopeful and meantime, work continued on the Drumchapel Town Centre Regeneration project.

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

12 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 Drumchapel/Anniesland Area Partnership's Budget allocation for 2024/25 was £84,175 and that £46,239.98 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £37,935.02;

(3) of the returned funds that had previously been awarded to Glasgow and West of Scotland Branch to support a memorial event on the 11th May 2024, indicating that the applicant had returned a sum of £300, resulting in a reduced award of £2,025; and

(4) 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 8 applications dealt with under delegated functions, as detailed in the report; and

(b) dealt with applications for funding as follows, the grant awards being subject to the conditions detailed in the report:

Applicant	*Purpose of application*	*Decision*

Glasgow Sling Library - Babywearing Support	Towards the cost of equipment to assist with a family support in September	Consideration continued for further information
Heart of Scotstoun - Nourishing Community Wellbeing	Towards the cost of upgrading the kitchen within the centre which was well used by a wide range of beneficiaries from areas of deprivation and those affected by addiction including alcohol and drugs	Awarded £1,999.50
Parent Network Scotland - Family Wellbeing Programme	Towards the cost of providing a Wellbeing Programme for parents/carers from Knightswood Secondary School	Awarded £5,000
Drumchapel Cycle Hub	Towards the costs of supporting a cycle programme and the delivery of learn to ride and cycling safety sessions in schools and of 'Dr Bike' sessions in schools providing bike repairs and safety checks for pupils	Awarded £3,120
G15 Thriving Places - Equipment	Towards the costs of an initiative which consists of two main activities; on a larger scale a community pantry and on a smaller scale a school clothing bank	Awarded £5,000
Active Schools - Knightswood Cluster	Towards the costs of providing after school sport related activities for pupils within Knightswood Secondary School and cluster schools aimed at increasing physical activity within sport	Awarded £2,400
ESOL Scotland – Women only ESOL Class at ANYISO Charity	Towards the costs of running ESOL Women only classes, providing the opportunity to develop reading, writing, speaking and listening skills in English	Awarded £3,000
PEEK - Play in Drumchapel - Southdean & Summerhill	Towards the costs of outdoor weekly play sessions attracting up to 50 Children & Young People	Consideration continued, indicating that the applicant should apply for funding

		from the 25/26 budget
The Glasgow Group of the Riding for the Disabled Association	Towards the cost of providing 16 weeks of adapted horse-riding to twelve pupils from Parkview Primary who have communication and behaviour needs	Refused, whilst advising that the organisation look into other ways in funding
*High Knightswood & Anniesland Community Council	Towards the costs of running a winter fayre at Netherton Community Centre on 7th December 2024	Awarded £4,600

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