Item 1

13th November 2024

VICTORIA PARK AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Minutes of meeting held on 11th September 2024, by video conference.

Present: Councillor Lana Reid-McConnell (Chair) and Councillor Eunis Jassemi, Glasgow City Council; Inspector Iain Sibbald, Police Scotland; Lyndsay Thomson, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Charlie Scott, Broomhill Community Council; Dr Catherine Benton, Jordanhill Community Council; Ailie Hunter, Thornwood Community Council; Elizabeth Brown, Whiteinch Community Council and Ross MacPhail, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Apologies Councillor Feargal Dalton, Glasgow City Council and David Rennie, Broomhill Community Council.

Attending: P Yule (Clerk); P Boyce and T Monaghan (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance); K McCormick and D Dunsire (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 17th April 2024 were submitted and approved.

Glasgow Community Planning Partnership Governance Framework - Membership update noted.

2 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) Inspector Iain Sibbald had been nominated as the new representative for Police Scotland replacing Inspector Mhairi Crawford; and

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

Variation in order of business noted.

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

Police Scotland ward update noted.

4 There was heard a report by Inspector Iain Sibbald, 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 by 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 riots across England and Northern Ireland;

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

(5) 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

(6) of road safety issues within the Car Free School Zone areas that continued to be monitored.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report and thanked Inspector Sibbald for the update; and

(b) highlighted concerns and issues that were addressed by Inspector Sibbald.

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

5 With reference to the minutes of 17th April 2024, there was submitted and noted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS), regarding the Victoria Park 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

(a) the report;

(b) the update provided by Councillor Reid-McConnell on the Thornwood roundabout design, that the first working group meeting had taken place in July and provided the next stages of the public consultation;

(2) expressed their disappointment that the plan, previously agreed by the Area Partnership, to allow the 4 Community Councils to commission an external company out with the Council structure had now been rejected. Consequently, a document, on behalf of all 4 community councils, outlining queries had been sent to the Communities Team and that a written response to the queries was requested. On receipt of that information a discussion, by the community councils, would be held to enable a decision to be made on the best way to proceed with the community engagement required;

(3) approved

(a) £100,000 for the design costs and consultation process for the development at Thornwood roundabout; and

(b) £7,700 for the Solar road safety sign as detailed at Appendix 1 to the report; and.

(4) requested that the Executive Director NRS provide timelines and costings for the re-deployable CCTV units at Squire Street (underneath the footbridge), Jordanvale Avenue, Northinch Street and Thornwood Drive.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund - Community engagement – Update noted.

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 Glasgow Life and colleagues across different services from Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability; and

(3) that the Communities Team was developing a programme of community engagement for 2025 and an update would be provided.

After consideration, the Partnership noted

(a) the report; and

(b) welcomed community engagement in the ward and highlighted that when any plans were agreed they would be actioned within reasonable timescales.

Festive Lighting 2024/25 update noted – Delegated authority approved.

7 With reference to the minutes of 17th April 2024, there was submitted and noted a report by 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 it 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 Victoria Park Area Partnership 2024/25 Area Budget allocation.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report; and

(b) delegated authority to the Director of Communication and Corporate Governance in consultation with the Chair and the partnership by email, to approve additional lighting within the ward, to be deducted from the Area Budget fund after final updated prices had been confirmed during October 2024

Liveable Neighbourhoods & City Network - Yoker to Whiteinch - Update noted.

8 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, regarding Liveable Neighbourhoods (LN) within the Ward and of active travel (walking, wheeling and cycling) projects, advising

(1) of the background and progress of the Council's LN programme in the Yoker to Whiteinch LN study area which covered the areas of Yoker, Scotstoun, Jordanhill and Whiteinch and formed one of 4 areas in the second tranche of LN and approximately half of Victoria Park ward was encompassed within this;

(2) that a number of projects had been identified as potential for funding via Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund and the Place Fund;

(3) that the online and in-person community engagement provided invaluable ideas for the design team to develop specific LN projects;

(4) that information gathered on the LN study area was analysed alongside the information generated through stakeholder engagement to identify local community-based proposals and information could be found at Yoker to Whiteinch LN - RIBA Stage 1;

(5) that an opportunity had been presented to review the routing of the National Cycle Network 7 (NCN7) Glasgow West and consider the proposed City Network in this location through funds provided by SPT in late 2023 as detailed at Appendix 1 to the report;

(6) of the key proposal for this activity is to realign the NCN7 to develop segregated infrastructure from Stobcross Road to Methil Street connecting to Dumbarton Road, and it's aimed that this will connect to the forthcoming City Network and Transforming Victoria Park Drive South project, which will now be included in the City Network Phase 2; and

(7) that the Council's link to Liveable Neighbourhoods could be accessed via https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/liveableneighbourhoods.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted and thanked Derek Dunsire for the report; and

(b) raised a number of points and questions that were addressed by Derek Dunsire.

Local Parks and Open Spaces Improvement Fund update noted – Funding approved in principle etc - Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

9 With reference to the minutes of 6th September 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

(1) noted the report;

(2) raised a number of concerns and questions in relation to the recommendation of £70,000 to be used for the dirt track from the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund; and

(3) agreed that Kevin McCormack would revisit the original proposal of the dirt track and would consult with Victoria park Community Trust to identify current

costings for the dirt track and if any additional funding would be required from the Executive Director NRS being provided to the next meeting in November for approval.

North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network - Update noted.

10 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.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service – Consideration continued.

11 The Partnership agreed to continue consideration of an update on ward issues by Scottish Fire and Rescue Service to a future meeting of this Partnership.

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 Victoria Park Area Partnership's Budget allocation for 2024/25 was £59,732.90 and that £33,098.21 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £26,634.69; and

(3) 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 application 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*
Parent Community Sports Trust	Towards the costs of delivering a programme of 2 fitness classes at	Awarded £1,300

	Hyndland Secondary School from October to December 2024	
*Glasgow Community Food Markets	Towards the cost of providing residents with a food voucher to be used at Whiteinch community food market, Whiteinch Cross	Awarded £5,000 subject to relevant support documentation being provided
*Buddies Clubs and Services (Glasgow West Ltd)	Towards the costs of hosting a range of different Halloween parties	Awarded £5,957.10 subject to condition and to provide where the participants are from and that other Area Partnerships should be also contacted for funding

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