Item 1

28th August 2024

EAST CENTRE AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Minutes of meeting held on 10th April 2024, Barlanark Community Centre, Glasgow.

Present: Councillor Declan Blench (Chair); Bailie Annette Christie; Bailie Ann Jenkins and Councillor Kieran Turner, Glasgow City Council; Narjes Mehdizadeh, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; James Smith, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network; Joyce Carroll, Cranhill Community Council; and Paul Conroy, Springboig & Barlanark Community Council

Apologies: Chief Inspector Nigel Thacker and Inspector Max Shaw, Police Scotland; William McLachlan, Gartcraig Community Council and Sharon Baldwin and Gerry Baldwin, Fuse Youth Café.

Attending: E Paton (Clerk); A Moore and D Speirs (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance); Siobhan Boyle, Glasgow Food Partnership; Shona McLeod, Glasgow Life; and Francine O'Rourke (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability).

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

1 The minutes of 31st January 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) Station Commander Barry Cranstoun had been nominated as the representative and had replaced Station Commander Steven Young for Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; and

(2) Martin Lundie was no longer the co-optee for Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability and this position was now vacant.

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

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

(1) of an update on the progress of the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund and of the commitments to date

(2) that area partnerships would still be expected to allocate the full £1m initially awarded and that this funding was capital expenditure therefore could be carried forward to be spent in future financial years;

(3) of an update and timelines of the Centre of Civic Innovation community engagement process in the pilot areas of Calton (Ward 9) and Greater Pollok (Ward 3);

(4) of an update on the 6 locations which had been identified for CCTV within the ward as detailed in the appendix to the report; and

(5) of an option to investigate costing for permanent fixed CCTV cameras and the range of signal bounce from these to be located within the ward.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report; and

(b) requested that the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability carry out further assessment on costing and inspection of signal coverage at Fastnet Street for a permanent camera to be fixed and provide a report of the findings at the next area partnership meeting.

Glasgow's Food Plan – Presentation by Glasgow Food Partnership noted.

4 The Partnership heard a presentation by Ms Siobhan Boyle, Glasgow Centre for Population Health regarding Glasgow's Food Plan, advising

(1) that the vision for Glasgow was to be recognised for its good food and as a city where tasty, healthy, and affordable food was accessible for everyone;

(2) of the Glasgow Food Policy Partnership partners and how the Plan had been collaboratively developed over 2 years; and

(3) of the evolving plan and the long-term outcomes.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) thanked Siobhan Boyle for her presentation; and

(b) raised questions in relation to whether this would be rolled out across the city rather than one area as it would be beneficial for more people to have access to fruit and vegetable markets which was answered by Siobhan Boyle.

Glasgow Life – New Youth and Community Development Team – Presentation by Glasgow Life noted.

5 The Partnership heard a presentation by Ms Shona McLeod, Glasgow Life regarding Glasgow Life's new Youth and Community Team, advising

(1) that youth and community development was a key priority for Glasgow's Community Learning and Development plan and it's purpose was to support people within communities and volunteer to be involved in decisions which may affect them and the area they live in;

(2) that the Youth and Committee Team was part of Glasgow Life, Libraries and Communities;

(3) that each ward had an assigned officer from both the Youth Team and the Community Team who could be contacted if required;

(4) of the role of the Youth and Community Team within communities; and

(5) of contact details for both officers assigned to the area.

After consideration, the Partnership thanked Ms McLeod for her presentation.

Review of Community Planning and Community Empowerment Services noted - Request to Head of Policy and Corporate Governance.

6 There was submitted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance, regarding the review of Community Planning and Community Empowerment Services (CES), advising

(1) of the Glasgow's Local Outcome Improvement Plan 2024-2034 (the Glasgow Community Plan), which had been reviewed and approved by the Glasgow Community Planning Partnership (GCPP) Strategic Partnership on 13th February 2024 and that the Plan had been developed by partners during the latter part of 2023 by the GCPP Executive Board;

(2) of the Community Empowerment Services Service Reform, the next steps and key priorities, as detailed in the report;

(3) of the work carried out by the Centre for Civic Innovation Team on 2 pilot areas for the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund, namely Greater Pollok (Ward 3) and Calton (Ward 9), to learn from the prototypes and expand the engagement to other wards across the city;

(4) of the progress to date following the citizen led pilots with detailed information as detailed at appendix 1 of the report and a breakdown on proposals approved by Greater Pollok and Calton Area Partnerships as detailed at appendix 2 of the report;

(5) of the city-wide engagement work; and

(6) that the Partnership should consider whether other options for citizen engagement on the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund should be explored.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report;

(b) raised questions around the engagement process and asked whether the timescales outlined within the report were realistic to which Derek Speirs, Principal Officer, advised that staff recruitment was progressing and once completed was confident that timescales would be delivered by the end of 2025; and

(c) requested that an additional meeting be organised to discuss the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund engagement process and any proposals for the East Centre Area Partnership before the next scheduled meeting of the Area Partnership.

Police Scotland ward update – Consideration continued.

7 The Partnership agreed to continue consideration of this item to a future meeting of this Partnership.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service ward update – Consideration continued.

8 The Partnership agreed to continue consideration of this item to a future meeting of this Partnership.

Festive Lighting Programme 2024/25 noted.

9 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS) regarding the 2024/25 Festive Lighting Programme, advising

(1) that each Area Partnership would be awarded £3,600 central funding to meet the costs of erecting and maintaining festive lighting;

(2) of the festive lighting location for the ward delivered as part of the 2024/25 programme, as detailed in the report;

(3) of the standard pricing schedule for the 2023/24 festive lighting programme, and the cost to repeat the 2023/24 programme in 2024/25, as detailed in the report;

(4) that the standard pricing schedule for the 2024/25 festive lighting programme remained the same as previous years, however prices would be undergoing a review, which would be provided at the September Partnership meeting;

(5) that the Festive Lighting delivery programme was subject to a new procurement exercise for years 2025 to 2028;

(6) that the Partnership would be able to nominate additional or alternative festive lighting locations to those delivered as part of the 2024/25 programme, and that should any new location be proposed, NRS required to be notified by 28th April 2024 to allow the feasibility and cost of the new locations to be assessed and allow the 2024/25 programme to be finalised by 30th June 2024;

(7) that the Partnership would be invited to identify locations where a switch-on event was proposed to be held for either a Christmas tree or natural tree and that column mounted features would come on at the same time as the street lights on the day of installation;

(8) that if the total cost of the delivery of the festive lighting programme selected by the Area Partnership exceeded the £3,600 central funding, the balance of the funding would require to be met by the Area Partnership from other funds; and

(9) that the costs to repeat the 2023/24 programme in 2024/25 was £11,700.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted

(i) the 2024/25 festive lighting arrangements and the central funding available for the 2024/25 programme; and

(ii) that approval of the necessary funding for any additional costs over and above the central funding would be made at the September Area Partnership meeting; and

(b) raised questions in relation to the 2024/25 completion date of 30th June 2024 to which Francine O'Rourke, City Services, Events and Neighbourhood Liaison Group Manager, advised that this could be discussed and proposals presented at the next Area Partnership meeting in addition to any new locations for additional festive lighting which the partnership agreed to.

Area Budget 2023/2024 – Final Monitoring statement noted.

10 There was submitted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance regarding the Area Budget for 2023/2024, providing a final monitoring statement in relation to projects previously funded, confirming that £114,513.32 had

been allocated to various projects in the East Centre ward, representing a 99.5% spend.

Area Budget 2023/24 – Delegated application for funding noted etc.

11 With reference to the minutes of the Council's City Administration Committee of 16th February 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; and

(2) that the East Centre Area Partnership's Area Budget allocation for 2023/24 was £114,591.36 and a total of £114,513.32 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £78.04.

After consideration, the partnership

(a) noted

(i) the position regarding the Area Budget allocations for 2023/24; and

(ii) the application dealt with under delegated functions as detailed in the report.

Area Budget 2024/25 – Applications for funding dealt with – Declarations of interest.

12 With reference to the minutes of the Council's City Administraiton Committee of 21st March 2024, when the committee approved the 2024/25 Area Budget allocations, there was submitted a report by the Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities, advising

(1) of the current position in relation to the Area Partnership's budget for 2024/25;

(2) that the East Centre Area Partnership's Area Budget allocation for 2024/25 was £114,591,36 and that no funding had been allocated to date; and

(3) of the applications for funding from the Area Budget for 2024/25.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the position regarding the Area Budget allocation for 2024/25; and

(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*
166th Glasgow Scouts (Barlanark)	Towards the cost of equipment for various activities held by the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts and to purchase a lockable container to store the equipment within the premises	Awarded £3,832.25
284th Boys Brigade	Towards the cost of a residential trip to Dalgusie from 24th May to 26th May 2024 for 10 participants from the ward	Awarded £1,350
St Thomas Primary School Parent Council	Towards the cost of a trip to Clyde Valley Family Park on 4th June 2024	Awarded £3,000
Barlanark Family Learning Centre	Towards the cost of items for outdoor play where all children have access to freeflow play including sensory experiences for babies and children with ASN and an outdoor lockable storage unit	Awarded £9,764
Christ Healing Evangelical Church Glasgow	Towards the cost of hi viz jackets and for arts and crafts equipment for children to use during community activities	Awarded £1,700.84
*Glasgow East Arts Company	Towards the cost of Alexandra Park Family Festival on 20th July 2024	Awarded £1,100
St Pauls Youth Forum	Towards the cost of a 2 day trip to London for pupils from Smithycroft Secondary School	Awarded £1,000

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