Item 1

3rd September 2024

GOVAN AREA PARTNERSHIP.

Minutes of meeting held on 16th April 2024, Ibrox Parish Church, Clifford Street, Glasgow.

Present: Councillor Dan Hutchison (Chair), Councillor Richard Bell and Councillor Stephen Dornan, Glasgow City Council; Sergeant Martin Madden, Police Scotland; Melih Caner Inancli, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Deidre Gaughan, Central Govan Action Plan; Carol Ball, Drumoyne Community Council; Esme Clark, Govan Community Council; Alice Connelly, Govan East Community Council; Avril Williamson, Ibrox and Cessnock Community Council; and Karen Venables, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Apologies: Inspector Robert Anderson, Police Scotland; Station Commander Martine Barr, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; and Louise Gallagher, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership.

Attending: E Miller (Clerk); K Gannon and J Hunter (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance); and D Dunsire and M Moreaud (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability).

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

1 The minutes of 6th February 2024 were submitted and approved.

Liveable Neighbourhoods - Update noted.

2 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, regarding Liveable Neighbourhoods (LN) within the ward, advising

(1) of the background and progress of the Council's LN programme in Govan;

(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 Govan to Kingston LN - RIBA Stage 1;

(5) of the Greater Govan City Network and LN projects review as detailed in the report;

(6) of the next steps for the project as detailed in the report and that the Greater Govan City Network and Cessnock Village strip would be subject to further engagement during 2024; 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.

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

3 There was submitted and 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 that

(1) 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 updated at the August Partnership meeting;

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

(3) the costs to repeat the 2023/24 programme in 2024/25 was £105; and

(4) the Partnership could nominate additional or alternative festive lighting locations to those delivered as part of the 2024/25 programme, to be notified by June 2024 and to identify locations where a switch on event could be proposed for either a Christmas or natural tree.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report and its disappointment that Stephen Blanchflower, Group Manager, NRS had not attended the meeting to explain why Festive Lighting costs had remained the same, despite being promised that prices would reduce during 2024; and

(b) requested that

(i) Stephen Blanchflower be invited to attend the Govan Area Partnership meeting on 3rd September 2024; and

(ii) the Partnership write to Mr Blanchflower's manager to express its disappointment with the report and to explain why the promised review and reduction on Festive Lighting costs had not been provided.

Review of Community Planning and Community Empowerment Services noted.

4 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 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 found within appendix 1 of the report and a breakdown of proposals approved by Greater Pollok and Calton Area Partnerships shown in appendix 2 of the report;

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

(6) the Partnership should consider whether other options for engaging citizens on the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund should be explored.

After consideration, the Partnership noted

(a) the report; and

(b) the barriers and difficulties when trying to arrange workshops etc for communities to meet and discuss ward matters due to commitments by staff and residents during either daytime or evenings and that the process would be reviewed going forward.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service ward update noted.

5 There was submitted and noted a report by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) regarding the current issues, incidents and work being carried out in the ward for Quarter 4, from 1st January to 31st March 2024.

Police Scotland ward update noted.

6 There was heard a report by Sergeant Martin Madden, Police Scotland, advising the Partnership

(1) of the continued work by officers to control youth disorder within the ward, which was still a priority and dependant on resources available as some officers were redirected to work in the city centre particularly at weekends;

(2) of the work carried out by officers with families, Social Workers etc regarding problem youths to try and address the issues caused by youth disorder;

(3) that Police Scotland would have vans with information highlighting issues around scams, including online and telephone scams that targeted elderly and other residents; and

(4) that Inspector Anderson would be moving to another post from 27th May and that Inspector Jim Friel would replace him.

After consideration, the Partnership noted and thanked Sergeant Madden for the report and thanked Inspector Anderson for the work he had carried out within the ward.

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

7 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 Govan Area Partnership's Budget allocation for 2024/25 was £90,148.45 and that £11,906 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £78,244.56; 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 awards being subject to the conditions detailed in the report:

Applicant	*Purpose of application*	*Decision*
*Clyde Community Hall	Towards the cost of a chef to manage the kitchen and to provide monthly live entertainment at 8 of the community meals	Refused as not considered good value for money, Carol Ball dissenting
Riverside Halls	Towards the cost of supporting a lunch club each Wednesday for a period of 24 weeks during the winter months to help reduce isolation and loneliness issues within the elderly community	Awarded £2,280
St Constantine's Hall	Towards the cost of a weekly Seniors Lunch which takes place in the hall every Thursday between 12noon to 3pm and to provide financial support to the volunteer cook	Awarded £3,150
Lorne Street Primary School	Towards the cost of a 4-day residential trip to Ardmay House Outdoor Centre, Arrochar from 28th to 31st May 2024 inclusive for 12 pupils	Refused as the award did not include costs for the whole class
Halo Arts	Towards the cost of delivering a Special Education Needs community arts project 'Typically Diverse', working with up to 25 local young people and adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder and other neurodivergent conditions	Awarded £5,260 subject to confirming that the postcodes for the attendees fell within the Govan ward
Impact Arts	Towards the cost of supporting a wider programme of activities for over 100 older people aged 65 years and over with longer term health conditions and poor physical/mental health who attend the Craft Café	Awarded £8,479, subject to the organisation contacting Glasgow Council for the Voluntary Service to seek funding from another source going forward
PEEK Play	Towards the cost of continuing the one-hour weekly Street Play	Awarded £5,235, subject to clarifying

	sessions in Govan Elder Park from 4pm to 5pm from April 2024 to March 2025 for up to 50 children aged 5-11yrs and their families	if the applicant submitted an application to the Holiday Activities and Food Programme
Richmond's Hope	Towards the cost of a day trip to Wiston Lodge, Biggar for 20 individuals to enable them to meet with peers in a similar situation and to participate in therapy sessions within their immediate family group and team building activities with other families	Awarded £832
St Constantine's Nursery	Towards the cost of a day trip to Ayr for 80 children and their families on 18th June 2024 to improve health and wellbeing	Awarded £350
St Saviour's Primary School	Towards the cost of 24 P7 pupils attending a 5-day residential trip to Glencoe Outdoor Centre in June 2024 and bus hire	Awarded £1,350
**The Pearce Institute	Towards the cost of purchasing vital pieces of equipment and furnishings to enable the continuation and growth of community focused services and activities within 3 main areas – Billiard Hall, McLeod Hall and Fairfield Hall	Awarded £4,712, Avril Williamson dissenting
Weekday WOW Factor	Towards the cost of funding to support weekly sessions for 80 adults who are awaiting diagnosis or recently diagnosed with dementia	Refused as the proposed project is within the remit of HSCP support
***Govan Reminiscence Group	Towards the cost of bus hire for a day trip to the David Livingston Museum in Blantyre for 11 older members on 18th June 2024	Awarded £300
World of Film International Festival (WoFF) Glasgow	Towards the cost of supporting an increase in demand from young people aged up to 16 years to	Refused as not considered the events would be

	attend animation workshops, education masterclasses and youth screenings	well attended in the ward
Glasgow Tigers Academy	Towards the cost of purchasing 14 new jerseys for the under 17's youth flag American Football team	Awarded £415
Govan High School	Towards the cost of 25 S1 and S2 pupils who are currently participating in the applicant's School of Football programme, to attend a development trip to Madrid in May 2024	Awarded £1,000
Govan Youth Information Project	Towards the cost of purchasing16 sets of football strips for the youth teams who participate annually in the Govan Fair Cup in mix and match strips	Awarded £500, subject to the condition that if the award would not help with the purchases, the organisation would refuse the lower than requested offer
Ibrox Nursery Class	Towards the cost of bus hire for a trip to Blair Drummond Safari Park	Awarded £350

* Councillor Hutchison and A Williamson declared an interest in this item of business and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon and Councillor Bell assumed the Chair for this item only.

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

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

Area Budget 2024/25 – Application for funding by Govan Gaelic School refused, after division.

8 There was submitted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance regarding an application for funding for Govan Gaelic School towards the cost of creating a sensory area where children could take time out from a busy and noisy playground.

Councillor Dornan, seconded by Carol Ball, moved that the Partnership refuse the funding award request of £8,490.

Avril Williamson, seconded by Melih Caner Inancli, moved as an amendment that the Partnership consider a 50% award of £4,245.

On a vote being taken by a show of hands, 6 members voted for the motion and 4 for the amendment. As a two thirds majority had not been achieved, no decision could be made in respect of this funding application.

***Area Budget 2024/25 – Application for funding by The Old Govan Fair granted, after division – Declaration of interest.**

9 There was submitted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance regarding an application for funding by The Old Govan Fair towards the cost of 2 free community events, namely the annual Govan Fair on Friday 7th June 2024 and a pop-up community event to be held on the evening of the Christmas Lights Switch On event in early December 2024.

Councillor Hutcheson, seconded by Councillor Bell, moved that the Partnership approve the funding award of £9,000.

Councillor Dornan, seconded by Alice Connelly, moved as an amendment that only £5,000 be awarded for the annual Govan Fair, with a new application to be submitted to the next meeting of the Partnership to request the remaining funding for the Christmas event.

On a vote being taken by a show of hands, 2 members voted for the amendment and 7 for the motion with 1 abstention. The motion was accordingly declared to be carried.

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

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund update noted.

10 With reference to the minutes of 14th November 2023, there was submitted and noted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS), regarding the Hillhead Infrastructure Fund, advising of the progress in relation to the process to support the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund including a summary of commitments to date and an update on the work of the Centre of Civic Innovation.

After consideration, the Partnership raised issues and concerns that were addressed by Mafalda Moreaud and Karen Venables.