Item 1

27th August 2024

HILLHEAD AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Minutes of meeting held on 9th April 2024, City Chambers, Glasgow.

Present: Councillor Martha Wardrop (Chair), Councillor Ken Andrew and Councillor Seonad Hoy, Glasgow City Council; Inspector Mhairi Crawford, Police Scotland; Anna Dyer, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network; Jean Charsley, Hillhead Community Council; Mariama Bah, Students' Representative Council, University of Glasgow; Stewart Leighton, Woodlands and Park Community Council; James Findlay, Woodside Community Council; and Lise Fisher, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Apologies: Station Commander Graeme Morrow, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Mary Kate Hart and Irene Stewart, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; and Louise McKenzie, North Kelvin Community Council.

Attending: E Miller (Clerk); R O'Sullivan and D Speirs (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance); and M Hall and A O'Meara (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability).

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

1 The minutes of 30th January 2024 were submitted and approved.

Glasgow Community Planning Partnership Governance Framework – Membership noted.

2 There was submitted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration providing an update regarding membership of this Partnership, noting that

(1) following the by-election on Thursday 7th March 2024, Councillor Seonad Hoy had been appointed to this Partnership; and

(2) Mary Kate Harte and Irene Stewart had replaced Lyndsay Thomson and Kenna Campbell as the representative and substitute representative for Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership.

Police Scotland ward update noted.

3 There was heard a report by Inspector Mhairi Crawford, Police Scotland, advising the Partnership

(1) of the public consultation on enhanced CCTV technology, which would close on 2nd May 2024 and information and views could be found at Police Scotland's Use of Enhanced CCTV Technology: Public Consultation - Police Scotland - Citizen Space;

(2) that statistics for reports of incidents had decreased from the same period 2023, however had increased from last period;

(3) that reports of dishonesty calls by criminals impersonating police officers to obtain money had been reported and no personal information should be given to any callers and all suspicious activity should be reported to Police Scotland by calling 101 or via Crimestoppers at 0800 555111;

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

(5) of the continued work to combat issues around e-bikes and scooters and that a bike marking event would be held, which would be advertised to confirm the date and place; and

(6) that residents and business owners should be vigilant and ensure their properties were locked and safe, following reports of break-ins within the ward.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report and thanked Inspector Crawford for the update and all the work carried out by Police Scotland within the ward; and

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

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service – Consideration continued.

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

Connecting Woodside - Presentation noted.

5 There was heard a presentation by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS), regarding Connecting Woodside, advising of

(1) the background to the project, who the team comprised of and how the project had been funded;

(2) the works completed to date, ongoing works and future works, as detailed in the report; and

(3) the community engagement and public consultation that had taken place and that further information could be accessed at https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/article/21802/Connecting-Woodside or by contacting the officers at aidan.omeara@glasgow.gov.uk or malcolm.hall@glasgow.gov.uk.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the presentation and thanked the officers for the update;

(b) raised a number of concerns and questions that were addressed by Mr O'Meara and Mr Hall; and

(c) requested that

(i) Woodside Halls contact Queens Cross Housing Association with regard to desolate space that could be developed;

(ii) information be provided on air quality before, during and after the completion of the works; and

(iii) a site visit take place with the Partnership members, NRS officers and other representatives from the ward to be carried out at the end of April.

Glasgow Life: New Youth and Communities Team – Consideration continued.

6 The Partnership agreed to continue consideration to a future meeting a presentation by Glasgow Life regarding the New Youth and Communities Team and a report on libraries, art galleries and other matters within the ward.

Festive Lighting 2024/25 update noted.

7 There was submitted and noted a report by Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, 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 £530; 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 noted

(a) that costs to fund an additional 2 natural trees at St George's Cross would be provided;

(b) that officers from Connecting Woodside would investigate whether the project could provide funding for lights on the 5 natural trees at St George's Cross which would allow other requests within the ward to be considered; and

(c) that the Christmas lights switch-on event would take place on 3rd December 2024.

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

8 With reference to the minutes of 7th 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.

After consideration, the Partnership

(1) highlighted

(i) areas of concern regarding road patching within the ward and the poor quality of the repairs;

(ii) blocked drains and flooding issues within the ward;

(iii) health and safety concerns due to drivers going the wrong way up side streets due to a dangerous building notice on Glasgow Street, which required to be addressed; and

(iv) that line marking would be required following resurfacing work, in particular on a pelican crossing at Great Western Road;

(2) noted

(i) that Rory O'Sullivan, Community Support Officer would collate a list of issues highlighted by the Partnership to allow Lise Fisher, NRS to direct to the correct Council department for action;

(ii) that a Roads Engineer be invited to a future meeting to address the roads and flooding issues and concerns raised by the Partnership members; and

(iii) that members could submit proposals to be considered at a future meeting of the Partnership for the remaining balance of around £117k, depending on costs for the spend so far; and

(3) requested

(i) that a report detailing all road surfacing and patch works undertaken or still to be carried out within the ward;

(ii) that a finalised wish list and costs be completed before the end of 2024, with the prospect of a sub group meeting to be organised during August 2024 to include representation from across the ward in order to discuss and agree projects for consideration by the Partnership;

(iii) an updated cost for the deployable CCTV to be utilised within the ward; and

(iv) that a report be provided on the improvement work completed by the Council on roads within the ward prior to the Scottish Cycling Championships held in August 2023.

Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network update noted.

9 There was heard a report by Ms Anna Dyer, North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network (NWGVSN) providing an update on its work, advising

(1) of the continued IT recycling project “Plugged In” and that information could be accessed via https://nwgvsn.org.uk/plugged-in-it-project/ who would accept any old IT equipment to be refurbished;

(2) of the continued concerns with regards to the cost of living crisis, the demand on services and anti-social behaviour in some wards;

(3) of the concerns regarding budget cuts and job losses for Glasgow City Health and Social Care;

(4) of the impact on cuts in education;

(5) that Woodside Halls had been busy with bookings, which would continue until the end of the year and as a result, additional staff had been employed; and

(6) of the changes to parking charges and the impact that would have on members and the community, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the partnership noted

(a) the report and thanked Ms Dyer for the update;

(b) that the opening cermony for Woodside Halls had been delayed, that the Lord Provost would attend the opening and the Partnership would be invited to the cermony once finalised; and

(c) that a report on the equalities impact for parking proposals would be considered at a future meeting of this Partnership.

Review of Community Planning and Community Empowerment Services noted.

10 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

(a) noted the report;

(b) highlighted concerns regarding what investigative work had been carried out to ensure the proposals were more effective and that a more diverse selection of the community should be involved with the proposals, including elderly, disabled etc, which were addressed by Derek Speirs, Communities Manager; and

(c) noted that an updated report on the progress of the review would be provided to a future meeting of this Partnership.

Area Budget 2023/2024 - Final monitoring statement noted.

11 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 £62,858.07, including returned funds of £1,020, had been allocated to various projects in the Hillhead Ward, representing a 100% spend.

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 Hillhead Area Partnership's Budget allocation for 2024/25 was £61,838.56 and that £4,357.00 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £57,481.56; 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*
Arlington Street Community Gala 2024	Towards the cost of a Community Gala, which will take place on Saturday 29th June 2024 from 12noon to 5pm	Awarded £3,550
Renew Outdoors	Towards the cost of investing in the garden at Flourish House to return it to a standard that enables it to be used as a space to relax and enjoy	Awarded £3,152

Sensorial – Exploring Arts and Nature: A Sensory Workshop Series for the Visually Impaired	Towards the cost of workshops for visually impaired individuals which would offer inclusive, empowering and supportive sensory experiences	Consideration continued for further information
Queen Margaret Drive Festival and Great Street Play 2024	Towards the cost of the annual Queen Margaret Drive Festival on 30th June 2024	Awarded £5,000
Twilight at the Museum – Celebrating National Youth Week Scotland	Towards the cost of an evening of activity by Glasgow Life at Kelvingrove Museum on 8th November 2024 from 6pm to 9pm	Awarded £1,000
Queens Cross Gala Day	Towards the cost of the annual Gala day in August, to be held at the Firhill Complex on 17th August 2024	Awarded £1,441
Halo Arts	Towards the cost of delivering “Activ8”, a diverse, free youth holiday programme aimed at empowering and developing young people aged 8-16 through arts activities, exercise and holistic development	Awarded £4,980
WestFest – Vinicombe Street Gala 2024	Towards the cost of delivering the annual Vinicombe Street Community Gala which will take place on 8th June 2024	Awarded £5,275, subject to the conditions that the noise levels be controlled and that future funding by the organisation should include a minimum of 50% secured match funding towards the request
WestFest Kelvingrove Outdoor Ceilidh 2024	Towards the cost of delivering the annual Kelvingrove Outdoor Ceilidh, which will take place on 2nd June 2024 from 2pm to 4pm on the steps and front piazza of Kelvingrove Art Galleries	Awarded £1,000

World of Film International Festival (WoFF Glasgow)	Towards the cost of providing an increased amount of youth workshops in their festival venues in June 2024, and as part of their main festival event from 7th to 10th November 2024	Awarded £2,047.50 subject to confirmation of the venues and dates of the workshops
*Community Central Halls	Towards the cost of purchasing round tables and the essential trolleys for multiple events at CCH and Woodside Halls	Awarded £4,000
Scottish Ethnic Minority Sports Association (SEMSA)	Towards the cost of supporting 3 sports days for children during June, August and November 2024	Awarded £750

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

Hillhead Area Partnership workplan update noted.

13 There was submitted and noted a report by Rory O'Sullivan, Community Support Officer, City Policy and Corporate Governance, regarding the Partnership Workplan, regarding the frequency of standard agenda items and additional agenda points that they wished to be included at future meetings, as detailed in the report.