

LINN AREA PARTNERSHIP.

Minutes of meeting held on 25th April 2024, City Chambers, George Square.

Present: Bailie Paul McCabe (Chair), Bailie Margaret Morgan and Councillor Catherine Vallis, Glasgow City Council; Inspector Chris Thomson, Police Scotland; Station Commander Douglas Millar, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; John Harkins, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Christopher Tait, Castlemilk Community Council; Kenny Boyle, Cathcart and District Community Council; Fiona Dunwoodie, Fair Deal; Eileen Walker, Simshill and Old Cathcart Community Council; and Karen Venables, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Apologies: Councillor John Carson, Glasgow City Council; John Lawless, Carmunnock Community Council; and Lynn Thomson and Mhairi Taylor, Cathcart and District Community Council.

Attending: E Miller (Clerk); B McQuillan and D Speirs (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance); and K McCormick (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability).

Appointment of substitute approved.

1 In terms of paragraph 6.10 of the Governance Framework, the Partnership noted that in the absence of the representative and the substitute representative from Cathcart and District Community Council, the Chair had approved the attendance of Kenny Boyle.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

2 The minutes of 22nd February 2024 were submitted and approved, subject to noting that Karen Gorman had now retired and the Partnership thanked her for all of the work she had carried out within the ward.

Glasgow Community Planning Partnership Governance Framework – Membership update noted.

3 There was submitted and noted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration providing an update regarding the membership of this Partnership, advising that Croftfoot and Menock Community Council were now inactive.

Castlemilk Locality Plan update noted.

4 With reference to the minutes of 23rd November 2023, there was submitted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance, regarding the Castlemilk Locality Plan, advising

- (1) of the development of the Locality Plan, with information on the outcome of the community survey carried out, which helped identify priorities and related issues, as detailed in Appendix 1;
- (2) of the stakeholder session, held on 7th March 2024, when participants used the priorities and issues identified from the community survey to highlight actions that could be taken forward and included in the plan, as shown in Appendix 2; and
- (3) that the Locality Plan had been finalised and approved at a special meeting of Castlemilk Community Council on 28th March 2024, as detailed in Appendix 3 and the next steps would be that public services, local organisations and groups would be asked to help progress the work to achieve the outcomes, indicators and targets within the plan.

After consideration, the Partnership noted

- (a) the report and thanked Brian McQuillan for all of the work carried out by him on the Locality Plan;
- (b) that Brian McQuillan would still be working in the Communities Team and work would continue with Glasgow Life and other partners to ensure the plan continued until completion; and
- (c) that funding from the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund could be considered towards some of the priority projects, including CCTV to combat fly-tipping and dog fouling etc.

Police Scotland ward update noted.

5 There was heard and noted a report by Inspector Chris Thomson, Police Scotland, advising

- (1) of the issues within the ward with youth disorder and anti-social behaviour and that officers had been engaging with the youths to try and combat and reduce the issues, in particular with the upcoming school holiday period;
- (2) of the significant resource challenges, which would be addressed by Police Scotland; and
- (3) that Police Scotland hoped to re-commence attending community council meetings again over the next few weeks.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service ward update.

6 There was submitted and noted a report by Station Commander Douglas Millar, 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, advising the Partnership

- (1) that the Service had attended 10 fires, with no fatalities, 14 Special Services and that over 200 home fire safety visits had been carried out in the south of the city;
- (2) of the work carried out by SFRS Community Action Team to address fly-tipping, water safety, anti-social behaviour etc; and
- (3) that the Service had attended 21 unwanted fire alarm signals, which was seen as a large reduction since the new policy had come into force.

Health and Social Care Partnership - South Glasgow update noted.

7 There was submitted a report by the Chief Officer, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership (GCHSCP), regarding an update on the south of the city, advising of the work carried out by GCHSCP, including the Linn ward, as detailed in the report, and a copy of the alcohol and drug training calendar.

After consideration, the Partnership noted

- (1) the report; and
- (2) that information on upcoming courses could be advertised and circulated by community groups.

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

8 With reference to the minutes of 23rd November 2023, there was submitted and noted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS), regarding the Linn Infrastructure Fund, advising of the progress in relation to the process to support the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund (NIF) including a summary of commitments to date.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (1) noted the report;

- (2) requested consideration be given to re-surfacing at Old Cathcart Road footways and the roundabout at Crofffoot, which Karen Venables would provide costs for;
- (3) approved funding of £20,487 towards project capital costs, project management and fencing work in Castlemilk Park;
- (4) agreed to hold a meeting via video conference with the ward's Elected Members, Community Councils, NRS and community groups at the end of May 2024, to discuss and agree how the NIF should be split across the ward, with any proposals to be confirmed for pricing by NRS that would allow projects to be brought forward for discussion and approval at the next Partnership meeting.

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

9 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

- (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

- (a) noted
 - (i) the report;
 - (ii) concerns regarding faulty lights that had not been changed but still charged, which Karen Venables would follow up with Stephen Blanchflower; and
- (b) requested that the Festive Lighting team within NRS attend the next meeting to propose different options for consideration.

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; and
- (b) raised questions and concerns that were addressed by Derek Speirs.

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 £80,436.78 had been allocated to various projects in the Linn Ward, representing a 100% spend.

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

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 Linn Area Partnership’s Budget allocation for 2024/25 was £80,437 and that £7,968 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £72,469; 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;
- (b) dealt with applications for funding as follows, the grant awards being subject to the conditions detailed in the report; and

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Purpose of application</i>	<i>Decision</i>
Active Schools – Holyrood Cluster – Community Club Programme	Towards the cost of providing extra curricular physical activity and sport with schools linking in with local clubs including, Little Dynamo, Titwood Tennis Club, Rangers FC, Celtic FC, Active Life and GCC to provide weekend and evening activities for pupils	Awarded £800
Active Schools – Castlemilk & St Margaret Mary's primary schools Sport Programme	Towards the cost of running extra curricular clubs in school, such as dance, football, girls football and to allow more opportunities for children and young people to take part in physical activity and sport	Awarded £2,000
In–House Events Solutions CIC	Towards the cost of the annual programme of free community events to be held at Queens Park Arena during 28th June to 21st July 2024	Refused as it was considered the organisation should be self-sustained
Carmunnock Village Gala Committee	Towards the cost of an annual Gala Day in Carmunnock on the 15th June 2024 from 12noon, at King George 5th Park	Awarded £5,000

Jeely Piece Club	Towards the cost of purchasing play equipment and resources	Awarded £1,250 subject to the condition that the organisation should seek match funding for any future applications
St Mirin's Primary School	Towards the cost of purchasing and installing a projector and screen in the school assembly hall	Awarded £2,000
W.I.L.D. CIC	Towards the cost of running, on a trial basis, monthly family and community "Nature Connection Sessions" that would take place outdoors at Linn Park Local Nature Reserve	Awarded £1,500 subject to the condition that the organisation should seek match funding from The new Housing Association for any future applications
Eco Drama	Towards the cost of funding £950 per school to offer 8 fully subsidised performances of The Forgotten Orchard to 4 primary schools in Linn ward during October to November 2024	Refused as not considered good value for money as only 4 primary schools selected
Kingscroft Community Group	Towards the cost of "warm space open days/nights", connecting and meeting people whilst eating and learning, basic budget and non-cooking skills such as slow cooked meals, soups, and healthy budget options	Awarded £2,300
*Castlemilk Youth Complex	Towards the cost of providing a detached and outreach youth work service throughout the year in Castlemilk aimed at young people aged 11 to 18 years old who were not currently engaged in youth work	Awarded £5,280
**Castlemilk Community Football Trust	Towards the cost of running a free Friday night football programme for young people aged 12 to 18 years olds in the community from 6pm to	Awarded £8,044

	8pm on a weekly basis, 45 weeks of the year	
***Fair Deal	Towards the cost of engaging with Braw Talent to develop a short promo film and a longer documentary about Fair Deal to celebrate their 35th anniversary	Awarded £4,500
Parkrun UK	Towards the cost of funding the setup of a local junior parkrun in King's Park to actively encourage local children to take part in sport and physical activity each week	Awarded £500 under delegated authority
WAVES	Towards the cost of additional funding to support the Charity in developing and delivering an eight-week trauma-informed practice and recovery programme which is specifically aimed at high school aged teenagers	Awarded £2,900
John Paul II Primary	Towards the cost of developing an in-school library and creative learning space not only for children but also for the wider community	Awarded £4,000
Linburn Academy	Towards the cost of developing the grounds in the temporary Linn Campus, whilst Linburn Academy is decanted, to provide an engaging and stimulating place for children to play, learn and explore outdoors, both at play and lunch times and during structured outdoor learning activities, using existing features and adding more	Refused due to the schools close proximity to the facilities in Linn Park
295th Glasgow Guides and Rangers	Towards the cost of an outdoor residential weekend in autumn 2024 for Guides aged 10 to 14 years old and Rangers aged 14 to 18 years old	Awarded £1,000
****Police Scotland	Towards the cost of purchasing 2 quad bikes which would be used by 'G' Division Police Officers to help combat antisocial behaviour	Awarded £6,667 subject to the condition that Southside Central

	within Castlemilk, Toryglen and Govanhill	and Langside Area Partnerships award funding
Cassiltoun Stables Nursery	Towards the cost of purchasing furniture and equipment	Refused as not considered good value for money
Pride Outside Glasgow	Towards the cost of an LGBTQ+ wellbeing youth programme, which would help support a 2-month Volunteer Programme during July and August 2024	Refused as the event is not connected to the Linn ward
Carmunnock and District Horticultural Society Community Gardeners	Towards the cost of purchasing 4 new long-life planters to replace the deteriorating existing planters as early in the growing season as possible on the streets and public areas of Carmunnock	Awarded £1,164
Croftfoot United Free Church	Towards the cost of helping to provide a community café resource	Awarded £4,000

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

**J Harkins and C Tait declared an interest in this application and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon.

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

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

- (c) that representatives from Castlemilk Youth Complex, Castlemilk Community Football Trust and Fair Deal be invited to provide an update on the funding awarded to the organisations, to a future meeting of the Partnership.