BAILLIESTON AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Minutes of meeting held on 23rd April 2024, by video conference.

Present: Councillor Alex Kerr (Chair) and Councillor Kevin Lalley, Glasgow City Council; Inspector Gerry Bryceland, Police Scotland; Rosalind Ramage, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Andy Gilbert, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network; Stephen Love, Brighter Baillieston; Jennifer Smith, Broomhouse Community Council; Kiera Lambie, Garrowhill Community Council; and John Malone, Swinton Community Council.

Apology: Councillor John Daly, Glasgow City Council.

Attending: E Paton (Clerk); K Kenny and D Speirs (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance); C Mooney, Glasgow Life; and N Connelly, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

1 The minutes of 13th February 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 Martin Lundie was no longer the co-optee for Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, leaving this position vacant.

Review of Community Planning and Community Empowerment Services noted.

3 There was submitted and noted 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 2024-2024 (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 in 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 agreed to be included in a full community engagement process and prior to that engagement process, would consider projects for immediate priority that would be costed by Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability and submitted to this Partnership for consideration.

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

4 The Partnership heard a presentation by Mr Charlie Mooney, 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 its' 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 Mr Mooney for his presentation.

Variation in order of business noted.

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

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

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

(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 locations for the ward delivered as part of the 2023/24 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) 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 next Partnership meeting;

(5) the Partnership could nominate additional or alternative festive lighting locations to those delivered as part of the 2023/24 programme, and that should any new locations be proposed, NRS required to be notified by 28th April 2024 to allow feasibility and cost of the new locations to be assessed and allow the 2024/25 programme to be finalised by 30th June;

(6) 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 a natural tree and that column mounted features would come on at the same time as the street lights on the day of installation; and

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

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report;

(b) requested that the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability provide clarity on

(i) as the cost of £3,600 allocated to the Partnership for Festive Lighting was set and could not be split between two sites, would the community councils be permitted to privately fundraise for a further £3,600 to provide Festive Lighting at a second location and pass on the monies to NRS to carry out the works on their behalf;

(ii) where there was a permanent tree planted with power cables for permanent lights, the costs would still be £3,600; and

(iii) whether there was a permanent electricity supply at the current Christmas tree location on Baillieston Main Street.

Police Scotland ward update noted.

7 There was heard and noted a report by Inspector Gerry Bryceland, Police Scotland, advising

(1) of the engagement work on the Wellhouse Action plan;

(2) of the emerging police impersonation within the ward resulting in fraud against elderly residents;

(3) of the increase of house break-ins and sheds within the ward;

(4) that Police Scotland would be investigating funding opportunities to support the provision of new off-road motorbikes;

(5) of the work Police Scotland were carrying out to better engage with community councils at their meetings; and

(6) this was the last Partnership meeting that Inspector Gerry Bryceland would be attending and that a replacement had not yet been identified but when confirmed, there would be a full introduction and handover.

After consideration, the Partnership thanked Inspector Gerry Bryceland for all his help and support and wished him well.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service ward update noted.

8 There was submitted and noted a report by 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

(1) that SFRS had attended 688 incidents in the North East Sector during this quarter, indicating a decrease from last year's Quarter 4 total of 921;

(2) that the changes to Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals response from 1st July 2023 had seen a significant reduction in the number of false alarm incidents attended by operational crews;

(3) that there had been 98 deliberate fires, 59 accidental fires, 43 dwelling fires, 11 non-domestic fires and that there had been no fire fatalities this quarter in the North East area;

(4) that they had attended 185 special service incidents ranging from flooding and water rescues to animals and that there had been a total of 15 special service casualties; and

(5) of the prevention and protection activities carried out by SFRS in the local community, as detailed in the report.

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

9 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 (NIF) 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 community engagement process in the pilot areas Calton and Greater Pollok; and

(4) that the Partnership were required to decide whether to fund drainage repairs, including gully cleaning and survey works at Wellhouse Hub.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report; and

(b) agreed to fund the works outside Wellhouse Hub totalling £26,839.

Area Budget 2023/2024 – Final monitoring statement noted.

10 There was submitted and noted 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, indicating that £63,838 had been allocated to various projects in the Baillieston ward, representing a 100% spend.

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

11 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 Baillieston Area Partnership's Area Budget allocation for 2024/25 was £63,838, that funding of £4,260 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £59,578; 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;

(ii) the ineligible application detailed in the report;

(iii) the applications dealt with under delegated functions, as detailed in the report; 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
*Broomhouse Community Council	Towards the cost of installing a community noticeboard in Broomhouse Park	Awarded £1,825
Caledonia Primary School Parent Council	Towards the cost for a residential trip to Blairvadach Outdoor Residential Centre from 30th August to 1st September 2024 for 29 pupils	Awarded £1,000
Cean Creige Hurling and Camogie Club	Towards the cost of a residential trip, equipment for the club, youth achievement award, a summer camp and training and test fees for a minibus licence	Rejected the youth achievement award, summer camp and training and test fees for a minibus license. Continued consideration pending a site visit of the residential trip and equipment
Garrowhill Primary School	Towards the cost to develop the outdoor classroom by purchasing recycled plastic benches, recycled plastic planters, an outdoor secure storage unit and varnish	Awarded £3,811

St Francis of Assis Primary School	Towards the cost of a residential trip to Blairvadach Outdoor Residential Centre from 17th June to 21st June 2024 for 32 pupils	Awarded £1,000
Swinton Primary School	Towards the cost of 4 benches, bark and 4 bins for the playground	Awarded £3,059
**Glasgow East Arts Company	Towards the cost of hosting The Bridge family fun day for the local community on 27th July 2024	Awarded £1,250

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

**Councillor Kerr declared an interest in this application and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon and Councillor Lalley assumed the Chair for this item only.