Item 1

22nd August 2024

ANDERSTON/CITY/YORKHILL AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

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

Present: Councillor Eva Bolander (Chair), Councillor Angus Millar and Councillor Philip Braat, Glasgow City Council; Inspector Jonathan Watters, Police Scotland; Gordon Taylor, North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network; Shogufta Haq, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; James Rouse, Anderston Community Council; Irene Loudon, Blythswood and Broomielaw Community Council; David Hughes, Merchant City and Trongate Community Council; Michael Glen, Townhead and Ladywell Community Council; John Gerrard, Yorkhill & Kelvingrove Community Council and Louise McMonagle, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Apologies: Station Commander Graeme Morrow, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; and Lise Fisher, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Attending: J Crawford (Clerk); R O'Sullivan (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance); K Gaffney and J McBride, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

1 The minutes of 21st March 2024 were submitted and approved subject to noting with regard to the request by the Partnership that the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability and Police Scotland provide a structured report including a forward plan detailing how they plan on addressing graffiti and vandalism in the City Centre.

Homelessness, Rough Sleepers & Ukrainian Refugees - Update noted.

2 There was heard and noted a verbal update by Jim McBride, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership (GCHSCP) advising of the work being carried out in relation to Homelessness, Rough Sleepers and Ukrainian Refugees within the Anderston/City/Yorkhill Ward

After consideration, the Partnership noted the update and thanked Jim McBride and the team.

Safer Drug Consumption Facility Plans - Presentation noted.

3 The Partnership heard a presentation by Kelda Gaffney, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership (GCHSCP), regarding plans to establish a Safer Drug Consumption Facility (SDCF) in the city centre advising

(1) of the background, expected benefits and of the engagement with SDCF worldwide, that included Europe, Canada and Australia;

(2) that the SDCF would be a supervised and controlled health care setting that people could consume drugs obtained elsewhere, in the presence of trained health professionals, in a clean and hygienic environment that would reduce the risk of overdose and infectious diseases, and which would provide support along with access to healthcare services;

(3) that the SDCF implementation plan had been agreed by the GCHSCP Integration Joint Board on 27th September 2023, of the Implementation Board and sub-groups that had been established and of the engagement sessions that had commenced November 2023; and

(4) of the continued work and consultation with partners to develop a pilot SDCF, the model of operation and would be the first in the United Kingdom.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report;

(b) raised questions in relation to

(i) engagement work with Police Scotland, local communities and businesses, which was responded to by Kelda Gaffney, with Inspector Jonathon Watters reassuring the Partnership of the engagement work that had taken place and was still on-going with Police Scotland; and

(ii) whether people would walk the distance to Hunter Street to use the facility; and

(c) requested that a report be circulated when more information was available.

Police Scotland ward update noted etc.

4 There was heard a report by Inspector Jonathan Watters, Police Scotland, advising the Partnership

(1) that the Retailer Against Crime group had increased their meetings to quarterly https://www.retailersagainstcrime.org/ ;

(2) that youth disorder had increased at St Enoch's shopping centre and Police Scotland had deployed more officers to this area;

(3) that drug taking in carparks and stairwells had increased and Police Scotland would seek a multi agency approach to help resolve these issues;

(4) of the recent emerging trend of protest activity within the ward and the requirement to deploy 2 to 3 officers to different locations on a weekly basis;

(5) that officers had been reminding motorists that not allowing sufficient cycle space ie at least 1.5 metres was an offence and carried a minimum penalty of 3 points and a fine;

(6) of the dedicated youth service Fearless from Crimestoppers that provided young people with the opportunity to give information anonymously https://crimestoppers-uk.org/fearless/professionals/fearless-scotland;

(7) that vandalism and grafitti in the ward was a problem and there was a dedicated member of staff who would be analysing any trends; and

(8) that Inspector Mhairi Crawford had left her post and Inspector Watters would inform members of a replacement in due course.

After consideration, the Partnership thanked Inspector Watters for the update.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service update – Consideration continued.

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

Review of Community Planning and Community Empowerment Services noted.

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 2024-34, 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 CES 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 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 on proposals approved by Greater Pollok and Calton Area Partnerships shown 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 noted

(a) the report; and

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

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

7 There was submitted and noted a report by Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, 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) 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 £7,810; 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 that

(i) there had not been a tree located at Dundasvale last year; and

(ii) that Garnethill Community Council had requested costings to the Festive Lighting team for the decoration of an existing living tree in Garnethill Multicultural Centre; and

(b) requested confirmation as to whether the living tree at Townhead was still a viable location option.

Neighbourhood Improvement Fund 2022/23 update noted – Funding approved – Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

8 There was submitted and noted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS), regarding the Anderston/City/Yorkhill Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund (NIF), advising

(1) of an update on the progress of the NIF that had been carried out and of the commitments to date totalling £613,000;

(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.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) agreed that

(i) £10,000 funding towards cobbles would be re-allocated to cobble work on Regent Moray Street; and

(ii) £32,000 funding for Old Dumbarton Road and £59,000 for Yorkhill Street would be returned to the fund, as the projects could no longer proceed due to ongoing works to those streets under the Connecting Yorkhill & Kelvingrove programmes, however funds would be reallocated at a later date;

(b) approved £20,000 road resurfacing for Somerset Place;

(c) funding previously allocated to St Patrick's Green Wall as follows:

(i) £6,000 approved in November 2022;

(ii) £16,000 approved November 2023;

(iii) £3,042 previously allocated from the Local Parks and Open Spaces Improvement Fund which had been allocated for raised beds at St Patricks Primary School for 2022/23 to be reallocated to the Green Wall project at St Patricks Primary; and

(iv) a further £44,958 of NIF funding to be allocated.

(d) requested

(i) full costings for the cobble work on Regent Moray Street to determine if it required additional funding on top of the £10,000 allocated;

(ii) indicative costings for interventions at the Elliot Street/Breadalbane Street junction(s) with Argyle Street and St Vincent Street to improve safety of this crossing;

(iii) to provide further guidance on the £100,000 of funding allocated towards installation of trees in the ward, and whether there is now an alternative programme or fund to support the installation of trees in the ward;

(iv) to provide an update regarding LED lighting, and how this replacement programme was being rolled out in the Ward; and

(v) that future reports be consolidated to include a list of all works that had been approved with updated costs and an updated schedule of delivery including completion date for each project or scheduled completion date.

Local Parks and Open Spaces Improvement Fund update - Consideration continued.

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

North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network - Update noted.

10 There was submitted and noted a report by North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network (NWGVSN) providing an update of activity undertaken, and local issues identified, as detailed in the report.

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 £62,446.05, had been allocated to various projects in the Anderston/City/Yorkhill Ward, representing a 100% spend.

Area Budget 2024/25 – Applications for funding dealt with – Declarations 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 Anderston/City/Yorkhill Area Partnership's Budget allocation for 2024/25 was £62,446.05 and that £1,864 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £60,582.05; 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) the 2 applications dealt with under Delegated Functions, as detailed in the report; and

(c) dealt with application for funding as follows, the grant award being subject to the conditions detailed in the report:

Applicant	*Purpose of application*	*Decision*
Anderston Youth Theatre	Towards the cost to keep Anderston Youth Theatre group running	Awarded £3,000
Jhankar Beats	Towards the cost of 36 weeks of dance classes for vulnerable and ethnic minority groups, with an opportunity for these groups to engage with dance based physical activity	Awarded £3,000
Anderston Primary Parents Council	Towards the cost of the Anderston Children's Festival in early September 2024	Awarded £3,330
Emmanual Christian Ministries	Towards the cost of a pilot project 'Sewing-Class' for local community destitute women to develop their occupation skills and self-confidence	Awarded £3,561, subject to condition that religious teaching does not form part of the project itinerary
Movement Park	Towards the cost of young people participating in parkour and skateboarding lessons	Awarded £1,263, subject to condition that applicant clarifies participant numbers that will benefit from the project
Eco Drama	Towards the cost of the Forgotten Orchard Project	Refused

Impact Arts	Towards running a 3-month creative employability programme targeted at young people aged 16-25yrs	Refused
Wing Hong Chinese Elderly Centre	Towards the cost to repair the communal garden improvement project 2024-Oasis on San Jai	Awarded £2,000
SiMY Community Development	Towards the funding of the introducing SiMY's first 2 paid work placements for a 6-month trial period	Refused
Townhead Friendship Club	Towards the cost of hiring the main hall for weekly group sessions for the remainder of the financial year	Awarded £1,150
WISE Mentoring CIC	Towards the cost of a Summer Holiday Project	Refused
Loop Theatre SCIO	Towards the cost of delivery of a programme of creative workshops	Refused
*Merchant City and Trongate Community Council	Towards the cost of the presentation and approval process of a new street art initiative	Awarded £500
**Glasgow Life	Towards the cost of an evening of activity at Kelvingrove Museum on 8th November 2024	Refused
WestFest outdoor Ceilidh	Towards the cost of the annual Kelvingrove Outdoor Ceilidh on 2nd June 2024	Refused
Scottish Ethnic Minority Sports Association (SEMSA)	Towards the cost of sporting activities	Awarded £1,500
WestFest	Towards the cost of delivery of the first ever WestFest Community Day at the Pyramid on 23rd June 2024	Awarded £2,895

*David Hughes and Gary Atkinson declared an interest in this application and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon.

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

Glasgow Community Planning Partnership Governance Framework – Membership update noted.

13 There was submitted and noted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration providing an update regarding membership of this Partnership, advising that both representative and substitute positions for North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network were currently vacant.

Anderston/City/Yorkhill Area Partnership workplan update noted.

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