Item 1

3rd September 2024

GARSCADDEN/SCOTSTOUNHILL AREA PARTNERSHIP.

Minutes of meeting held on 16th April 2024, Heart of Scotstoun Community Centre, Glasgow.

Present: Councillor Malcolm Mitchell (Chair), Councillor Bill Butler, Councillor Chris Cunningham and Councillor Eva Murray, Glasgow City Council; Michael Trueman, Police Scotland; Sandra Barber, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Lainy Bedingfield, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network; Robert Smith, Linkes; Scott Donaldson, Scotstoun Community Council; and Lise Fisher, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Apologies: Inspector Derek Gibson, Police Scotland; Station Commander Kenneth McCartney, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; and Sandy Busby, Yoker Community Council.

Attending: J Crawford (Clerk); P Boyce (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance); L Crawford, Glasgow Life and M Johnston-Gray, North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

1 The minutes of 6th February 2024 were submitted and approved subject to noting that

(a) Item 3 (6) that an update on the £18,000 pledged to Kingsway and surrounding areas as part of the Parks and Open Spaces Fund would be discussed at the next Partnership meeting; and

(b) Item 3 (5) Kingsway Community Council should be amended to read Kingsway Community Connections.

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 Lise Fisher had replaced Martin Lundie as the new co-optee for Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

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

3 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 Garscadden and Scoutstoun Area Partnership's Budget allocation for 2024/25 was £87,055 and that £2,100 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £84,955; 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*
*LINKES (SCIO) - Children and Youth Project	To support the costs associated with a year long programme of after school play sessions, holiday programme and youth club.	Awarded £5,000
Knightswood Community SCIO - Community Garden	To support the costs of implementing Phase 2 of the Knightswood Community Garden development.	Awarded £4,500
St Brendan's Primary – Residential Trip	To support the costs towards an outdoor residential trip to Blairvadach Outdoor Residential Education Centre for 21 x P7 pupils.	Awarded £1,000
Glasgow Life - Twilight at the Museum – Celebrating National Youth Week Scotland	To support the costs of hosting an evening of activity at Kelvingrove Museum on Friday 8th November 2024 from 6pm to 9pm for all young people who wish to participate.	Awarded £1,000
Peterson Park Playing Fields CIC - Equipment	Towards the purchase of a range of ground maintenance equipment and machinery needed to enhance the development and upkeep of a high-quality outdoor sports facility at Peterson Park.	Awarded £8,706
DRC Youth Project – Street work Initiative	To provide services on the nights that the project does not currently provide services and fund pilot diversionary	Awarded £8,706

	activities at two sites iethe allotments and the Yoker sports hall.	
**Knightswood Gala Committee – Knightswood Park Fun Day	To support the Annual Fun Day on Saturday 15th June 2024, from 12noon to 4pm at Knightswood Park.	Awarded £7,307
Men Matters Scotland – Outward Bound Project	To support the cost of extending the pilot Sundays 'Go Wild' sessions which includes mountain biking, hillwalking/climbing, fishing, kayaking, and CWT (Cold Water Therapy)	Awarded £3,000
Movement Park – Activity Costs	To support the costs of delivering the Movement Park Community Activity Project to children within Garscadden Scotstounhill that would otherwise not be able to afford the opportunity to participate in Parkour and skate sessions.	Consideration continued for further information
Barnardo's Scotland – Blairdardie Transitions Project	To support the costs of a Primary School Transitions Programme (pre-school and P7)	Awarded £3,626
Born2Be Alive Holistic & Fitness Hub (CIC) - Spring Into Summer Wellness Programme	To support the cost of purchasing resources in order to deliver a bespoke mindful movement programme for local residents facing disadvantage in the local communities addressing some of the many causes of reduced mental health and wellbeing and inequalities.	Awarded £4,240
†*Glasgow Netball Association - Victoria Park Courts	To support the costs to purchase and install new combined basketball and netball posts to support the upgrading of the current basketball court to a new facility for outdoor netball and basketball in Victoria Park.	Awarded £2,000
† St Pauls Primary - Summer Programme	To support a summer programme of extracurricular activities such as cooking, building confidence and social circles within a safe space for Vulnerable Families The initiative is to support Parents with their Children to be socially integrated within their community.	Awarded £2,628
† Westfest Ltd - Event Costs	To support the costs of delivering the Yoker Spring Festival Event for all the	Refused

	Family on Saturday 15th June 2024.	
† Heart of Scotstoun - Nourishing Community Wellbeing	To support the costs of upgrading the kitchen within the centre which is well used by a wide range of beneficiaries from areas of deprivation and affected by addiction including alcohol and drugs.	Awarded £3,999

† The Chair accepted these items of business for consideration, as a matter of urgency, in view of the timescales involved.

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

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

Police Scotland - ward update noted.

4 There was heard and noted a report by Seargent Michael Trueman, Police Scotland, advising that

(1) the Your Police Survey for 2023/24 closed on the 31st March 2024 and information from the survey could be accessed via https://consult.scotland.police.uk/strategy-insight-and-innovation/your-police-2023-2024/;

(2) the number of incidents had decreased slightly in comparison to the same period last year;

(3) incidents where Illegal dirt bikes had been used were increasing and caused problems to the public and Police Scotland;

(4) the number of reports of drivers failing to adhere to the designated School Car Free Zones had decreased and it was hoped that the education and enforcement provided by officers had been successful in ensuring this problem would not resurface;

(5) Shut out Scammers event would take place at the Riverside Museum on the 23rd April 2024; and

(6) the introduction of CCTV cameras had helped with antisocial behaviour however there had been an influx of teenagers coming into the area to buy alcohol and vapes.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service – Consideration continued.

5 The Partnership agreed to continue consideration of an update on ward issues by Scottish Fire and Rescue Service 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, which had been reviewed and approved by Glasgow Community Planning Partnership Strategic Partnership and that the Plan had been developed by partners during the latter part of 2023 via the GCPP Executive Board;

(2) of the Community Empowerment Services Service Reform, the next steps and key priorities in the reform, 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 engaging citizens on the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund should be explored.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report;

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

(c) thanked Pat Boyce, Communities Manager, and her team on all the work that they have done.

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

7 The Partnership heard a presentation by Lesley Crawford, 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 might affect them and the area they lived in;

(2) that the Youth and Community 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 noted and thanked Lesley Crawford for her presentation.

Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network update noted.

8 There was submitted and noted a report by Lainy Bedingfield, North West Glasgow Voluntary Network, providing an update on its work, advising that

(1) the main issues in the ward were:

(a) fuel insecurity and the food bank at Blawarthill Church could issue fuel vouchers;

(b) food insecurity and there were still a high number of people requesting food support; and

(c) mental health – men and young people have been reporting mental health struggles in higher numbers; and

(2) the main issues facing members were:

(a) capacity and that organisations were noting significant pressures on services which was having an impact on staff; and

(b) cost of living and residents in the ward continued to be affected adversely by the cost-of-living crisis in the country; and

(3) the Plugged In IT recycling project had been successful, however new referrals were taking time due to the success and information could be accessed via https://nwgvsn.org.uk/plugged-in-it-project/ ; and

(4) housing issues had been raised with Wheatley Group and it had not responded to date and frustrations were rising.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted that Councillor Mitchell would write to the Wheatley Group for it to attend the next Area Partnership meeting; and

(b) thanked Lainy Bedingfield for the update.

Festive Lighting Programme 2024/25 noted.

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

(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 location 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) that 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 provided at the September Partnership meeting;

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

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

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

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

(9) that the costs to repeat the 2023/24 programme in 2024/25 was £9,600.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the 2023/24 festive lighting arrangements and the central funding available for the 2024/25 programme; and

(b) approved the installation of a tree and a community driven off-road event at Knightswood shopping centre as they could not justify the cost of a repeat of the 2023/24 programme.