Item 1

17th September 2024

DENNISTOUN AREA PARTNERSHIP.

Minutes of meeting held on 30th April 2024, City Chambers, Glasgow.

Present: Councillor Allan Casey (Chair); Bailie Anthony Carroll; Councillor Elaine McDougall, Glasgow City Council; Chief Inspector Nigel Thacker, Police Scotland; Station Commander Barry Cranstoun, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Jennifer Johnstone, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Kirsteen Marshall, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network; and Ian Sheerer, Dennistoun Community Council.

Attending: E Paton (Clerk); A Moore and P Boyce (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance); S Macleod and D McCready, Glasgow Life; and L Fisher and R MacPhail (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability).

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

1 The minutes of 20th 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 and this position was now vacant; and

- Valery Tough had been nominated as the substitute representative and had replaced Frank Plowright for Dennistoun Community Council.

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 2024-34 (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.

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

4 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 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 2024/25 festive lighting programme, and the cost to repeat the 2023/24 programme in 2024/25 was still to be determined on conclusion of the tendering process, estimated to be in June 2024, as detailed in the report;

(4) that 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 June 2024 to allow the feasibility and cost of the new locations to be assessed;

(5) 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;

(6) that if the total cost of the 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 Area Partnership from other funds; and

(7) that the cost to repeat the 2023/24 programme in 2024/25 was £13,196.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) requested that the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability

(i) provide details whether purchasing artificial trees was an option as these could be used each year and would be more cost efficient;

(ii) provide the partnership with a breakdown of what was included in the cost of £3,600 for a Christmas tree to be installed; and

(iii) explore the feasibility of donating trees that had already been cut down to recycle and replant them; and

(b) agreed that when the new tender was in place, they would look at options for Festive Lighting at the next Partnership meeting.

Area Budget 2023/2024 – Final monitoring statement noted.

5 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 £65,470.73 of the budget allocation of £65,664.51 had been allocated, leaving a balance of £193.78.

Area Budget 2023/24 – Applications for funding dealt with etc.

6 With reference to the minutes of the Council's City Administration Committee of 23rd March 2023, when the committee approved the 2023/24 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 2023/24;

(2) that the Dennistoun Area Partnership's Area Budget allocation for 2023/24 was £65,664.51 and a total of £64,470.73 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £193.78; and

(3) of the applications for funding from the Area Budget for 2023/24.

After consideration, the Partnership noted

(a) the position regarding the Area Budget allocations for 2023/24; and

(b) the application dealt with under delegated functions as detailed in the report.

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

7 With reference to the minutes of the Council's City Administraiton 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 Dennistoun Area Partnership's Area Budget allocation for 2024/25 was £65,664.51, that funding of £6,974.49 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £58,690.02; 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 allocations for 2024/25; 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*
Glasgow East Arts Company	Towards the cost of Alexandra Park Family Festival on 20th July 2024	Awarded £6,500
Haghill Park Primary School	Towards the cost of a Primary 7 end of year trip and a graduation gift for all young people moving to Secondary School	Awarded £748.25
With Kids	Towards the cost to renovate part of the premises to deliver more services to the community	Awarded £5,677.48
*Royston Youth Action	Towards the cost to purchase an 8-seater mini bus that complies with the LEZ rules	Refused – to seek alternative funding
St Roch's Childcare Service	Towards the cost to improve the children's outdoor area that cater to the children's sensory needs	Awarded £977.04
Dennistoun New Parish Church Keep Fit Club	Towards the cost of the annual summer bus trip to Dumfries	Awarded £800

Seahorse Creative Arts and Publications	Towards the cost to bring creative arts to 12-15 people within the Dennistoun ward with sessions taking place in The Reidvale Centre	Refused – does not meet the criteria
Milnbank Area Resident's Social Club	Towards the cost of inflatables for the Community Gala Day on 1st June 2024	Awarded £2,000

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

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

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

8 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS), regarding the Dennistoun Neighbourhood Infrastucture Fund (NIF) including a summary of commitments to date, advising

(1) of an update on the progress of the NIF as detailed in the report; and

(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) noted the report;

(b) expressed their disappointment in relation to the progress update of the fund and that they had hoped that there would be costings for the works agreed at this meeting; and

(c) requested that the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability provide the Partnership with costings and timescales for each identified project.

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

9 The Partnership heard a presentation by Ms Shona McLeod and Mr David McCready, 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;

(5) of the ward updates and highlights within Community Development and Youth Development; and

(6) of contact details for both officers assigned to the area.

After consideration, the Partnership raised concerns in relation to the closure of Whitehill Pool and the state of the building surroundings which David McCready responded to stating that he would investigate this and ascertain when the building was being checked. Chief Inspector Nigel Thacker, Police Scotland confirmed that the community officers would look into this.

Police Scotland ward update noted.

10 There was heard and noted a report by Chief Inspector Nigel Thacker, Police Scotland, advising

(1) that the detection rates for house break-ins was at 40% which was the highest it had been in 5 years due to community intelligence;

(2) of the increase in crimes of dishonesty within the ward and that a male had been identified and charged with numerous offences;

(3) that there had been reported robberies within Dennistoun and that the male involved was arrested later the same day;

(4) that the detection rates for robbery were at 86% and detection rates for minor assaults were at 70%; and

(5) that the community continue to provide community intelligence which was critical to investigations and prevention work.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service ward update noted.

11 There was submitted and noted a report by Station Commander Barry Cranstoun, 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 the Service had attended 688 incidents in the North East Sector during the fourth quarter that had decreased 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 4 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.