Item 1

11th September 2024

SPRINGBURN/ROBROYSTON AREA PARTNERSHIP.

Minutes of meeting held on 24th April 2024, Old Springburn Library, 179 Ayr Street, Glasgow.

Present: Councillor Graham Campbell (Chair), Councillor Christina Cannon, Councillor Audrey Dempsey and Councillor Thomas Rannachan, Glasgow City Council; Inspector Colin MacLucas, Police Scotland; Barry Cranstoun, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Joan McDonald, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Julie Toal, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network; Carole Phillip, Robroyston Community Council; Helen Carroll, Springburn Community Council; Kimberely Duff, Wallacewell Community Council; John Thorburn, NG Homes, Nicola Thomas, Barmulloch Community Development Company; and Daniella Kidd, Beatroute Arts.

Also Present: Christine Bell, Glasgow City Heatlh and Social Care Partnership.

Apologies: Brian Land, Barmulloch Community Development Company, Jenny Reeve, Beatroute Arts, and Mala Jayhindaran and Shawn Nicholas Fernandez, Springburn Unity Network.

Attending: Z Chaudhry (Clerk); K Gannon and D Speirs (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance) and T Martin, Neighbhourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

1 The minutes of 14th February 2024 were submitted and approved.

Glasgow Community Planning Partnership Governance Framework – Membership 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

(1) Christine Bell had been nominated as the substitute member for Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; and

(2) Martin Lundie was no longer the co-opted member for Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, leaving this position vacant.

Police Scotland ward update noted.

3 There was heard a report by Inspector Colin MacLucas, Police Scotland, advising the Partnership that

(1) they had received information that local shops had been selling alcohol and vapes to young people under the legal age limit and that they had been working with trading standards on preventative measures;

(2) working in collaboration with First Bus to reduce anti-social behaviour on buses by youths who had taken advantage of the free bus travel had resulted in plain clothes officers being present on buses which had led to a reduction in some anti-social behavioural activity; and

(3) work in relation to spreading knowledge regarding Clare's Law was underway and if required, a form could be completed online via the Police Scotland website.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report;

(b) highlighted areas of concern regarding the lack of local police support to the public and the local police also not receiving the support that they require and due to this, members of the Area Partnership would write to Police Scotland's Commissioner and the Justice minister with their concerns; and

(c) further highlighted concerns in relation to the use and number of quad bikes and e-bikes causing issues within the ward.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service ward update noted.

4 There was heard 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 the Partnership

(1) that the Service had attended 688 incidents in the North East, area these being 157 fires and 346 false alarms;

(2) the changes to Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS) response from 1st July 2023 had seen a decrease of 35% in the number of false alarm incidents by operational crews; and

(3) the Scottish Fire and Rescue "Make the Call Campaign" was appealing to communities across Scotland to help save a life and consider home fire safety when checking in on vulnerable neighbours, patients, friends, and family members and to put them in touch with Scottish Fire and Rescue Service wherever possible using the free home fire safety visit phoneline.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund update noted.

5 There was submitted and noted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS), regarding the Springburn/Robroyston Infrastructure Fund, advising of the progress in relation to the process to support the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund including a summary of commitments to date.

After consideration, the Partnership noted that

(1) noted that £100,000 had been committed to date for road resurfacing, footway improvement, street lighting investment, drainage repairs, and street furniture;

(2) CCTV work was still ongoing, and an update would be provided as soon as information was available;

(3) there would be an update provided at the next meeting of this partnership regarding the proposals for the Brunswick Community Development Trust; and

(4) they would like to explore a large-scale investment that would last long-term, indicating that Springburn Town Centre should be a priority area.

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 2024-2034 (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 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 noted

(a) the report;

(b) that Derek Speirs, Communities Manager would liaise with local community councils with regards to consultations and engagements in order to support plans for the ward; and

(c) noted 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 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 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 £10,000; 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 members should submit proposals of new locations to NRS festive lighting team by June 2024 and that approval of funding and locations would be confirmed at the next area partnership meeting; and

(b) requested that the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability assess an issue with a high tree at Robroyston Road and carry out repairs, if required.

Area Budget 2023/2024 - Final monitoring statement noted.

8 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 £91,978.73, had been allocated to various projects in the Springburn/Robroyston Ward, leaving a balance of £8,340.86 representing a 92% spend.

Area Budget 2024/25 - Applications for funding dealt with etc.

9 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 that the Springburn/Robroyston Area Partnership's Budget allocation for 2024/25 was £100,319.59; and a total of

(2) £1000 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £99,319.59; 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 award being subject to the conditions detailed in the report:

Applicant	Purpose of Application	Decision
Acredyke Nursery	Towards the cost of funding towards the cost of purchasing equipment	Awarded £9,500
Robroyston Parish Church	Towards the cost of funding to run a community cafe	Continued consideration for further information
North Glasgow Community Food Initiative	Towards the cost of purchasing a van	Awarded £8,700
North Glasgow Community Food Initiative	Towards the cost of funding summer community events	Awarded £1,332

*Spirit of Springburn	Towards the cost of funding summer street festival	Awarded £5,343
Springburn Auditorium	Towards the cost of funding accessible toilets at free community day	Awarded £1,639.20
Springburn Park Men's Shed	Towards the cost of funding the refurbishment of the old works depot within Springburn Park	Awarded £9,888
Present Community	Towards the cost of funding to restore the statue at the front of Springburn shopping centre	Awarded £9,820
Springburn Unity Network	Towards the cost of running a community litter pick in the Springburn/Robroyston ward	Awarded £500
Pinkston Water Sports	Towards the cost of running a large event for the local community	Awarded £1,667
All Saints Secondary School	Towards the cost of funding for a school trip to the Camp Nou and kit for the pupils	Withdrawn due to time constraints
Alive and Kicking	Towards the cost of funding group attendees on a golfing experience at Golf It	Awarded £3,200
International Womens Group	Towards the cost of funding an 18 week programme	Awarded £3,210
C7 City Reach	Towards the cost of funding men and women support groups	Awarded £5,445.24

Friends of Littlehill Golf Course	Towards the cost of funding the 100-year anniversary of the club	Awarded £3,325
**Glasgow East Arts Company	Towards the cost of Alexandra Park Family Festival	Awarded £500

*Helen Carroll and John Thorburn declared an interest in this application and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon.

**The chair accepted this item of business for consideration, as a matter of urgency, in view of the timescales involved.