

VICTORIA PARK AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Minutes of meeting held on 12th February 2025, City Chambers, Glasgow.

Present: Councillor Lana Reid-McConnell (Chair), Councillor Feargal Dalton and Councillor Eunis Jassemi, Glasgow City Council; Inspector Iain Sibbald, Police Scotland; Station Commander, Ben Adams, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; David Rennie, Broomhill Community Council; Dr Catherine Benton, and Jordanhill Community Council; Séamus-Pádraic Gallagher, Thornwood Community Council.

Apology: Elizabeth Brown, Whiteinch Community Council.

Attending: P Yule (Clerk); T Monaghan and P Boyce (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance); and L Lovelock, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network.

Minutes of previous meeting approved etc – Funding approved - Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

1 The minutes of 13th November 2024 were submitted and approved, subject to the following

- (1) at Item 5(1), regarding previously requested costings for re-deployable CCTV units at Squire Street (underneath the footbridge), Jordanvale Avenue, Northinch Street and Thornwood Drive at a cost of £5,500, Councillor Reid-McConnell advised the Partnership that no costings had been received and as a result requested the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability to provide costings for consideration at the next meeting; and
- (2) at Item 5(b), regarding the approved, in principle, funding of £15,000 towards the costs of the completion of the dirt track at Victoria Park pending clarification from officers, the Partnership following discussion, approved the funding of £15,000 for the project.

Glasgow Community Planning Partnership Governance Framework – Membership noted etc – Request to the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance.

2 There was submitted and noted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration providing an update regarding membership of this Partnership, advising

- (1) that Charles Scott was no longer the substitute representative for Broomhill Community Council leaving the position vacant; and

- (2) of the amendments to the Governance Framework that related to Area Partnerships.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report; and
- (b) requested that the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance explore local and relevant community groups from across the ward, to allow members to consider and approve organisations as representatives to join the Partnership in the future.

Police Scotland ward update noted.

3 There was heard a report by Inspector Iain Sibbald, Police Scotland, advising the Partnership, advising

- (1) that Inspector Colin MacLucas had been newly appointed as the Area Commander;
- (2) of the current progress that Police Scotland was making within the ward and of the current statistics in relation to incidents within the ward;
- (3) that Police Scotland had seen a decrease in car crime and highlighted not to leave cars unattended whilst defrosting vehicles;
- (4) that road safety engagement within Car Free School Zone areas continued and illegal parking monitored around school premises; and
- (5) that there had been no concerns/incidents raised at Nasbey Park.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report and thanked Inspector Sibbald for the update; and
- (b) highlighted concerns and issues that were addressed by Inspector Sibbald.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service ward update noted.

4 There was submitted and noted a report by Station Commander Ben Adams, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service regarding the current issues, incidents and work being carried out in the ward for Quarter 3, from 1st September to 31st December 2024, advising

- (1) the Service had attended 1,147 incidents in the North West area, these being 304 fires, 239 special services and 604 false alarms;

- (2) Q3 of 2024/25 saw an overall reduction of 10% in incidents attended in the North West compared to last year's Q3 total;
- (3) the changes to Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS) response from 1st July 2023 had seen a decrease of 16% in the number of false alarm incidents attended by operation crews;
- (4) the figure of 170 Deliberate Fires in Q3 2024/25 indicated a decrease of 21 from last year's quarter however remains below the 5-year average;
- (5) the figure of 65 Dwelling Fires in Q3 2024/25, this indicated an increase of 3 as the previous year's quarter;
- (6) overall, there were 13 fire casualties in total, all of which were as a result of accidental dwelling fires, of these, 11 resulted from accidental dwelling fires, whilst 2 occurred in outdoor settings; and
- (7) that during the Q3 period, SFRS attended 239 special service incidents, ranging from flood and water rescues to animal rescue.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report and thanked Station Commander Adams for the work carried out by the service; and
- (b) that the Partnership were supportive in helping SFRS in youth engagement within the Ward and made recommendations on work engagement.

Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership – Consideration continued.

5 The Partnership agreed to continue consideration of a ward update by Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership to a future meeting.

Development of Area Partnership Plans noted.

6 With reference to the minutes of 24th April 2024 noting the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP) and the service reform of Community Empowerment Services, there was submitted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance regarding the development of Area Partnership Plans, advising

- (1) that one of the key actions identified as a priority for the newly formed Communities Team was to support Area Partnerships in the development of Area Partnership Plans that would define local ward priorities and areas of need, highlight the resources and infrastructure available and ensure any future investment of resources were effectively targeted in response to the actions plans;
- (2) of the proposal to develop the action plans to leverage community-identified

data and the work undertaken with colleagues from Strategic Information, Innovation & Technology in the development of Area Partnership dashboards, as detailed in the report;

- (3) that the proposed plans would have clear strategic links with the Child Poverty Programme, Thriving Places and or Local Place Plans and Health and Social Care Partnership Sector Plans; and
- (4) the next steps and a proposed timeline of the process that would be undertaken in 2025/26 as detailed at Appendix 1 of the report.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report;
- (b) raised questions and welcomed holding development sessions with local groups to identify local needs and to suggest initial priorities; and
- (c) agreed the proposed timeline for the development of Area Partnership Plans as detailed at appendix 1 of the report.

North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network - Update noted.

7 There was heard and noted a report by Lynn Lovelock, North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network providing an update of activity undertaken, and local issues identified.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund Programme – Community engagement update noted – Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods Regeneration and Sustainability.

8 There was submitted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance, regarding the next stages for community engagement on the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund (NIF) programme, advising

- (1) of the current NIF allocation across the Area Partnerships and the challenges faced by Partnerships regarding generation of ideas, timescales of the funds, community engagement and allocation;
- (2) that Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS) would provide a progress report to the next meeting of the Partnership, which would include up to date costings and allocations for each ward, information on the new internal processes for the NIF and templates for the recording of ideas; and
- (3) that members should advise how the process of NIF allocations should continue, how the remainder of the £1m fund should be allocated and what support would be required from the Communities Team.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report;
- (b) raised concerns in relation to the lack of progress;
- (c) agreed that the Partnership would revisit the list of proposals that had already been collated and welcomed any new suggestions that could be taken forward for costing;
- (d) requested that Executive Director of Neighbourhoods Regeneration and Sustainability
 - (i) arrange an informal meeting with Judith Hunter, Communities Team and the 4 Community Councils to discuss all proposed projects to see what could/could not be considered; and
 - (ii) provide clarity on the volume/number of potential projects that could be submitted by the Partnership for costings; and
- (e) highlighted that
 - (i) the Partnership already had good support and community engagement in place;
 - (ii) both Councillor Dalton and Councillor Jassemi were supportive of the 4 Community Councils in whatever they wished to choose; and
 - (iii) that although frustrated with the process, the Partnership were keen to move forward with potential projects.

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;
- (2) that the Victoria Park Area Partnership's Budget allocation for 2024/25 was £59,732.90 and that £57,291.81 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £2,441.09; 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; and
 - (ii) the 6 applications dealt with under delegated functions, as detailed in the report; and
- (b) dealt with applications for funding as follows, the grant awards being subject to the conditions detailed in the report:

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Purpose of application</i>	<i>Decision</i>
Weekday Wow Factor	Towards the cost to pilot additional activities that would be incorporated within existing daytime discos at the Victoria Park Bowling Club	Awarded £940
Victoria Park Community Trust	Towards the cost to undertake essential repair and service work to the Oswald Clock	Awarded £900

Area Budget 2025/26 – Applications for funding dealt with etc - Declaration of interest.

10 There was submitted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance, advising

- (1) that the Area Budget had still to be agreed by the City Administration Committee and any revisions to Area Budget allocations for 2025/26 would be detailed in a future report;
- (2) that Area Partnerships had the option to approve a portion of funds from its 2025/26 Area Budget at the January/February 2025 cycle of meetings for any projects/services that would take place early in the 2025/26 financial year;
- (3) that any funding recommended would be subject to confirmation of available finances; and
- (4) that any applications considered at the January/February 2025 cycle of meetings should be time critical.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted
 - (i) that the Area Budget allocations for 2025/26 were subject to availability of funds following approval of Glasgow City Council's 2025/26 budget,

with any revisions to current levels of budget being subject to a future report;

- (ii) the interim arrangements which enabled the allocation of a portion of the funding from the 2025/26 Area Budget in the January/February cycle for time critical applications; and
 - (iii) that time critical awards of up to £500 could be allocated from the 2025/26 budget under the existing delegated authority arrangements; and
- (b) agreed the playscheme award for spring, summer and October holiday periods as follows:-

Playscheme	Venue	Spring 2025	Summer 2025	October 2025	Total Award
Buddies Clubs and Services West Ltd.	Southbrae Centre, 190 Southbrae Drive, Glasgow	£440	£1,056	£220	£1,716
Buddies Clubs and Services West Ltd.	Southbrae Centre, 190 Southbrae Drive, Glasgow	£460	£1,104	£230	£1,794

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

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Purpose of application</i>	<i>Decision</i>
The Whiteinch Centre	Towards the cost to deliver an Active course for 20 members of the local community	Awarded £5,125
*Active schools – St Thomas Aquinas Cluster	Towards the cost to deliver extracurricular activities in schools from early April to June to increase physical activity and participation in sport	Awarded £1,600

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

