

MARYHILL AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Minutes of meeting held on 14th February 2025, Bellcraig Community Centre.

Present: Councillor Abdul Bostani (Chair), and Councillor Franny Scally, Glasgow City Council; Watch Commander Craig Ryder, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Ayisha Azam, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Sharon Bowers, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network; Liane Coia, Maryhill Integration Network; and Sharon Mather, North Maryhill, Acre and Summerston Community Council.

Apologies: Station Commander Ben Adams and Station Commander Graeme Morrow, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

Attending: P Yule (Clerk); H Hamilton (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance); K McCormick, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability; and M Johnston-Gray, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network.

Appointment of substitute approved.

1 In terms of paragraph 6.10 of the Governance Framework, the Partnership noted that in the absence of the representative and the substitute representative from Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, the Chair had approved the attendance of Watch Commander Carig Ryder.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

2 The minutes of 22nd November 2024 were submitted and approved, subject to noting that at Item 6(2) (i) regarding the costings for the removal of lead paint on the perimeter fences repair work at St Blaine's Primary School and St Mary's Primary School, Sharon Mather confirmed that only St Mary's Primary school that tested positive for lead paint.

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

3 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) following a by-election, Councillor Marie Garrity had been elected to this Partnership;

- (2) Inspector Colin MacLucas was no longer the nominated representative for Police Scotland leaving this position vacant;
- (3) Stephen Dunn had been nominated as the new substitute for North Maryhill, Acre and Summerston Community Council;
- (4) Melanie Farrow was no longer the nominated substitute for Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network leaving this position vacant; and
- (5) 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 contact potential co-opted members to be invited to join the Partnership.

Police Scotland – Consideration continued.

4 The Partnership agreed to continue consideration of a ward update by Police Scotland to a future meeting.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service ward update noted.

5 There was submitted and noted a report by Watch Commander Craig Ryder, 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 24/25 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 shows 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 saw an increase of 3 as the previous year's quarter;

- (6) overall, there were 13 fire casualties in total, all of which were a result of accidental dwelling fires, of these, 11 resulted from accidental dwelling fires, while 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.

Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership – Consideration continued.

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

North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network - Update noted.

7 There was heard and noted a report by Sharon Bowers, 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 questions and concerns of the delays by NRS in providing costings and which could now result in an increase in costs;

- (c) highlighted that North Maryhill, Acre and Summerston Community Council had submitted a list to the Partnership of all outstanding proposals that required an update on costings and progression on approved projects;
- (d) agreed that
 - (i) North Maryhill, Acre and Summerston Community Council would create a shortlist of further ideas from their areas by carrying out a smart survey and meet with Councillor Bostani to discuss the shortlist that would be submitted to the next Partnership meeting to agree which proposals should be forwarded to NRS for costing; and
 - (ii) the Partnership would welcome any new suggestions that could be taken forward for costing;
- (e) suggested that the remainder of the NIF could be allocated by the Partnership by population, however the Partnership agreed they would not have the time to carry out ward consultations; and
- (f) requested that the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods Regeneration and Sustainability provide an update of all outstanding projects that have previously been submitted.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund ideas – Consideration continued.

9 The Partnership agreed to continue consideration of a ward update by members of the Maryhill Area Partnership.

Local Parks and Open Spaces Improvement Fund update noted – Re-allocation of funding deferred.

10 Further to the minutes of 24th September 2023, there was submitted and noted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS), regarding the Local Parks and Open Space Improvement Fund providing an update on projects allocated within the ward for years 2021/22 and 2022/23, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report;
- (b) agreed to defer the re-allocation of funds that had been previously approved for the installation of a youth shelter on the western edge of Maryhill Park with the possibility of this money being allocated to upgrading paths in Maryhill Park from whin dust to tar after a constellatation plan and audit had been carried out into what the community would like to be carried out to Maryhill Park; and

- (c) raised a number of questions and concerns, namely the lack of youth engagement within the ward? which could lead to more vandalism around the parks.

Development of Area Partnership Plans noted.

11 With reference to the minutes of 26th 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; and
- (b) agreed the proposed timeline for the development of Area Partnership Plans as detailed at appendix 1 of the report.

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

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 Maryhill Area Partnership's Budget allocation for 2024/25 was £66,443.71 and that £64,011.90 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £2,431.81; 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 application 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>
Maryhill Park Nursery	To purchase a 65" smart tv, connection fittings and support for digital learning facilities as part of the School Improvement Plan within the nursery	Refused due to not good use of AP funding and potential funding may be available through other sources

Area Budget 2025/26 – Applications for funding dealt with etc.

13 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 2025/265 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
North West Women's Centre	17-33 Shawpark Street	£264	£792	£132	£1,188

- (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>
G20 Youth Project	Towards the cost to deliver an arts programme by G20 Youth Project which aims to strengthen youth provision for young people aged 10-18 in the Maryhill community	Awarded £2,500
Healing for the Heart	Towards the cost to support around 10 young people from the Wyndford estate with counselling sessions, delivering a total of 130 counselling sessions	Awarded £2,600 on the condition that the group provide feedback to allow consideration for further funds