

**BAILLIESTON AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.**

Minutes of meeting held on 11th February 2025, by video conference.

**Present:** Councillor Alex Kerr (Chair), Councillor John Daly and Councillor Kevin Lalley, Glasgow City Council; Inspector Stephen Gow, Police Scotland; Watch Commander Colin Hooper, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Rosalind Ramage, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Andy Gilbert, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network; Stephen Love, Baillieston Community Council; Daytona Mills, Garrowhill Community Council; and Marianne Harvie, Swinton Community Council.

**Apologies:** Station Commander Russell McKinlay, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and John Malone, Swinton Community Council

**Attending:** J Crawford (Clerk); K Kenny and Derek Speirs (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance).

**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 Colin Hooper.

**Minutes of previous meeting approved.**

**2** The minutes of 19th November 2024 were submitted and approved.

**Glasgow Community Planning Partnership Governance Framework - Membership update noted.**

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

- (a) that Daytona Mills had been nominated as the representative for Garrowhill Community Council, replacing Laura Sargeant; and
- (b) that Inspector Stephen Gow had replaced Inspector Adam Johnstone as the representative for Police Scotland and Sergeant Neil Reilly as the substitute representative.

**Police Scotland ward update noted.**

**4** There was heard and noted a report by Inspector Stephen Gow, Police Scotland, advising that

- (1) Sextortion calls had increased over the last few years, with Police Scotland trying to combat this by communicating with local schools and community organisations, information can be found at <https://www.scotland.police.uk/advice-and-information/internet-safety/sextortion/>
- (2) there had been a slight increase in driving incidents including driving with no seat belt and using mobile phones;
- (3) there had been a decrease in moped, e-bike and quad bike complaints, indicating that this could be due to darker nights.

After consideration, the Partnership thanked Inspector Stephen Gow for all his help and support and wished him well.

### **Scottish Fire and Rescue Service ward update noted.**

5 There was submitted and noted a report by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) regarding the current issues, incidents and work being carried out in the ward for Quarter 3, from 1st September to 31st December 2024, advising the Partnership that

- (1) the Service had attended 810 incidents in the North East area, these being 256 fires, 172 special services and 382 false alarms;
- (2) the changes to Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS) response from 1st July 2023 had seen a 20% decrease in the number of false alarm incidents attended by operation crews; and
- (3) there were 40 dwelling fires in Q3, this being a decrease of 25% from last year and the lowest number of dwelling fires recorded in Q3 for the past 5 years;
- (4) there were 3 fire casualties, thankfully none being fatal, but all of which were a result of accidental dwelling fires; and
- (5) Home Fire Safety Visits had resumed; this would be delivering a more targeted visits to high-risk individuals who meet a new eligibility criterion, incorporating wider health and social care issues.  
<https://www.firescotland.gov.uk/contact-us/home-fire-safety-visits/>

After consideration, the Partnership thanked Watch Commander Hooper for the work that Scottish Fire and Rescue Service had done with children and schools over the last few years, in educating children about the dangers of Bonfire and fireworks.

## **Development of Area Partnership Plans noted.**

**6** With reference to the minutes of 10th 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 proposals 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, Local Place Plans and HSCP Sector Plans; and
- (4) of the next steps and a proposed timeline of the process that would be undertaken in 2025/26, as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report; and
- (b) approved the proposed timeline for the development of Area Partnership Plans, as detailed at Appendix 1 of the report.

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

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

- (1) of the current NIIF 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 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 NIIF and templates for the recording of ideas; and

- (3) that members should advise how the process of NIIF 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; and
- (b) noted that Garrowhill Community Council would arrange a meeting within the next month with all the community councils in the ward and the communities team would attend to discuss the NIIF and that Easthall Park and Wellhouse Housing Associations and Easthall Residents Association would be invited as there are no active community councils in those areas
- (c) agreed that the ideas from the above would be discussed at the next meeting to agree which ones should get sent to NRS for costing.

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

**8** 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 for time critical applications;

(iii) that time critical awards of up to £500 could be allocated from the 2025/26 budget under the existing delegated authority arrangements;

(b) dealt with applications for funding as follows, the grant awards being subject to the conditions detailed in the report; and

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Purpose of application</i>	<i>Decision</i>
Education Services – Garrowhill Primary School Residential	Towards the costs of 34 pupils going on a residential trip to Inverclyde National Sports Training Centre from 23rd to 25th April 2025.	Awarded £1,000
Education Services – St Francis of Assisi Primary School Residential	Towards the costs of 32 pupils going on a residential trip to Gowanbank Outdoor Activity Centre from 31st March 2025.	Awarded £1,000

(c) agreed the playscheme award for spring, summer and October holiday periods as follows:-

<b>Playscheme</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Spring 2025</b>	<b>Summer 2025</b>	<b>October 2025</b>	<b>Total Award</b>
Glasgow Women's Aid	Confidential address	£440	£1,496	£220	£2,156