

NORTH EAST AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Minutes of meeting held on 7th February 2025, by video conference.

- Present:** Councillors Sharon Greer (Chair) and Ruairi Kelly, Glasgow City Council; Inspector Stephen Gow, Police Scotland; Watch Commander Colin Hooper, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Chloe Heyburn, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; James Dean, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network; Stephen Orr, Garthamlock, Craigend & Gartloch Community Council; Denise McGuigan, Ruchazie Community Council; Lynda O'Neill, Blairtummock and Rogerfield Partnership; and Denis Docherty, Denmilne Action Group.
- Apology:** Station Commander Russell McKinlay, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.
- Attending:** C Birrell (Clerk); A Martin and B McQuillan (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance); C Mooney (for Glasgow Life); and M Muir and M Smith, The Croft.

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 15th November 2024 were submitted and approved.

Glasgow Community Planning Partnership Governance Framework – Membership noted.

3 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 no changes had been made to the membership; and
- (2) of the amendments to the Governance Framework that related to Area Partnerships.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund Programme – Community engagement update noted etc.

4 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 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 the undernoted issues:-
 - (i) the resources available within the Communities Team in relation to supporting the Partnership on the way forward for NIF funding;
 - (ii) of the various options for community engagement to collate ideas for how the NIF funding could be allocated;
 - (iii) extensive consultation had already been undertaken within the local community and data was already available;
 - (iv) the need for a Community Council for Easterhouse and how this could be taken forward; and
 - (v) proposals for a mapping exercise to be carried out to ensure that the proposed projects were spread evenly across the ward; and
- (c) agreed
 - (i) that that the NIF proposals tabled by Councillor Greer, Glasgow City Council and Stephen Orr, Garthamlock, Craigend & Gartloch Community Council, be forwarded to Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability to be costed;
 - (ii) that there was no need for further consultation to inform how the NIF funding should be spent as the data had already been collated through the numerous consultations which had previously been carried out;

- (iii) that a mapping exercise could be an opportunity for a workshop for Partnership members; and
- (iv) in principle, that the NIF funding be split on a geographical basis across the ward.

Development of Area Partnership Plans – Proposals approved etc.

5 With reference to the minutes of 19th April 2024 noting the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan 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 Locality Sector Plans; and
- (4) of 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) approved the proposed timeline for the development of Area Partnership Plans during 2025/26.

Police Scotland ward update noted etc.

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

- (1) emerging out of the festive period there had been reduced call demand through December that tailed off in January and this allowed for increased proactivity leading to increase stop searching for drugs and weapons,

however there had been a large warrant allocation at the beginning of January;

- (2) off road bikes, quads and ebikes were of particular concern although there had been a reduction in calls due to colder, icy weather and darker nights, however it was anticipated that the volume of these calls would increase towards Spring and there were plans being put in place to try to mitigate this;
- (3) there had been a number of cannabis cultivations identified and shut down and there had been a large recovery of illegal tobacco and vapes in a joint venture with Trading Standards;
- (4) social media advice had been circulated in relation to sextortion and Police impersonation scams; and
- (5) in a good news story over 5,000 stolen birds eggs had been seized in an international intelligence operation, which was a new experience for officers involved and had resulted in a huge dent being made into the community dealing in those items.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service ward update noted.

7 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) SFRS 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) the figure of 164 Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals for Quarter 3 2024/25 showed a significant decrease of 15% UFAS incidents from the same period last year.

The Croft Visitor Centre – Presentation noted etc.

8 There was heard a presentation by Margaret Muir and Margaret Smith, The Croft Visitor Centre regarding the work carried out by the organisation, advising that

- (1) The Croft Visitor Centre had been resident in HMP Barlinnie from 2015 and supported families, provided practical and emotional support, information and advice;
- (2) in 2011, St. Enoch's, Hogganfield Church and other local churches and organisations had raised concerns about the welfare of prisoners' families in

HMP Barlinnie, Glasgow and in 2012, The Croft was established as a Visitors' Centre for HMP Barlinnie with staff based in St. Enoch's and Hogganfield Church Hall;

- (3) in 2014, The Croft constituted as a Scottish Charity Incorporated Organisation and became an independent charity and in 2023 won the Team Award at The Glasgow Community Champion Awards 2023;
- (4) further information could be viewed at <https://www.thecroftfamilysupport.org/>; and
- (5) HMP Barlinnie would be relocated to HMP Glasgow in the Provan area of Glasgow.

After consideration, the Partnership noted the presentation and thanked Margaret Muir and Margaret Smith for their contribution.

Area Budget 2024/25 - Applications for funding dealt with – Declaration of Interest.

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 North East Area Partnership's Budget allocation for 2024/25 was £88,194.44, with £78,758.13 having been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £9,436.31, which included funds of £5,000 due to be returned to the Council from Community Events Scotland as their event had been cancelled; 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) the application dealt with under delegated function, as detailed in the report;
- (c) requested that the Area Partnership members email Communities Support Officer, Anthony Martin at Anthony.martin@glasgow.gov.uk regarding Area Budget application questions and queries prior to each meeting when the final agenda had been published; and
- (d) 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>
Clydeside Model Railway Club	Towards the cost of materials for a model railway system	Awarded £1,419
Brighter East End	Towards the cost of materials for sensory activities for children in the local area	Awarded £1,076
Greater Easterhouse Supporting Hands	Towards the cost of kitchen equipment within the community centre	Awarded £2,957.58
*St George & St Peter Community Association	Towards gardening and arts and crafts materials	Awarded £1,166
84 th Girls Brigade	Towards activity materials and equipment	Awarded £440
**Garthamlock & Craigend Development Trust	Towards start up costs of the organisation	Awarded £409
Gladiator Programme Limited	Towards the replacement of the shutter at Auchinlea Recreation Centre	Awarded £1,966

*Lynda O'Neill declared an interest in this item of business and took no part in the discussion thereon.

**Stephen Orr declared an interest in this item of business and took no part in the discussion thereon.

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

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 2025/265 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) dealt with the application 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>
Greater Easterhouse Supporting Hands	Towards the cost of organising a community fair day for residents	Consideration continued
Easterhouse Henosis	Towards the cost of a residential trip to Gowanbank	Awarded £1,000
Garthamlock and Craigend Development Trust	Towards the cost of funding the start-up of the organisation and its programme of works	Consideration continued

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11 Stephen Orr, Garthamlock, Craigend & Gartloch Community Council, advised that due to an administrative error, its approved festive display in 2024 had not taken place, however, they had been advised that when the Partnership come to consider the 2025 Festive Lighting Programme, that it would be made a priority for a festive display in 2025.