

SPRINGBURN/ROBROYSTON AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Minutes of meeting held on 12th February 2025, by video conference.

- Present:** Councillor Graham Campbell (Chair), Councillor Audrey Dempsey and Councillor Thomas Rannachan, Glasgow City Council; Station Commander John Allan, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Julie Toal, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network; Anthony Brooke, Robroyston Community Council; Helen Carroll, Springburn Community Council; Kimberely Duff, Wallacewell Community Council; John Thorburn, NG Homes; Brian Land, Barmulloch Community Development Company; and Jenny Reeve, Beatroute Arts.
- Apologies:** Joan McDonald, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Carole Phillip, Robroyston Community Council; and Shawn Nicholas Fernandez and Mala Jayhindaran, Springburn Unity Network.
- Attending:** D Brand (Clerk); M Hawkins, A Martin and D Speirs (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance); D McCready (for the Chief Executive, Glasgow Life); Margaret Smith, Community Justice Manager and Margaret Muir, 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 from Robroyston Community Council, the Chair had approved the attendance of Anthony Brooke.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

2 The minutes of 20th 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 that

- (1) Station Commander John Allan had been nominated as the new representative for Scottish Fire and Rescue, replacing Station Commander Garry Canning;
- (2) Inspector Colin MacLucas was no longer the representative for Police Scotland; and

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

Development of Area Partnership Plans noted etc.

4 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 and noted 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 HSCP 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) 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 Head of Policy and Corporate Governance.

5 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) agreed
 - (i) that a more focussed meeting would be arranged in March 2025 to discuss proposals for the spend of the fund, asked the officer to make the relevant arrangements, and that any proposals would be brought to the next meeting of the Partnership; and
 - (ii) that the remainder of the £1m fund be split with half to be spent this year and the remaining half next year.

New Neighbourhood Infrastructure fund - Proposals considered etc.

6 There was submitted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance regarding proposals for the allocation of Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund (NIIF), advising

- (1) of the proposal from Brunswick Community Development Trust for modernisation works to be carried out at Springburn Park Synthetic Pitch and Pavilion by transitioning to renewable energy sources and upgrading the Pavilion area; and
- (2) of the immediate structural engineering priorities that had been identified from a recent site visit to Springburn Winter Gardens that could be tackled to help secure the building's future stability and to allow some limited use/access to the building.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report; and
- (b) agreed for the proposal
 - (i) from the Brunswick Community Development Trust for £65,000, which excluded the cost of the wind turbine and battery storage cost as this no longer formed part of the proposal; and

- (ii) for the works to the Springburn Winder Gardens for between £50,000 and £75,000, subject to match funding being approved,

be forwarded to Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability Governance to be costed.

Police Scotland – Consideration continued.

7 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.

8 There was submitted and noted a report by Station Commander John Allan, 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) that the Service had attended 810 incidents in the North East Sector, 138 deliberate fires, 118 accidental fires, 40 dwelling fires, 3 non-domestic fires and that there had been no fire fatalities this quarter;
- (2) that the changes to Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals response from 1st July 2023 had seen a significant reduction in the number of false alarm incidents attended by operational crews;
- (3) that SFRS had attended 172 special service incidents ranging from flooding and water rescues to animal rescues, that there had been a total of 17 special service casualties and SFRS had attended 3 fatal incidents of which the majority had been assisting other agencies; and
- (4) of the prevention and protection activities carried out by SFRS in the local community, as detailed in the report.

The Croft Visitor Centre – Presentation noted.

9 There was heard a report 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 has been resident in HMP Barlinnie from 2015 and supported families, provided practical and emotional support, information and advice;
- (2) that 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 (SCIO) and became an independent charity and in 2023 won the Team Award at The Glasgow Community Champion Awards 2023;
- (4) HMP Barlinnie would be relocated to HMP Glasgow in the Provan area of Glasgow; and
- (5) further information could be viewed at <https://www.thecroftfamilysupport.org/>.

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

Area Budget 2024/2025 – Monitoring statement noted.

10 There was submitted and noted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance regarding the Area Budget for 2024/2025, providing a monitoring statement in relation to projects previously funded, confirming that all of the £100,319.59 which had been the total Budget allocation for the Ward, had been allocated to various projects in the Springburn/Robroyston Ward.

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

11 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 2024/25 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
 - (ii) 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 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>
All Saints Secondary School	Towards a school trip to Stuttgart, Germany	Awarded £1,000