

EAST CENTRE AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Item 1
2nd April 2025

Minutes of meeting held on 29th January 2025, Barlanark Community Centre, Glasgow.

Present: Councillor Declan Blench (Chair), Sergeant Craig Thomson, Police Scotland, Najes Mehdizadeh, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership, Marie McCairns, Cranhill Community Council, and Sharon Baldwin, Fuse Youth Café.

Apologies: Bailie Annette Christie, Bailie Ann Jenkins and Councillor Kieran Turner, Glasgow City Council; Inspector Max Shaw and Chief Inspector Nigel Thacker, Police Scotland and Station Commander Russell McKinlay, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

Attending: J Crawford (Clerk); A Moore and D Speirs (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance); David McCready, Glasgow Life; Margaret Smith, Community Justice Manager and Margaret Muir, The Croft.

Appointment of substitute approved.

1 In terms of paragraph 6.9 of the Governance Framework, the Partnership noted that in the absence of the representative and the substitute representative of Springboig & Barlanark Community Council, the Chair had approved the attendance of Alison Cairns.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

2 The minutes of 6th November 2024 were submitted and approved subject to noting that at Item 6(1), Marie McCairns requested an update on the installation of CCTV at Fastnet Street and 6 (3b) Derek Speirs requested clarification on the location for fencing at Burlington Court Care Home entrance, Ross MacPhail, Neighbourhood, Regeneration and Sustainability to supply update.

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) Marie McCairns had been nominated as the representative for Cranhill Community Council, replacing Joyce Carroll;
- (2) Edward Andrews had been nominated as the representative and William McLachlan as the substitute representative for Gartcraig Community Council;

- (3) Narjes Mehdizadeh had been nominated as the representative and Mairi McLachlan as the substitute representative for Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; and
- (4) of the amendments to the Governance Framework that related to Area Partnerships.

Development of Area Partnership Plans noted.

4 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 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 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;
- (b) identified citizen participation and environmental issues as potential initial priorities for the partnership; and
- (c) 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.

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) requested
 - (i) a breakdown of the costs associated with two potential Liveable Neighbourhoods projects which included proposals for Carntyne Square and lighting at the pedestrian bridge over the M8 at Cranhill to allow the Partnership to consider funding elements of the projects; and
 - (ii) the cost to tarmac the whole of the red ash path in Budhill Park that is prone to flooding.

Police Scotland ward update noted.

6 There was heard a report by Sergeant Craig Thomson, Police Scotland, advising the Partnership that

- (1) Chief Inspector Nigel Thacker had been seconded for 6 months and that Chief Inspector Maxwell Shaw would be the interim Area Commander;
- (2) PAFs (Police, Ambulance and Fire Service) was a programme for 12 to 17 years olds that had been piloted in the East End of Glasgow
<https://www.scotland.police.uk/what-s-happening/news/2024/september/teenagers-complete-life-skills-and-youth-violence-reduction-pilot-scheme/>

- (3) drug possession and offensive weapons had increased, and Police Scotland continued to tackle these issues;
- (4) house break-ins had stayed consistent and digital technology such as ring doorbells had helped to deter and reduce this issue;
- (5) road traffic offences such as speeding had reduced slightly, and members were requested to contact Police Scotland if there were any specific areas of concern; and
- (6) instances of driving under the influence of drink and drugs had increased.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report; and
- (b) highlighted areas of concern regarding speeding traffic.

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) the Service had attended 810 incidents in the North East area, these being 256 fires, 176 special services and 382 false alarms;
- (2) Q3 of 24/25 had seen an overall reduction of 4% in incidents attended in the North East compared to last year's Q3 total;
- (3) 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;
- (4) the figure of 138 Deliberate Fires in Q3 2024/25 showed an increase from last year's quarter however remained below the 5-year average: and
- (5) overall, there were 3 fire casualties in total, all of which were a result of accidental dwelling fires and there were no fire fatalities which was the lowest number recorded during this quarter since SFRS records began in 2013.

The Croft Visitor Centre – Presentation noted.

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) 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; and
- (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 Marget Smith.

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

9 With reference to the minutes of the Council's City Administration Committee of 21st March 2024, when the committee had 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 East Centre Area Partnership's Area Budget allocation for 2024/25 was £114,591.36 and that £111,539.69 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £3,051.67;
- (3) of the applications for funding from the Area Budget for 2024/25; and
- (4) of the applications dealt with under delegated authority.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the position regarding the Area Budget allocation for 2024/25; 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>
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Sandaig Primary School Parent Council	Towards outdoor equipment and sound equipment for the pupils of Sandaig Primary School.	Awarded £2,809.85 for playground scooters and sound equipment
St Thomas Primary School Parent Council	Towards 6 Parking Buddies to be used at drop off time in the morning and pick up time in the afternoon, to prevent parking issues near to the school and prevent parents from parking on the yellow zig zag lines outside the school.	Continued consideration to the next meeting