

DENNISTOUN AREA PARTNERSHIP.

Minutes of meeting held on 18th February 2025, City Chambers, Glasgow.

- Present:** Bailie Anthony Carroll (Chair), Councillor Allan Casey and Councillor Elaine McDougall, Glasgow City Council; Inspector Maxwell Shaw, Police Scotland; Jennifer Johnstone, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Kirsteen Marshall, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network; Ruth Johnston, Dennistoun Community Council; and Andy Cuthbertson, Rosemount Development Trust.
- Apology:** Station Commander John Allan, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.
- Attending:** P Yule (Clerk); K McIntosh and D Speirs (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance); and K McCormack (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability); and M Muir and M Smith, The Croft.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

- 1 The minutes of 26th November 2024 were submitted and approved.

Glasgow Community Planning Partnership Governance Framework – Membership noted etc.

- 2 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) Andy Cuthbertson had been nominated as the new co-opted member for Rosemount Development Trust; and
 - (2) of the amendments to the Governance Framework that related to Area Partnerships.

Police Scotland ward update noted.

- 3 There was heard a report by Inspector Maxwell Shaw, Police Scotland, advising
- (1) of the positive statistics that had been reported for the period from 1st August 2024 to date in relation to violence, acquisitive crime and anti-social behaviour;
 - (2) that Police Scotland had seen that drug reporting had been mostly through the partnership and that reports of all suspicious activity should be reported to Police Scotland by calling 101 or via Crimestoppers at 0800 555111;

- (3) road traffic offences such as speeding had increased slightly; and
- (4) of the successful work that had been carried out into drug seizures within the ward and that the drug dealing issues within Alexander Park had now been tackled.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report; and
- (b) thanked Inspector Shaw for the update and all the work carried out by Police Scotland within the ward.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service – Consideration continued.

4 The Partnership agreed to continue consideration of a ward update by Scottish Fire and Rescue Service to a future meeting.

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

5 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 Dennistoun Area Partnership's budget allocation for 2024/25 was £65,664.51 and that £63,781.66 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £1,882.85
- (3) that since the last meeting, 2 applications had received funding under the Scheme of Delegated Functions; and
- (4) detailing the applications that had received funding from the Area Partnership budget for 2024/25.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the position regarding the Area Budget allocation for 2024/25; and
- (b) the applications dealt with under the Council's Scheme of Delegated Functions, as detailed in the report.

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

6 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 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 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>
PEEK	Towards the cost of a welcoming safe space in Dennistoun Parish Church	Consideration continued for further information

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund Programme – Community engagement update noted – Funding approved - 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 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 an update by Councillor Casey from the Council's Road Traffic Team, regarding the possibility of road crossings at Alexandra Parade Co-op and Iceland stores, that they would not be supported due to there being 2 junctions already at this area and as there as there was inadequate spacing between crossings and would cause traffic congestion;
- (b) expressed disappointment that NRS had not been provided with an update on costings of the outstanding projects that had been previously submitted;
- (c) requested that Executive Director of Neighbourhoods Regeneration and Sustainability provide an updated report to the next meeting of the Partnership on the progress of NIF, including all previous costings and actions that had previously been minuted;
- (d) approved £10,000 for a feasibility study to be carried out for any changes to be made to the footpath on Arc Lane; and
- (e) proposed an arts memorial trail in the ward.

Local Parks and Open Spaces Improvement Fund update noted – Funding approved – Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

8 Further to the minutes of 26th November 2024, 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; and
- (b) approved the additional funding of £150,000 for further works to be carried out at Coll Place to complement the Children's Play area.

Development of Area Partnership Plans noted.

9 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 was 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) approved the proposed timeline for the development of Area Partnership Plans, as detailed at Appendix 1 of the report.

The Croft Visitor Centre – Presentation noted.

10 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 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.