

DENNISTOUN AREA PARTNERSHIP.

Minutes of meeting held on 26th November 2024, City Chambers, Glasgow.

Present: Councillor Allan Casey (Chair), Glasgow City Council; Chief Inspector Nigel Thacker, Police Scotland; Station Commander Gary Canning, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Ceri Chalmers, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Ruth Johnston, Dennistoun Community Council; and Ross MacPhail, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Apologies: Bailie Anthony Carroll, Glasgow City Council; Station Commander Russell McKinlay, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Jennifer Johnston, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Kirsteen Marshall, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network; and Josephine Donachy, Milnbank Housing Association.

Attending: E Miller (Clerk); K McIntosh (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance); and T McQuilkin (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability).

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

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

Glasgow Community Planning Partnership Governance Framework - Membership update noted.

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) Station Commander Russell McKinlay, who had been the substitute representative, had been nominated as the representative for Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, replacing Station Commander Barry Cranstoun and Station Commander Gary Canning had been nominated as the substitute representative;
- (2) Cathy McGuire was no longer the substitute representative for Milnbank Housing Association, leaving the position vacant; and
- (3) Ruth Johnston had been nominated as the representative for Dennistoun Community Council, replacing Ian Sheerer who had been nominated as the substitute representative, replacing Valery Tough.

Community Planning Partnership – Governance Framework - Register of Interests noted.

3 There was submitted and noted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration advising the Partnership of the requirements in relation to the Community Planning Partnership Governance Framework regarding the registration and declaration of members' interests and detailing those interests which had been declared by members of the Partnership, as detailed in the report.

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

4 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 £59,787.20 had been allocated to date, including £350 under the scheme of delegated functions, £12,801 allocated to Festive Lighting and returned funds of £451 from St Denis' Primary School, leaving a balance of £5,877.31; and
- (3) of the applications for funding from the Area Budget for 2024/25.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted
 - (i) the position regarding the Area Budget allocation for 2024/25; and
 - (ii) the application dealt with under delegated functions, as detailed in the report; and
- (b) dealt with applications 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>
PEEK – Possibilities for Each and Every Kid	Towards the cost of delivering 2 12-week blocks of various sessions at New Rhythms for Glasgow	Application withdrawn
Royston Primary School - PGL Dalguise Residential weekend	Towards the cost of a residential trip for 13 pupils in Perthshire commencing on Friday 14th to Monday 17th March 2025	Awarded £1,000

Golfhill Primary School – Blairvadach Residential Trip	Towards the cost of assisting 25 Primary 7 children to take part in an adventure holiday in February 2025 for 5 days	Awarded £1,000
St Denis' Primary School – Panto Experience	Towards the cost of supporting 200 children to attend the Pavilion Theatre Pantomime	Awarded £1,000

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund update noted – Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

5 With reference to the minutes of 17th September 2024, there heard a report by Ross MacPhail, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS), regarding the Dennistoun Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund (NIF), advising

- (1) that requests had been made by the Partnership for road crossings to be considered at
 - (a) Alexandra Parade at Co-op/Iceland stores, which had been determined by NRS as the location not meeting the criteria for the installation of a controlled crossing due to the insufficient number of pedestrians crossing the carriageway and based on an examination by Police Scotland on accident statistics during the last 5 years; and
 - (b) Cumbernauld Road at Duke Steet Train Station, which had been determined by NRS as the location not meeting the criteria for installation due to 2 crossing junctions already existing nearby, with a controlled crossing at Duke Street less than 2 minutes walking distance away and that the introduction of another crossing would have a major impact on congestion and queuing at nearby junctions;
- (2) that Ark Lane would require Partnership funding to be made available for a design brief relating to any changes to the footpath;
- (3) that at Coll Place, further works had been scoped at the cost of £150,000 to complement the Children's Play area; and
- (4) of an update in relation to the Necropolis entrance upgrade, intimating that
 - (a) the Learning Quarter District Regeneration Framework had recommended that there be a new active travel link through the Necropolis which would require a new entry point, with the consultation process evidencing a range of views;
 - (b) that the active travel link was not currently one of the first year's priority actions in the City Centre Strategy, and that the intention of the City Centre Regeneration team would be to undertake further engagement

with the elected members of Wards 10 and 22 in 2025/26 to obtain direction on how to progress; and

- (c) Greenspace and Biodiversity would continue to liaise with City Centre Team, Friends of Necropolis and Parks Operations in relation to a range of opportunities to enhance this location in the interim.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report;
- (b) expressed its disappointment that the update had not been provided as a written report and requested a report be provided to the next meeting of the Partnership on the progress of NIF;
- (c) raised concerns regarding the lengthy spacing between crossings at Cumbernauld Road and the placement of bus stops and requested a response in writing from the Council's Road Traffic Team; and
- (d) requested that
 - (i) as the Partnership were looking to develop a footpath over the existing path at Arc Lane, Councillor Casey requested an indication of the costs involved for this work and any design brief if required, which should be provided to him direct to allow this to be awarded under delegated authority prior to the next Partnership meeting;
 - (ii) NRS provide final costings for projects at Coll Place to be completed before the Partnership could agree and approve funding and reiterated that NRS should carry out wider engagement within the community, as a number of parents of children who attended the primary school do not reside within the ward, with a report to be provided to a future meeting of the Partnership; and
 - (iii) the City Centre Regeneration team be made aware that there could be potential NIF funding available from the Partnership towards the Necropolis entrance, however the Partnership would require indicative figures on the cost of the upgrade, assurance that any future design specification would include public safety aspects such as lighting and consideration of CCTV installation and that appropriate public consultation should take place; and
- (e) noted that Tam McQuilkin, NRS would arrange for an officer from the Council's design team to visit the Necropolis area to assess and provide provisional costs.

Police Scotland ward update noted – Request to Police Scotland.

6 There was heard a report by Chief Inspector Nigel Thacker, Police Scotland, advising

- (1) of the action plan in place over the previous 2 months, with more officers visible on patrol;
- (2) of the drug offences detected within the ward;
- (3) that road traffic offenders would be targeted, focusing on drink/drug drivers, drivers with no licence etc to prevent road traffic accidents;
- (4) that there had been no issues on Bonfire night, no house break-ins reported and no car thefts;
- (5) that the results of the first user satisfaction survey had been released, with Greater Glasgow scoring 72% satisfaction;
- (6) of the North East Violence Prevention Partnership meetings which aimed to reduce violence, which had been attended by a number of organisations; and
- (7) of the youth programme, in conjunction with the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and the Scottish Ambulance Service.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report and thanked Chief Inspector Thacker for the work carried out in the ward by Police Scotland; and
- (b) requested that the Elected Members be more involved with the North East Violence Prevention Partnership, with notices of meetings sent to members along with a copy of the minutes for reference.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service ward update noted – Request to Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

7 There was submitted and noted a report by Station Commander Gary Canning, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS), regarding the current issues, incidents and work being carried out in the ward for Quarter 2, from 1st July to 30th September 2024, advising

- (1) that the Service had attended 766 incidents in the North East Sector, to include 17 fires which was the lowest figure for 6 years, 9 accidental fires, 6 outdoor fires and that there had been no fire fatalities during Quarter 2;
- (2) that they had attended 36 Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals, which had reduced following the introduction of the new legislation and that SFRS would continue to engage with stakeholders on unwanted alarms;

- (3) of the prevention and protection activities carried out by SFRS including 11 inter-agency call-outs with Police Scotland and the Scottish Ambulance Service; and
- (4) that the Service could be contacted should any groups or individuals require any advice or information from SFRS regarding fire prevention, water safety etc.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report;
- (b) requested that future reports be more concentrated on Dennistoun Ward statistics; and
- (c) raised concerns and questions that were addressed by Station Commander Canning, including the joint initiative programme with the Council's Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability team to allow residents to report unauthorised and potentially dangerous bonfires by contacting the Council's Cleansing line on 0141 287 9700.

Additional agenda item approved.

8 In terms of paragraph 12.4 of the Governance Framework, the Chair agreed to accept the following item of business as a matter of urgency.

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

9 With reference to the minutes of 17th September 2024, there was submitted a report by Tam McQuilkin, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS), advising of the progress with Local Parks and Open Space Improvement Fund for the ward, advising of an update on projects approved during 2021/22 and 2022/23 and information on improvement works at Coll Place, the proposal regarding an eastern entrance to the Nacropolis and work at Fisher Court, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (1) noted the report;
- (2) highlighted concerns regarding various projects to include:-
 - (i) the information given on Fisher Court, which should be part of the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund (NIF) and not within the Parks and Local Space Improvement Fund;

- (ii) the outstanding work at Glenconnor Park, which had been approved during 2021/22 with the Partnership indicating that it would like to see this project delivered urgently along with other work outstanding for the park;
 - (iii) the upgrade to the entrance of Hogarth Park and that an update would be required to advise what this would look like;
 - (iv) the project at Coll Place in relation to safe access to Children's Play that the Partnership would like to see this programme delivered urgently as any delay may result in the works not being completed within the current administration;
 - (v) the Greenspace west of Rymer Street, and that NRS should confirm what the funding of £10,000 would be delivering whilst noting that the completion date may be 2025/26; and
 - (vi) the Multi Purpose Games Court at Glenconnor Park, whilst welcoming that the project should be delivered before the timescale of April 2026; and
- (3) requested information on the total cost to install 6 benches at Alexandra Park and to confirm if there had been funding left over if the overall cost had totalled less than the allocated £12,100.

Future meeting dates 2025 approved.

10 The dates of the 2025 meetings were submitted and approved by the Partnership as detailed below.

Tuesday 18th February 2025 at 1400 hours

Tuesday 29th April 2025 at 1000 hours

Tuesday 16th September 2025 at 1400 hours

Tuesday 25th November 2025 at 1000 hours.