ANDERSTON/CITY/YORKHILL AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Minutes of meeting held on 5th December 2024, Townhead Village Hall, Glasgow.

Present: Councillor Eva Bolander (Chair),and Bailie Christy Mearns, Glasgow City Council; Inspector Jonathan Watters, Police Scotland; Shogufta Haq, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; James Stuart Duffin, North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network; James Rouse, Anderston Community Council; Irene Loudon, Blythswood and Broomielaw Community Council; Nora Hytiris, Garnethill Community Council; David Hughes, Merchant City and Trongate Community Council; Michael Glen, Townhead and Ladywell Community Council; John Gerard, Yorkhill and Kelvingrove Community Council; and Lise Fisher, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Apologies: Councillor Philip Braat and Councillor Angus Millar, Glasgow City Council and Station Commander Graeme Morrow, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

Attending: J Crawford (Clerk); R O'Sullivan (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance); and Claire Livingstone, Dundasvale Community Council.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

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

Glasgow Community Planning Partnership Governance Framework – Membership noted.

2 With reference to the minutes of the 26th September 2024, there was submitted and noted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration regarding the membership of this partnership, advising that Dundasvale Community Council would be formally invited onto the Area Partnership.

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.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service – Consideration continued.

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

Police Scotland ward update noted – Request to Police Scotland.

5 There was heard a report by Inspector Jonathan Watters, Police Scotland, advising the Partnership that

(1) St Enochs centre had increased security to deter anti-social behaviour;

(2) rough sleepers would be assessed and potentially taken to a hotel, as the night shelters were no longer operating, and that Street pastors were taking people to the Tron Theatre as no other options were available;

(3) 4 dedicated officers were now responsible for Shop Watch with the city to target shoplifting;

(4) vandalism and graffiti in local areas had increased and to contact 101 or report through https://consult.scotland.police.uk/strategy-insight-and-innovation/safer-streets-reporting-tool/;c

(5) the Clyde Walkway area had seen an increase in drug dealing, that this had a knock on effect into the Trongate area and the Southside Central Ward, and that all arrests had been reported to the Procurator Fiscal; and

(6) there had been an increase in youth disorder at the 4 corners and the Festive market.

After consideration, the Partnership

(1) noted the report

(2) requested a report to be brought to a future meeting regarding support services for rough sleepers, information and guidance in relation to the Housing First model; and

(3) thanked Inspector Watters for the report and for the work carried out within the ward by Police Scotland.

Partnership approach to removal of unauthorised bonfires – Noted

6 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding the removal of unauthorised bonfires, advising

(1) that from 2022 a closer partnership approach had been identified, particularly in relation to the removal of unauthorised bonfires and to ensure partners worked together to establish improved delivery efficiency;

(2) that a Multi-Agency Control Centre (MACC) had been established, which allowed unauthorised bonfires to be risk assessed remotely, that MACC operated from Glasgow City Council's Eastgate Building and included representation from Glasgow City Council, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) and Police Scotland, which ensured a responsive coordinated approach;

(3) of the dedicated phone lines that had been setup within MACC, to record key details of the structures including location, proximity to buildings and power supplies and access to sites, which would be shared with all partners within MACC and added to a priority list for removal;

(4) that unauthorised bonfires would be prioritised based on a risk assessment by SFRS, with their removal attended jointly with Police Scotland to protect staff and maintain public order;

(5) that members of the public were encouraged to report unauthorised and potentially dangerous bonfires to the Council by contacting the Council's Cleansing line on 0141 287 9700; and

(6) that unauthorised bonfires could cause significant alarm and distress to individuals and other issues including potential risk of personal injury, damage to property and increased antisocial behaviour, therefore by deploying staff to locations it would promote public reassurance and give confidence to communities.

After consideration the Partnership

(a) noted the report;

(b) requested statistics of any unauthorised bonfire that had to been removed in Ward 10; and

(c) agreed that this report would only be brought back to the Area Partnership if any changes or concerns were raised in the future.

Glasgow Film Office – Presentation by Glasgow Film Office noted

7 The Partnership heard a presentation by J Reynolds, Glasgow Film Office (GFO), advising that

(1) engagement with elected members, community councils and local businesses would continue to discuss filming in the city and its impact to the Ward;

(2) filming was not a licensed activity and production teams did not need permission to film, but required permission of location owners to film on their property and would need permission from the Council for necessary parking or traffic restrictions;

(3) with large scale filming projects, if road closures or parking restrictions were required for more than 1 day, GFO requested that notification letters were distributed to affected residents and businesses;

(4) the Council charged production companies for all contracted services and hires, as per the published book of charges https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/article/1063/Fees-and-Charges, and that there were upcoming discussions looking at Glasgow's filming charges compared to its biggest competitors;

(5) GFO encouraged engagement with community councils, and production companies recognised that there would be a level of inconvenience caused by filming but the decision to make contributions to local funds was entirely discretionary and not enforceable; and

(6) more information could be found via this link https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/GlasgowFilmOffice

After consideration, the partnership noted the report and thanked Ms Reynolds for the presentation.

Findings from the Health and Wellbeing survey - Presentation noted.

8 There was heard and noted a presentation by Shogufta Haq, North West Health Improvement Team, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership, regarding findings from the Health and Wellbeing survey, advising that

(1) the survey content included financial wellbeing, social health, social capital, health behaviours and health and fitness and was conducted via in-person interviews with adult residents across the North West;

(2) 1,171 interviews were carried out, taking place over a period of 9 months between September 2022 and May 2023;

(3) in the 5 years since the survey had been carried out, life had changed for people in Scotland and a number of new concepts had been added to the survey; and

(4) full findings from the survey could be accessed at https://biteable.com/watch/4232715/1ad9f483f3d928c6ee32744c594c176c and the full report could be accessed at https://www.stor.scot.nhs.uk/handle/11289/580385

Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network update noted.

9 There was submitted a report by Mr James Stuart Duffin, North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network (NWGVSN), providing an update on its work, advising

(1) of the ongoing issues related to the cost-of-living crisis, and that more information could be found at https://nwgvsn.org.uk/third-sector-funding/ ; and

(2) that the third sector had seen a decrease in funding form Scottish Government.

After consideration, the Partnership noted the report and thanked Mr Duffin for the update.

Winter maintenance 2024/25 update noted.

10 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, regarding an update on the 2024/25 Winter Maintenance Plan, advising

(1) that the Winter Maintenance Plan could be viewed at https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/media/14516/Winter-Maintenance-Plan-2024-2025/pdf/WMP_2024-2025_v2_002.pdf?m=1726841509250;

(2) of the work carried out by the programme during the winter of 2023/24;

(3) of the priority cycle, footway and carriageway routes;

(4) that numerous grit bins would be located throughout the city to allow members of the public to grit areas outwith priority routes and grit bin locations could be found at http://glasgowgis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/LocalPerspective/index.html?appid=e99ff0bfd5a44fd6a1c68de66e123299; and

(5) that procurement for a replacement small sized mechanised plant and mounted gritters/brine tanks had commenced to support footway and cycle way de-icing.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report;

(b) highlighted areas of concern to be addressed during the winter months, including areas around subways; and

(c) raised concerns with the size of signage when the gullyies were being maintained; and

(d) requested that

(i) an outcome report for highlights or complaints from all Community Councils be brought to the Area Partnership at a future date; and

(ii) a gully maintenance programme be supplied for Ward 10.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund report noted – Funding approved – Request to the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

11 With reference to the minutes of 26th September 2024, there was heard a verbal report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, regarding the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund, advising that the Partnership were unhappy regarding the verbal up-dates that had been supplied as there was too much information to be discussed.

After consideration, the Partnership requested

(a) costings and timelines required for an alternative solution for the pedestrian crossing at the junction of Breadalbane/Argyle/St Vincent;

(b) full costings and clarification for wider Cobble Repairs, including £10,000 for Regent Moray Street, as £96,000 was allocated on 17/11/22;

(c) a written report at the next meeting, which was to include a rolling tracker detailing all works that had been approved, with updated costs, and an updated schedule of delivery including completion date for each project (or scheduled completion date);

(d) a report and tracker for the LED Lighting Column Replacement programme in Ward 10, and if the £100,000 could be reallocated to other projects; and

(e) a report and tracker for the street trees programme in Ward 10, and if the £100,000 could be reallocated to other projects.

Area Budget - Final monitoring statement

12 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 £51,846.00 had been allocated to various projects in the Anderston/City/Yorkhill ward leaving a balance of £10,600.05.

Area Budget 2024/25 – Applications for funding dealt with

13 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 Anderston/City/Yorkhill Area Budget for 2024/25 was £62,446.05 and that the Partnership had committed £51,846.00 to date, including £995 under the scheme of delegated functions and £2,620 towards Festive Lighting, leaving a balance of £10,600.05; 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 applications dealt with under Delegated Functions, as detailed in the report; and

(c) dealt with application for funding as follows, the grant award being subject to the conditions detailed in the report:

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Applicant	*Purpose of application*	*Decision*
Halo Arts	Towards the costs of delivering 4 pantomimes during the week of December 16th for school children in Anderston/City/Yorkhill Ward.	Awarded £3,060
Early Years Scotland	Towards the cost of equipment to carry out parent-child activities designed to increase children's cognitive/social/emotional/physical development and increase parental confidence in parenting skills and providing for the developmental needs of their child.	Awarded £2,880

Future meeting date 2025 approved.

14 The dates of the 2025 meetings were submitted and approved by the Partnership, who noted that dates for the 3 meetings after summer recess had yet to be agreed by the Chair, as detailed below.

Thursday, 13th February 2025 at 14:00 hours;

Thursday, 27th March 2025 at 14:00 hours; and

Thursday, 1st May 2025 at 14:00 hours.