

EAST CENTRE AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Minutes of meeting held on 2nd April 2025, Calvay Community Centre, Glasgow.

Present: Councillor Declan Blench (Chair), Bailie Annette Christie, Bailie Ann Jenkins and Councillor Kieran Turner, Glasgow City Council; Station Commander John Allan, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Chief Inspector Max Shaw, Police Scotland; Najes Mehdizadeh, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Eddie Andrews, Gartcraig Community Council; Paul Conroy, Springboig and Barlanark Community Council; Maire McCairns, Cranhill Community Council; Sharon Baldwin, Fuse Youth Café; Eddie Cusick, Calvay Housing Association; Nikki Ferguson, Cranhill Development Trust; and Martin Neil, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Apology: Jim Smith, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network.

Attending: T O'Neill (Clerk); A Moore (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance); Inspector Lindsay Scott, Police Scotland; and Alison Cairns, Springboig and Barlanark Community Council.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

1 The minutes of 29th January 2025 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 on the membership of this Partnership, advising that

- (a) Inspector Lindsay Scott had replaced Inspector Nigel Thacker as Police Scotland substitute representative;
- (b) Station Commander John Allan had replaced Station Commander Barry Cranston as representative for Scottish Fire and Rescue Service;
- (c) Alison Cairns had been nominated as the substitute representative for Springboig and Barlanark Community Council;
- (d) Eddie Cusick had been nominated as the co-opted representative for Calvay Housing Association;
- (e) Marie Ward had been nominated as the co-opted representative for Cranhill Development Trust; and

- (f) Nikki Ferguson had been nominated as the co-opted substitute representative for Cranhill Development Trust.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund (NIIF) update noted etc – Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

3 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS) providing an update on the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund (NIIF) programme, advising

- (1) of the background to the £1m NIIF programme;
- (2) that in December 2024, a small team of staff were tasked with reviewing the current process for NIIF and the backlog of requests already received, as well as devising clear guidance and processes for its management going forward;
- (3) that a review of information held within Area Partnership minutes, NRS services and across council departments had been carried out to allow a full breakdown of current committed spend, new proposals still to be costed and spend to date to be collated;
- (4) that some proposals previously discussed at Partnership meetings had been included in the report but had yet to be progressed to NRS for estimated costs and would request that the Partnership reviewed the information and confirmed that projects had been approved and should now be referred to NRS;
- (5) of the criteria for the fund, as detailed in appendix 1 to the report, and that all NIIF proposals must be approved at an Area Partnership meeting before being passed to NRS to be costed;
- (6) that NRS Neighbourhood Liaison Managers would attend each meeting to present the report produced by NRS and record all approved new proposals on an agreed template to be used internally by NRS;
- (7) that general enquiries but not proposals could be emailed to the NIIF mailbox at NIIFEnquiries@glasgow.gov.uk; and
- (8) of the NIIF proposals to date, as detailed in the report.

After consideration and having heard Martin Neil, NRS, the Partnership

- (a) confirmed that the estimate of £22,750 in respect of proposed carriageway resurfacing at Fastnet Street (Ref No 18-002) be programmed into 2025/26 works;

- (b) asked for an explanation as to why no costings had yet been provided for the proposed fencing to be installed at various Green Spaces within the ward, all as detailed in the report (Ref No 18-004);
- (c) agreed that all proposals, as detailed in the report, in respect of (Ref No 18-004), (Ref No 18-005), (Ref No 18-006) and (Ref No 18-009) be submitted to NRS for costings, subject to further costs in relation to 2 benches being included within proposal (Ref No 18-009);
- (d) requested that dialogue be undertaken with the Wheatley Group with a view to progressing a proposal for a permanent CCTV static camera at Fastnet Street, Cranhill (Ref No 18-010);
- (e) in relation to what specific work was being requested for the proposal at Carntyne Square (Ref No 18-007), clarified that benches and planters were required;
- (f) requested that NRS carry out further investigation in respect of the proposal for lighting at the pedestrian bridge over the M8 at Longstone Road, Cranhill (Ref No 18-008), as this location was split between East Centre ward and North East ward; and
- (g) following a suggestion by Bailie Christie, agreed that NRS look at the potential for adding lighting to a tree at Carntyne Square ahead of this year's Christmas celebrations.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund (NIIF) – Community engagement update noted etc.

4 There was submitted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance providing the Partnership with a list of ideas for funding from the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund (NIIF) that had been submitted by community organisations in the ward and options for taking those forward, advising

- (1) that the purpose of the report was to bring ideas for spending the NIIF that had been generated by communities to the Partnership for consideration;
- (2) that those ideas that the Partnership wished to go forward to the next stage would be assessed and costed by Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS) and brought to a future meeting when the Partnership would be asked to allocate funding;
- (3) of the next stages of the NIIF, as detailed in the report;
- (4) that community representatives had been gathering ideas for costing using a template based on the detail that NRS required and that when read alongside the previous agenda item on a progress update on the NIIF, the Partnership was able to see these ideas alongside any ideas that had already been costed, or costed and approved;

- (5) of all the ideas that had been gathered so far for the East Centre Ward, as detailed in the appendix to the report, which had come from local community councils, other community organisations, Local Place Plans and Liveable Neighbourhoods;
- (6) that if the ideas list was fairly short and covered the ward well, the Partnership could agree to submit those ideas for costing, however, if the list was quite lengthy and the Partnership was unable to shortlist it, it could be followed up with an informal meeting to prioritise ideas to get the list to a manageable size in advance of the next Partnership meeting; and
- (7) that the Partnership also needed to consider how they intended to make decisions about what to fund and choose one of the options, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report;
- (b) agreed
 - (i) to progress those ideas outlined in the Appendix to the report; and
 - (ii) that any further ideas be emailed to Anita Moore prior to the next meeting of this Partnership on 27th August 2025.

Police Scotland ward update noted etc.

5 There was heard a verbal report by Inspector Max Shaw, Police Scotland, advising the Partnership

- (1) that violent crime had decreased by 15% in the last 3 months;
- (2) that weapon crime had remained static;
- (3) that anti-social crime was down 40% in the last 3 months;
- (4) that only 2 calls had been received to report incidents of fly-tipping;
- (5) that possession of illegal drugs was up 26%, however supply charges were up by a third;
- (6) that vehicle crime statistics had increased, but this was mostly due to vehicles being left insecure;
- (7) that road traffic offences had increased by 150%, up 13% on the previous year, with speeding offences markedly up;

- (8) that following the murder in Greenfield Park last year, increased engagement with schools and partners had taken place and there was now a far better communication network in place; and
- (9) of the Easter Holiday Action Plan.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report and thanked Inspector Shaw for the update and all the work carried out by Police Scotland within the ward; and
- (b) raised a number of questions and concerns that were addressed by Inspector Shaw and Inspector Scott.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service ward update noted etc.

6 There was submitted 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

- (1) that the Service had attended 810 incidents in the North East area, these being 256 fires, 172 special services and 382 false alarms;
- (2) that Q3 of 2024/25 saw an overall reduction of 4% in incidents attended in the North East compared to last year's Q3 total;
- (3) that 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) that 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;
- (5) that overall, there were 3 fire casualties in total, all of which had been a result of accidental dwelling fires and that there were no fire fatalities which was the lowest number recorded during this quarter since SFRS records had begun in 2013; and
- (6) of a verbal update by Station Commander John Allan regarding the current issues, incidents and work being carried out in the ward for Quarter 4.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report;
- (b) thanked Station Commander Allan for his update; and

- (c) suggested that community councils and Area Partnership members get together to apply for funding in order to arrange a series of activities in local schools during the Easter and Summer holidays.

Area Budget 2024/2025 - Final monitoring statement noted.

7 There was submitted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance regarding the Area Budget for 2024/2025, providing a final monitoring statement in relation to projects previously funded, confirming that £114,481.70 had been allocated to various projects in the East Centre Ward, representing a 99.9% spend.

Area Budget 2024/2025 - Position noted.

8 There was submitted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance providing details on the Area Partnership's budget position for 2024/25, advising

- (1) that the East Centre Area budget for 2024/25 was £114,591.36 and the Area Partnership had committed £114,481.70 had been committed to date to various projects serving the are, leaving a balance of £109.66;
- (2) that Carntyne and Cranhill Church Young at Heart had been awarded £830 by the Partnership on 28th August 2024 to support a trip to the theatre for 40 older people, and the organisation had subsequently returned £227;
- (3) that as this funding had been allocated within the 2024/2025 financial year, it had been added to the budget available for re-allocation, therefore the current unallocated balance was £336.66; and
- (4) of 1 application, as detailed in the report, that had been dealt with under delegated authority and awarded £313.13, leaving an unallocated balance of £23.53 for 2024/25.

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

9 With reference to the minutes of the Council's City Administration Committee of 13th March 2025, when the committee approved the 2025/26 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 2025/26;
- (2) that the East Centre Area Partnership's Budget allocation for 2025/26 was £114,591; and

(3) of the applications for funding from the Area Budget for 2025/26.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted

(i) the position regarding the Area Budget allocation for 2025/26; and

(ii) an application which had been deemed ineligible, 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>
St Thomas Primary School Parent Council	Towards the costs of 6 Parking Buddies	Awarded £1,267
67th Glasgow Girls Brigade	Towards the costs for a residential weekend away for 18 members of the girl's brigade and 3 adults to Dalguise from 23rd to 25th May 2025	Awarded £1,000
284 Boys Brigade	Towards the costs for a residential weekend away for 16 members of the boy's brigade and 3 adults to Dalguise from 23rd to 25th May 2025	Awarded £1,000
Sandaig Primary School Parent Council	Towards the costs to purchase outdoor equipment and benches for the pupils	Awarded £1,725
*Calvay Housing Association Ltd	Towards the costs of continuing the service to participants and local families specifically those with pre-school children	Partial award of £4,000 on condition that alternative funding should be sourced to continue with this project in the future
Calvay Community Events Committee	Towards the costs of hosting a series of events during the Easter and Summer School Holidays	Partial award of £2,750 on condition that at least 50% of match funding is sourced for future applications

Christ Healing Evangelical Church	Towards the costs of funding workshops for low-income individuals, single parents, unemployed and underemployed adults to improve financial literacy and career advancement	Refused
St Paul's Youth Forum	Towards the costs of 40 young people identified by the pastoral care team at Smithycroft Secondary School, to attend workshops focusing on mental and physical health to take part in outdoor pursuits such as canoeing and kayaking	Awarded £10,975

* Eddie Cusick declared an interest in this application and left the room during its consideration.