Item 1

18th April 2023

GOVAN AREA PARTNERSHIP.

Minutes of meeting held on 7th February 2023, Pearce Institute, 840-860 Govan Road, Glasgow.

Present: Councillor Dan Hutchison (Chair), Councillor Imran Alam and Councillor Richard Bell, Glasgow City Council; Sergeant Stefan Bain, Police Scotland; Station Commander David McGroarty, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Karen Venables, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability; Allan Bell, Govan Community Council; Deirdre Gaughan, Central Govan Action Plan; Carol Ball, Drumoyne Community Council; Alice Connelly, Govan East Community Council; and Avril Williamson, Ibrox and Cessnock Community Council.

Apologies: Councillor Stephen Dornan, Glasgow City Council; Inspector Robert Anderson, Police Scotland; and Sheryl Walker, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network.

Attending: E Miller (Clerk); T Monaghan and M Smith (for the Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities); and K McCormick (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

1 The minutes of 15th November 2022 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 David McGroarty had been nominated as the main representative for Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and Station Commander Douglas Millar had been nominated as the substitute representative;

(2) Kinning Park Community Council were now inactive;

(3) Ms Karen Venables had been appointed as the co-opted member for Neighbours, Regeneration and Sustainability; and

(4) the Partnership would consider additional organisations to be appointed as co-opted members, including a representative from Govan Youth Information Project to the next meeting of this Partnership.

Local Parks and Open Spaces Improvement Fund – Report noted.

3 There was heard a report by Mr Kevin McCormick, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS), advising of the current work and timescales being carried out within the ward, including drainage work in Elder Park pond, landscaping and planting of trees and plants.

After consideration, the Partnership

(1) noted the report;

(2) expressed disappointment at the length of time NRS had taken to bring projects to fruition, given that the funding had been agreed 3 years ago and the lack of community consultation at the initial stages.

Govan Infrastructure Fund 2022/23 - Verbal report noted.

4 There was heard a report by Ms Karen Venables, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS) advising that

(1) NRS would be working in consultation with the V&A Museum, Dundee;

(2) there would be an updated report provided to the next Partnership meeting on 18th April 2023; and

(3) the Partnership could make decisions on proposals previously provided by NRS or could wait until the consultation had completed in June 2023.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report;

(b) raised concerns at the length of time taken to discuss proposals with the wider community on how the fund could be spent;

(c) noted the difficulties NRS had faced with the funding proposals and to be careful not to spend money on work already set aside by NRS for potholes, roads, etc; and

(d) agreed that the Partnership would collate suggestions from the community on more urgent projects to be considered at a future meeting of this Partnership.

Connecting Community Justice locally – Presentation noted.

5 There was noted a presentation by Ms Margaret Smith, Policy, Planning and Development Officer, Community Empowerment Services, regarding the Community Justice Glasgow Annual Report advising

(1) of the background to Community Justice in Glasgow;

(2) of the prevention and early intervention carried out by partners and the complex issues of the offenders;

(3) of the work carried out with offenders to help rehabilitate and reduce the number of people who re-offended;

(4) that detailed information and the full report could be accessed at http://2022.cjg-annualreport.co.uk/; and

(5) that members could request specific information about Community Justice or enquire about more local linkages via the Community Justice mailbox at communityjustice@glasgow.gov.uk.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the presentation;

(b) raised concerns about youths who continued to re-offend and the lack of action taken against the offenders due to restrictions within the regulations set by the Scottish Government.

Staying In Project – Consideration continued.

6 The Partnership agreed to continue consideration of an update report by Homelessness Network Scotland regarding the Staying in Project to a future meeting of this partnership.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service ward update noted.

7 There was submitted a report by Station Commander David McGroarty, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) regarding the current issues, incidents and work being carried out in the ward for Quarter 3, from 1st October to 31st December 2022, advising the Partnership

(1) that the Service had attended 68 fires of which 33 were outdoor fires, 24 were building fires and 11 vehicle fires, with 1 fatality;

(2) of the work carried out by SFRS with partners to access premises to help reduce injuries; and

(3) that the Service had attended 181 false alarms across the south area of the City, of which 123 were unwanted fires.

After consideration, the Partnership noted

(a) the report; and

(b) that there had been 1 intentional fire in the ward during the Quarter 3 period.

Police Scotland ward update noted.

8 There was noted a report by Sergeant Stefan Bain, Police Scotland, advising the Partnership

(1) of the continued work by officers to attend community meetings within the ward;

(2) that officers continued to meet with Rangers Football Club regarding anti-social behaviour by supporters, parking issues and other matters highlighted on and around match days;

(3) of the work with Ukrainian refugee families, to help with the transition into the community;

(4) that officers continued to issue parking tickets to drivers who illegally parked along Paisley Road West; and

(5) of the recent drugs and cash seized, following a successful campaign and that any information could be reported anonymously to Police Scotland direct or to Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report; and

(b) highlighted the issues with regard to electric scooters in and around the ward and noted the difficulties faced by officers due to legislation.

Area Budget 2022/23 – Applications for funding dealt with etc.

9 With reference to the minutes of the Council's City Administration Committee of 12th March 2020 (Print 7, page 527), when the committee approved the 2022/23 Area Budget allocations as part of a 3-year package of funding, there was submitted a report by the Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities providing an introduction to the Area Budget, details of the current position with the 2022/23 Area Budget and applications for funding for 2022/23, advising

(1) of the current position in relation to the Area Partnership's budget for 2022/23;

(2) that the Govan Area Partnership's Area Budget allocation for 2022/23 was £90,148.56 and a total of £86,194.56 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £3,954.00; and

(3) of the applications for funding from the Area Budget for 2022/23.

After consideration, the partnership

(a) noted the Area Budget allocation for 2022/23; and

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

Applicant	*Purpose of application*	*Decision*
Impact Arts Ltd Craft Café Govan	Towards the cost of delivering a series of art workshop sessions for older residents aged 60 and over	Awarded £2,954 from the 2022/23 Area Budget and £1,646 from the 2023/24 Area Budget
Pirie Park Primary School – Residential Trip	Towards the cost of a residential trip to Lockerbie manor for 63 P7 pupils, from 17th February to 19th February 2023	Awarded £1,000

Area Budget 2023/24 – Applications for funding dealt with etc.

10 There was submitted a report by the Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities, advising that

(1) the Area Budget had still to be agreed by the City Administration Committee and any revisions to Area Budget allocations for 2023/24 would be detailed in a future report;

(2) Area Partnerships had the option to approve a portion of funds from its 2023/24 Area Budget at the January/February 2023 cycle of meetings for any projects/services that would take place early in the 2023/24 financial year; and

(3) any funding recommended would be subject to confirmation of available finances.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted

(i) that the Area Budget allocations for 2023/24 were subject to availability of funds following approval of Glasgow City Council's 2023/24 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 2023/24 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 2023/24 budget under the existing delegated authority arrangements;

(b) agreed the playscheme award for spring, summer and October holiday periods as follows:-

Playscheme	Venue	Spring 2023	Summer 2023	October 2023	Total
Inclusive Homework Club Holiday Activity Programme	Kinning Park Complex	£24	£84	£12	£120
Beachcombers	Orkney Street Enterprise Centre	£258	£903	£129	£1,290

(d) in terms of the Travel Pass Scheme, approved the provision of a travel pass for use during the school holiday periods to Meiklewood Out of School Care, as detailed in the report.

Minutes of South Sector Community Planning Partnership noted.

11 The minutes of the South Sector Community Planning Partnership of 20th January 2023 were submitted and noted.