Item 1

19th April 2023

VICTORIA PARK AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Minutes of meeting held on 8th February 2023, by video conference.

Present: Councillor Feargal Dalton, (Chair) Councillor Eunis Jassemi and Councillor Lana Reid-McConnell, Glasgow City Council; Station Commander Kenneth McCartney, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Dr Catherine Benton, Jordanhill Community Council; Maisie McCrae, Whiteinch Community Council; David Rennie, Broomhill Community Council; and F O'Rourke, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Also present: Charles Scott, Broomhill Community Council and Brenda McKay, Jordanhill Community Council.

Apologies: Elizabeth Brown, Whiteinch Community Council; Inspector Mhairi Crawford, Police Scotland; and Ailie Hunter, Thornwood Community Council.

Attending: P Yule (Clerk); N Chauhdry (for the Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities); L Lovelock, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network; and K McCormick (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability).

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

1 The minutes of 16th 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, noting that

(1) David Rennie had been nominated as the new representative for Broomhill Community Council;

(1) Elizabeth Brown and Duncan Speirs had been nominated, respectively, as the representative and substitute for the North West Sector Partnership;

(2) Ailie Hunter had been nominated as the new substitute representative for Thornwood Community Council;

(3) Station Commander Kenneth McCartney and Station Commander Graeme Morrow had been nominated, respectively, as the new representative and substitute representative for Scottish Fire Rescue Service; and

(4) Francine O'Rourke had been nominated as the new co-opted member of this Partnership for Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Options for use of Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund 2022/23 – Proposals agreed - Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

3 There was heard a verbal report by Ms Francine O'Rourke, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS), regarding the recommended options for projects in the Ward to be funded from the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund (NIIF), advising

(1) of the consultation process for the NIIF and of the next steps of the engagement design plan that would be finalised in June 2023 which would be handed over to Community Empowerment Services to co-ordinate the engagement process with the local community; and

(2) that members could progress with making decisions regarding the allocation of the £1m funding available, as per the 2022/23 budget, selecting proposals previously put forward by NRS teams across the various infrastructure categories or that members could choose to spend the money on other infrastructure projects of their choice in the Ward.

After consideration the Partnership

(a) noted the report

(b) agreed

(i) to progress with the plans for improvements around the Thornwood roundabout, including a survey to be carried out within the wider community and that Ms O'Rourke would arrange for an onsite visit for members of the Partnership to attend; and

(ii) that Maisie McCrae from Whiteinch Community Council would assist with forming an informal subgroup to allow Community Council members within the Ward, at which officers would be welcome, to attend to discuss other potential options on how they would like to spend the NIIF within the Ward.

(c) requested that the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability submit an updated report of the proposed works and costings on Thornwood roundabout improvements, incorporating any new proposed projects for consideration by this Partnership from the subgroup and the wider Community.

Local Parks and Open Space Improvement Fund - Update noted.

4 With reference to the minutes of 16th November 2022 when the Area Partnership approved a range of projects, totalling £5,750 and that that the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability was requested to submit a report with options for the allocation of the remainder of the funds totalling £3,150 to purchase smaller trees at a more affordable cost for the Thornwood area for consideration at the next meeting, there was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, advising of the projects listed for consideration with a total spend of £3,150, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the Partnership

(1) noted and thanked Mr McCormack for the report;

(2) approved the funding of the projects totalling £3,150, as detailed in the appendix to these minutes; and

(3) highlighted that Naseby Park play area was in need of improvements and suggested that this be considered for funding should resources be available.

Police Scotland Consideration Continued.

5 The Partnership agreed to continue consideration of this item to a future meeting of this Partnership.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Ward update noted.

6 There was heard a report by Station Commander, Kenneth McCartney, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) regarding the current issues, incidents and work being carried out in the Ward for the period 1st October 2022 to 31st December 2022, advising the Partnership

(1) of the activity and other statistics within the North West of the City; and

(2) that the Service had attended 20 fires, 70 false alarms, 36 of which had been
unwanted fire alarms, 21 special Services.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report;

(b) raised a question with regards to when the River Clyde had been last dredged and agreed that Councillor Dalton would come back with this information at the next meeting of this Partnership; and

(c) thanked Station Commander Kenneth McCartney for the report.

North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network - Update noted.

7 There was submitted a report by Ms Lynn Lovelock, North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network (NWGVSN) providing an update on its work, advising

(1) of the impact across the Network following the changes to the Glasgow Communities Fund (GCF) and the adverse impact of decisions regarding funding awards for members of the NWGVSN and the effect on services carried out by the Network;

(2) of the impact within the Victoria Park Ward, as detailed in the report; and

(3) of the request from the NWGVSN that all Area Partnerships should work together to mitigate the impact for the city's residents as a result of the changes to the GCF.

After consideration, the partnership

(a) noted the report and thanked Ms Cowie for the update; and

(a) raised a number of questions and concerns in relation to the decision-making process for the Glasgow Communities Fund, in particular that there had been a geographical gap in the allocation of funding, that the review panels had not been set up well or been transparent and the panels had not been given adequate time to review the applications; and

(b) agreed that Councillor Dalton would write to the Leader of the Council and the Chief Executive on behalf of the Partnership voicing the Partnership's concerns and disappointment regarding the decision-making process.

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

8 With reference to the minutes of the Council's City Administration Committee of 12th March 2020, 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) the current position in relation to the Area Partnership's budget for 2022/23;

(2) that the Victoria Park Area Partnership's Area Budget allocation for 2022/23 was £60,943.40 and that £58,292.65 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £2,650.75; and

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

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted

(i) the area Budget allocation for 2022/23; and

(ii) the 2 applications that had been dealt with under delegated functions, as detailed in the report; and

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

Applicant	*Purpose of application*	*Decision*
130th Glasgow Company, The Boys' Brigade (BB)	Towards the costs of renewing some equipment to ensure it meets BB requirements.	Awarded £1,250
#Police Scotland	To purchase gold standard D-Shackle locks and high viz packs	Awarded £2,509.36 from the 2023/24 Area Budget
#Glasgow Eco Trust	Towards the cost of facilitating a celebration and consultation event for local volunteers	Awarded £467.50
# Victoria Park Community Trust	To purchase mulch mats and pegs, spades and forks	Awarded £933.25

#The Chair accepted these items of business for consideration, as a matter of urgency, in view of the timescales involved

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

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

Applicant	*Purpose of application*	*Decision*
The DRC Youth Project	Towards the costs to continue additional intensive streetwork initiative in the area from 1st April 2023 to August 2023	Awarded £6,000
Movement Park	Towards the costs of 4 - weekly gymnastics and dance sessions	Awarded £5,360

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

Playscheme	Venue	Spring	Summer	Winter	Total
Buddies Playscheme	Southbrae Centre	£351	£897	£195	£1,443
Buddies Club Teenscheme	Southbrae Centre	£351	£897	£195	£1,443

(d) in terms of the Travel Pass Scheme, approved the provision of issue of travel passes for use during the school holiday periods for Broomhill Out of School Care, as detailed in the report.

APPENDIX

VICTORIA PARK AREA PARTNERSHIP – LOCAL PARKS AND OPEN SPACES ALLOCATION OF PROJECT FUNDING TOTALLING £3,150 FOR 2022/23

Option Number	*Location*	*Proposal*	*Total Allocation*
1	Crow road /Dumbarton road junction	6 no. Barrier planters, filled and planted. Early discussions have taken place with community representatives in relation to the management of this planter moving forward, and it is noted that delivery of the project is subject to this agreement being formalised into a 'permission to use'	£1,668
2	Crow road /Dumbarton road junction	1 no. square timber planter softwood, filled and planted M/S birch. Early discussions have taken place with community representatives in relation to the management of this planter moving forward, and it is noted that delivery of the project is subject to this agreement being formalised into a 'permission to use'.	£1,482