Item 1

18th April 2023

LANGSIDE AREA PARTNERSHIP.

Minutes of meeting held on 7th February 2023, Finns Place, Glasgow.

Present: Councillor Paul Leinster (Chair), Councillor Holly Bruce and Councillor Stephen Docherty, Glasgow City Council; Marion McMillan, Cathcart and District Housing Association; Eveline McNair, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network; Station Commander Douglas Millar, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Judith Pollok, Mount Florida Community Council; Evelyn Silber, Langside, Battlefield and Camphill Community Council; and Inspector Cenny Smith, Police Scotland.

Apologies: Councillor Susan Aitken, Glasgow City Council; Heather Bath, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Dominic Fallon and Kevin Watson, Toryglen Community Council; and Patrick Smith, Mount Florida Community Council.

Attending: A Croall (Clerk); K Gorman (for the Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities); K McCormick, L Parish, A Robb and K Venables (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and, Sustainability); B Marshall, Queens Park Working Group; and R Forsyth, Finns Place.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

1 The minutes of 15th November 2022 were submitted and approved subject to noting at Item 6, Consultation of the proposed Cala residential development at Celeros Factory, that the Partnership had raised questions in relation to the affordability and tenure of housing providers.

Glasgow Community Planning Partnership Governance Framework – Membership update noted.

2 There was submitted and noted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration regarding an update on the membership of this Partnership, advising that

(1) Station Commander Douglas Millar had replaced Station Commander Craig Carenduff as the main representative for Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and Station Commander David McGroarty had replaced Station Commander Iain McCormick as the substitute representative;

(2) Lesleyann Currie was no longer the substitute representative for Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership and the position was now vacant;

(3) Inspector Cenny Smith had replaced Inspector Gillian Hall as the substitute representative for Police Scotland;

(4) Karen Venables had been nominated as the co-optee member for Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability; and

(5) Toryglen Community Council had been re-established and the nominated representative was Dominic Fallon and the substitute representative, Kevin Watson.

Police Scotland ward update noted - Request to Police Scotland.

3 There was heard a report by Inspector Cenny Smith, Police Scotland, advising the Partnership

(1) of the current progress that Police Scotland had made in relation to the incident that had involved a brick smashed through a bus window which had resulted in the arrest of 2 youths and had been reported to the Prosecutor Fiscal and Childrens Reporter Panel;

(2) of the ongoing anti-social behaviour incidents at Asda and McDonalds in Toryglen and that engagement work with Asda, McDonalds and other groups would continue to prevent future incidents in the area; and

(3) of the difficult challenges in the surrounding area of Hampden, that the action plan had worked at the time of the semi-final match and that at the next final game on 26th February 2023, additional resources and a further 20 local police officers would be deployed in the area.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) raised questions and concerns regarding anti-social behaviour, illegal parking, bus parking issues, lack of outside toilets in the Hampden area and of the disturbances that had overspilled into the areas of Langside and Battlefield; and

(b) requested that Police Scotland provide a presentation and feedback to this Partnership regarding the action plan for the Hampden area after the cup final.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service ward update noted.

4 There was heard an update by Station Commander Douglas Millar, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, advising the Partnership of the current issues, incidents and work being carried out within the ward, advising

(1) that during the third quarter of 2022/23 a total of 1,167 incidents in the south sector had been responded to;

(2) of the 120 deliberate fires which had decreased by 87 for the same period in 2021/22, that 66 accidental fires for the first quarter of 2022/23 had seen a decrease of 11 incidents from previous year's figures of 77 and that 57

dwelling fires in quarter 3 of 2022/23 had shown a decrease of 15 from the previous year;

(3) that tragically during the third quarter of 2022/23 there had been 1 fire fatality in the south sector and of the death of fire fighter Barry Martin in Edinburgh; and

(4) of potential strike action and providing an assurance that a response would be provided during that time.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report; and

(b) raised questions in relation to inter linked fire detectors and the installation since the introduction of legislation in February 2022, which Station Commander Douglas Millar responded to.

Infrastructure report update noted.

5 There was heard a report by Karen Venables, Neighbourhoods Liaison Manager, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding options for the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund, advising

(1) of the current consultation with the V&A Museum, Dundee and colleagues in the Centre for Civic Innovation to develop a process plan for future community consultation that would be finalised in June 2023;

(2) that a report to the Partnership on 14th June 2022 had contained a suite of projects and that this report would be issued to members for feedback or any further ideas for options to provide costs from the 2022/23 fund;

(3) that the Partnership could start to make decisions to spend funds from the Infrastructure Fund now or wait until June 2023 when the engagement process was rolled out to the community; and

(4) that the options to spend investment on CCTV, benches, plants, road safety and street lighting could be made through this fund.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report;

(b) raised questions in relation to how the maintenance of the projects would be resourced in the future, particularly CCTV cameras and planters, which Karen Venables responded; and

(c) agreed that the Partnership wait until June 2023 for the consultation to commence with local communities and, community councils prior to spending

from the fund, unless an option was urgent and the Partnership would consider funding a relatively small amount.

Staying In Project - Consideration continued.

6 The Partnership agreed to continue consideration to a future meeting a presentation by Homelessness Network Scotland regarding the Staying In Project.

Local Parks & Open Space Improvement Fund 2022/23 – Funding approved.

7 With reference to the minutes of 15th November 2022 when the Area Partnership agreed that a report on the remainder of funds and options, providing a breakdown of costs and details of durable materials and affordable pathways be provided ahead of the next Partnership meeting, there was submitted a report by Kevin McCormick and Lucinda Parish, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability advising of

(1) a list of updated options for investment of this Fund and a breakdown of costs totalling £46,500 as detailed in the report and a balance of £28,200 to be allocated; and

(2) an update of the project allocations for 2021/22 and progress to date, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the partnership

(a) noted the report;

(b) approved the funding of the projects totalling £28,200 as detailed in an appendix to these minutes.

Liveable Neighbourhoods Programme – Update noted.

8 There was submitted a report by Mr Alex Robb, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability providing an update on the Liveable Neighbourhoods Programme advising

(1) of the Langside to Toryglen Liveable Neighbourhoods that covered the areas from Langside, Battlefield, Mount Florida, King's Park, Toryglen and was part of Tranche 1;

(2) that online and in person community engagement had taken place in Autumn 2021 and late Summer 2022;

(3) that the Battle of Langside Monument was being progressed with Sustrans Places for Everyone funding and that this project would be taken forward in parallel with the adjacent Connecting Battlefield project; and

(4) of the wider Liveable Neighbourhood activity that involved 4 areas that formed Tranche 2 which had been submitted for funding;

After consideration the Partnership,

(a) noted the report; and

(b) raised questions and concerns in relation to funding, resources in the future, the shared designs on social media that had been positive but not clear on active travel connecting to Battlefield, future bids of Sustrans and the concept design in relation to the transport model, which Alex Robb responded to.

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

9 With reference to the minutes of the Council's City Administraiton 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 Council's Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities regarding the Area Budget for 2022/23, advising

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

(2) that the Langside Area Partnership's Area Budget allocation for 2022/23 was £61,580.48 and that £60,270.33 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £1310.15; 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 the applications for funding as follows, the grant awards being subject to the conditions detailed in the report:-

Applicant	*Purpose of application*	*Decision*
Police Scotland	Towards the cost of purchasing sash window jammers	Awarded £299
Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability	To purchases resources in promoting car free zones outside Battlefield Primary	Awarded £1,011.15

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

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

Applicant	*Purpose of application*	*Decision*
*Halo Arts	Towards the cost of funding Toryglen Spring Arts Hub	Awarded £3995

(c) in terms of the Travel Pass Scheme, approved the provision of travel passes for use to Langside After School Care, as detailed in the report; and

(d) noted that no Playscheme applications had been received in the ward.

* Eveline McNair declared an interest in this application and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon.

Community updates - Development Plan for Queens Park noted etc.

11 There was heard an update by Bob Marshall, Queens Park Working Group regarding the development plan for Queens Park, advising

(1) that in 2021 a working group had been established that comprised of councillors, officers and local community representatives;

(2) that the working group had identified short term priorities for improvement, the need for larger capital investments, repairs and an improved maintenance regime, and that its objective was to develop a long term development plan that would identify existing uses and sites to be retained for Queen's Park;

(3) that the sites to be addressed would be the Glasshouse, the pond area, the Arena, the Scottish Poetry Rose Garden, play and sports areas, toilets and cafes; and

(4) of the consultancy, the timetable, the estimated cost of £40,000 and that the project would start early summer 2023 that would take a year to complete.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report; and

(b) raised questions in relation to what conversations and support had been offered to the working group, that there was no mention of lighting in the update and that Councillor Bruce wished to be part of the working group going forward.

Welcome Place Service - Update noted.

12 There was heard and noted an update by Ruth Forsyth, Community Director, Finns Place advising the Partnership

(1) of the 10th anniversary of Finns Place and thanked the Partnership for the project funding for the Welcome Place Service;

(2) that the project had purchased sofas, power extensions for work spaces, provided free lunch of soup 3 days a week, and a warm space for the local community; and

(3) of the Care to Knit project that involved 90 volunteers who had distributed 457 blankets and, hot water bottles in the area to nurseries, foodbanks, sheltered housing, and churches.

Minutes of South Sector Community Planning Partnership noted.

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

APPENDIX

LANGSIDE AREA PARTNERSHIP – LOCAL PARKS AND OPEN SPACES – ALLOCATION OF PROJECT FUNDING TOTALLING £28,200 FOR 2022/23

Option Number	*Location*	*Project*	*Total allocation*
1	Balvicar Street Play Area	Contribution towards wider package of funding to support full refurbishment. It is noted that Southside Central Area Partnership has allocated £20,000 from this fund, with a bid to Pollokshields Area Partnership for £10,000 being continued for further consideration, with potential for funding from developer contributions and Scottish Government funding for Play Area Renewal Fund also being reviewed. It is noted that this location is recommended for investment by the Queens Park Working Group, which has representation from a range of organisations both within the park and the surrounding communities, with the scope and therefore final funding package being informed by engagement work being undertaken with children and families, and any recent developer contributions which may become available to spend	£10,000
2	Queens Park Recreation Ground	Construction of link path from Prospecthill Road to recreation ground. This is in addition to the previously allocated £25,400 from 2021/22 due to an amendment to the width of the path, and a proposed allocation of £51,800 from NRS funding and unused allocations from option 2 from the 2021/22 funding	£18,200