Item 1

26th April 2023

DRUMCHAPEL/ANNIESLAND AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Minutes of meeting held on 15th February 2023, at The Hut

Present: Councillor Anne McTaggart (Chair), Bailie Patricia Ferguson, Glasgow City Council; Eric Flack, Blairdardie and Old Drumchapel Community Council; Eric Duncan, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Andy Lynch, Drumchapel Community Council; Sergeant Neil Reilly, Police Scotland; Douglas Taylor, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network, Ellen Wright, High Knightswood and Anniesland Community Council; and Station Commander Kenneth McCartney, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

Also Present: John Docherty, High Knightswood and Anniesland Community Council.

Apologies: Francine O'Rourke Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability

Attending: P Yule (Clerk); L Hendry (for the Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities); S Gray, J Lapthorn and K McCormick (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability); L Lovelock, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network; J Campbell, Jacobs Steer and T Scanlon, Drumchapel Thriving Place Community Connector.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

1 The minutes of 23rd November were submitted and approved.

Glasgow Community Planning Partnership – Governance Framework – Membership noted.

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

(1) John Docherty had been nominated as the new substitute representative for High Knightswood and Anniesland Community Council;

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

(3) Francine O'Rourke had been nominated as the co-opted member for Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability; and

(4) Inspector Catriona Sutherland was no longer the representative for Police Scotland and that recruitment was underway to fill the vacant position.

Variation in order of business noted.

3 The Partnership agreed to vary the order of business as hereinafter minuted.

Police Scotland ward update noted.

4 There was heard a report by Sergeant Neil Reilly advising the Partnership

(1) of the current progress that Police Scotland was making in the ward in relation to crime and anti-social behaviour (ASB);

(2) that the statistics of nuisance calls had fallen;

(3) of the ASB operation that continued to be monitored and patrolled within Fulton Street and Netherton Road and that additional patrols would be in the area and engaging with youths to encourage them to disperse from the area;

(4) that there had been an increase of reports of local youths throwing stones at buses within the ward in which 1 youth had been identified and charged;

(5) of the continued engagement of licensed premises;

(6) that bike thefts continued to be an issue and that bike marking events were being conducted within the ward and that they would continue over the coming months with a planned event at Drumchapel High School;

(7) that officers continued to monitor issues regarding motorbikes and quad bike issues within the ward;

(8) of the increase of catalytic converters being stolen within the Ward and that an organised crime group had been identified and charged; and

(9) road safety remained a local policing priority with officers continuing to conduct road safety action plans targeting hot spots, in particular around the Car Free Zones area at Camstradden Primary School and that officers would continue, where possible, to engage with drivers providing education with road safety matters and enforcing road traffic legislation where appropriate.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report and thanked Sergeant Reilly for all the work carried out by Police Scotland in the Ward; and

(b) raised a number of concerns and questions that were addressed by Sergeant Reilly.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service ward update noted – Request to The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

5 There was heard a report by Station Commander Kenneth McCartney, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, regarding the current issues, incidents and work being carried out within the ward for the period 1st October 2022 to 31st December 2022, advising the partnership

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

(2) the Service had attended 139 accidental fires, 61 deliberate fires, 75 false alarms, 34 of which had been unwanted fire alarms, and 22 special services;

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report;

(b) raised questions in relation to the new policy change of unwanted fire alarms in commercial premises and raised concerns that no communication had been issued in relation to this; and

(c) requested that Scottish Fire and Rescue Service to provide an update at next meeting of when all commercial premises would be notified of this change of policy.

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

6 With reference to the minutes of 23rd November 2022 when the Partnership agreed that a report be brought back to a future meeting with options for the Local Parks & Open Space Improvement Fund 2022/23, there was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability advising

(1) of the list of updated options from the Local Park and Open Spaces Fund and that £73,500 had been allocated to Drumchapel Anniesland Area Partnership, as detailed in the report; and

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

After consideration, the Partnership

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

(b) approved the funding of the projects totalling £73,500 as detailed in the appendix to these minutes;

(c) agreed that NRS would link in with Drumchapel Community Council in relation to which colour the railings should be within Hecla Park; and

(d) highlighted that the play area within Gorgie Park was in need of improvements and suggested that this be considered for funding should resources be available.

Community Hubs/People make Glasgow Community Proposals - Verbal report noted.

7 There was heard an update by Julia Lapthorn, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding the Community Hubs/People Make Glasgow Communities programme advising

(1) that the People Make Glasgow Communities programme provided a flexible approach to the transfer of community assets;

(2) of the potential plans for investing in existing buildings within the ward; and

(3) of the projects that were planned for the ward.

After consideration, the Partnership

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

(b) requested that the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability submit a report to the next meeting of this Partnership, providing information of the proposed projects and of the next stage of the process.

Glasgow Bus Partnership – Report noted.

8 There was submitted a report by Jacobs Steer and the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS) regarding this Council's proposed plan for improvements to public transport within the city, advising

(1) of the Council's plans to transform the way residents or visitors travel around the city by improving public transport and travel options over the long term, which aimed to provide safe, affordable, enjoyable connections and reduced road congestion, noise and air pollution;

(2) that the Scottish Government was committed to providing a long-term investment of £500m to deliver targeted bus priority measures on local and trunk roads;

(3) that the Glasgow Bus Partnership Fund (GBPF) would complement the powers in the Transport (Scotland) Act 2019 and would enable local authorities to work in partnership with bus operators to develop and deliver ambitious schemes;

(4) that Glasgow City Council would submit bid(s) to the GBPF on behalf of the

Glasgow Bus Partnership and had commissioned Jacobs Steer to develop the evidence-base to allow first funding bid during 2023;

(5) of the work to develop a set of proposals to transform bus travel within the city, starting with 5 corridors and the targets to reduce bus journey times, as detailed in the report; and

(6) of the bus priority improvements, junction improvements, kerbside improvements, network solutions, feedback and next steps, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report;

(b) highlighted issues and concerns regarding

(i) the problems that were already occurring within the ward, in particular around Anniesland Cross; and

(ii) buses going to Drumchapel Shopping Centre as they were unable to stop at the bus stop due to parked cars which was resulting in passengers being dropped off at flooded roadsides; and

(c) raised a number of questions that were addressed by Joseph Campbell and Steve Gray.

Drumchapel Thriving Places – Progress report, noted.

9 There was submitted and noted a progress report by Mr Ted Scanlon, Community Connector in relation to Drumchapel Thriving Places, advising

(1) that Thriving Places, initiated in Drumchapel in 2016, was a small team of workers with a focus on democracy and local people's participation;

(2) that during COVID-19 lockdown restrictions 3 consecutive bids to funds made available by the Scottish Government, namely, the Supporting Communities Fund, the Recovery Fund and the Recovery Fund Uplift, had been used to support 44 families with IT devices to tackle digital inclusion and that it had helped 142 families struggling to keep their houses warm and feed their children, along with supporting 14 small local business;

(3) that Thriving Places had engaged in community budgeting initiatives and received a grant from Northwest Health Improvement Team to engage in community budgeting, which to date, we had supported 61 small community projects;

(4) that Friendship House was a space where asylum seekers and refugees met every Wednesday in the hut adjacent to Essesnside Church, with meetings

funded by Thriving Places assisting other organisations to engage with asylum seekers and refugees living in Drumchapel;

(5) that research had begun regarding the Community Hub installed in Drumchapel, consultation with the local community had commenced at the Drumchapel Shopping Centre along with house to house engagement to hear what the community would like to see in terms of a Community Hub; and

(6) that Thriving Places in Drumchapel and its community connectors had engaged with the community in various ways regarding the ongoing activities in the G15 postcode area and that each edition of the Drumchapel News had been uploaded to this Council's Community Planning web pages.

After consideration, the Partnership noted and thanked Mr T Scanlon for the report.

Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network update noted.

10 There was submitted a report by Mr Dougie Taylor, North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network (NWGVSN) providing an update on its work, advising

(1) of the Network's concerns regarding the funding decisions made recently in respect of projects within the Ward;

(2) that the decision to award most organisations only a percentage of their funding for which they had applied would again have consequences for the organisations and inevitably services would be reduced at a time when they were most needed. as detailed in the report;

(3) that a number of organisations had only received part of their funding, and the NWGVSN would provide assistance to those groups seeking alternative funding sources; and

(4) that 3rd sector organisations had indicated that it would beneficial if a review of the process for allocating funds takes place at an earlier stage, prior to the fund being opened to applications.

After consideration, the partnership noted the report and thanked Mr Dougie Taylor for the update.

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

11 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 Drumchapel Anniesland Area Partnership's Area Budget allocation for 2022/23 was £84,175 and that an underspend of £2,911 from the 2021/22 budget had been carried forward bringing the total to £87,086; 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*
3D Drumchapel	Towards the cost of training for 10 people to become facilitators to deliver the Solihull approach program 'Understanding your Child' course	Awarded £1,408
3D Drumchapel	Towards the cost of training and facilitation for Drumchapel Children and Families Network around system design	Awarded £1,000
Glasgow Life	Towards the cost of arts and crafts materials	Withdrawn
*Kingridge Cleddans Economic Development Group	Towards the cost of purchasing food and hygiene parcels	Awarded £2,366

*The chair accepted this item for consideration as a matter of urgency, in view of the timescales involved.

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

12 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*
Knightswood Gala Scheme	Towards the cost of the Knightswood Park Fun Day on Saturday 17th June 2023	Awarded £4,389

(c) in terms of the Travel Pass Scheme, approved the provision of issue of travel passes for use during the school holiday period, as detailed in the report; and

(d) agreed the playschemes awards as follows:-

Playscheme	Venue	Total
Womens Aid	Confidential	£2,050
St Ninians playscheme	St Ninians Primary School 2150 Great Western Road	£369
Temple Shafton playscheme	The Hut 358 Netherton Road	£2,100

APPENDIX

DRUMCHAPEL/ANNIESLAND AREA PARTNERSHIP – LOCAL PARKS AND OPEN SPACES ALLOCATION OF PROJECT FUNDING TOTALLING £73,500 FOR 2022/23

Option Number	*Location*	*Proposal*	*Total Allocation*
1	High Knightswood and Anniesland Area	Wildflowers and bulb planting- sites to be agreed	£300
2	High Knightswood and Anniesland Area	Pollinator Planters- sites to be agreed	£2608
3	High Knightswood and Anniesland Area	interpretation boards in the area to highlight local wildlife and biodiversity	£1800
4	Temple Play Area (Fulton Street)	Contribution to a wider funding pot including Scottish Government Play Area renewal funding- to include self closing gate and basketswing	£25,000
5	Temple Walkway	To improve access for those using a wheelchair or others with limited mobility, it has been suggested NRS replace settled entrance at corner of Temple Walkway and Glencoe Street with a bound, smooth material and a grass swale verge to support surface water management 415 m2	£35,992
6	Temple Shafton Youth Project	Contribution to project(s), to be agreed in conjunction with NRS.	£7800