North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network:
Area Partnership Report January 2023

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North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network Update

The Glasgow Communities Fund has been uppermost in the minds of most of our members over the last few months. Both for those currently funded by it and for those who don't receive GCF funding but are aware of the consequences of a reduction of funding for our communities.
The network and members are very aware of the over subscription to the fund and difficult choices that council officers had to make. However, it would appear that geography was not taken into account when making decisions and the need for each ward area to have at last minimum of service.
The 4 community council members who represented the North West at the GCF review panel shared their local knowledge but despite urging the council to include them earlier, they were involved too late in the process. The network manager was also involved in the Review Panel and was able to give an overview of the potential impact of decisions on the wards and the people we serve in them. Again, this insight was brought too late in the process.
The network has attended all 8 Area Partnerships for the last 5 years and has provide reports for at least 3 of years. Therefore, we have a wealth of knowledge we would willing share with decision makers to make sure that each community we all serve has the services it needs.

Below in each ward we have outlined some of the funding decisions made and potential impacts.

We ask that each Area Partnership works together to mitigate the impacts for local people.

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Anderston City Yorkhill

- The Network and its members are very concerned about the GCF funding decisions made in the ward.
- We are concerned the decision to fund Townhead Village Hall 44% of their requested funding will negatively impact on their services and directly affect citizens in the Townhead community. In addition, the recommendation not to fund SIMY who provide community development for the area will mean less services in an area already under served.
- The decision to award the most organisations only a percentage of their funding application request will again have consequences for the organisation and inevitably services will be reduced at a time when they are most needed. e.g The Pyramid at Anderston were awarded 68% and Garnethill Multicultural Centre were awarded 60% of their application
- The Marie Trust that provides only lifeline services for homeless people and also works with them to gain skills was not funded for its employability project.

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Canal

- It is heartening to see that organisations not funded in phase 1 of the GCF were funded in this round, Young People's Futures have received funding for the 1st time.
- Many organisations are funded again, although most not to the level they applied for, North Untied Communities, Possibilities. St. Matthews centre & Boom Community Arts, Bathany Christian Trust etc; which will allow much needed services to continue.
- As austerity increases, food insecurity & demand for food will increase also. The Courtyard Pantry provides a dignified solution to food insecurity as well as volunteering opportunities for people with mental health issues was not funded, which could have a significant impact on local people who need access to cheap or free food.
- It is also concerning that funds have not been made available through the application by Cadder Housing Assocation to reopen the Community Centre in Cadder. The network to see the centre open again for local people's use.
- It is also disappointing to note that Possilpark People's Trust run by and for the community did not received funding.
- Services not funded in the Maryhill ward could have an impact on some local people in this ward as some local people use services in other areas.

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Drumchapel Anniesland

- Whilst appreciative of the funding made available via GCF to Drumchapel/Anniesland ward, the network and its members are very concerned about the number of organisations in the ward that have been recommended for cuts to their funding.
- 5 organisations have been recommended an average 60% of the funding they requested and if you remove the Drumchapel Sports Centre this average drops to 50%
- These reductions in funding will certainly have an impact on the levels of service and probable reduction of these crucial community services for citizens of Drumchapel
- The recommendation not to fund Chest, Heart & Stroke Health Defence programme will further impact the local services and the health & wellbeing of the Drumchapel community.

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Garscadden Scotstounhill

- The network, its members and local people are very concerned about the adverse impact of GCF decisions not only in Garscadden/Scotstounhill but also in Partick East/Kelvindale and Victoria Park, where 3 vital community centres have NOT been recommended for funding.
- Heart of Scotstoun Community Centre is a very busy community facility, serving not only the local community, but neighbouring wards too. This centre stepped up and served its community throughout the pandemic and continues to provide essential services, affordable warm food from its community café, a food pantry and opportunities for health and wellbeing activities and volunteering opportunities. It also houses other local organisations vital to the community, including Glasgow Eco Trust (also not funded) and DRC youth project youth clubs. Without this GCF funding, vital local services will be reduced, and the centre could be at risk of closure.
- Whiteinch centre nearby & Annexe Communities in Partick did not receiving funding either therefore neighbouring centres will not be able to provide alternative services.

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Hillhead

- It is good to see that an important anchor organisation in this ward, Community Central Halls has been recommended for funding to continue their essential work.
- Mel-Milaap Community Centre that provides food, sessions to bring people together, keeping active and well hasn't been funded. The centre is currently open 2 days a week but needs to open longer to meet demand.
- Worrying to see that the Courtyard Pantry was not funded, as although in neighbouring Canal ward is used by several people from the ward.
- We have yet to see though if funding decisions in Maryhill & Canal ward will affect local people in this ward.
- We do not know yet the full effects of the funding decisions and the services we have lost as there is no impact assessment.
- There are a number of hubs throughout the North West that provide services the council don't provide, that did not get funding. Two of note are Heart of Scotstoun and the Whiteinch Centre, which are at risk of closure.

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Maryhill

- Community and Network members alike are concerned about the negative impact of the GCF decisions not only in Maryhill but across the North West.
- Maryhill Burgh Halls, that provides a community museum, accessible art exhibitions and other arts & culture opportunities has not been funded.
- G20 Works did not receive funding which could have a significant impact on services for young people.
- The decision to partially fund a variety of organisations across the ward will inevitably affect their ability to provide their services to the capacity required.
- Shakespeare Street faces having to significantly reduce services at a time when demand is higher than ever, families have not only been coming for activities but for meals too.
- Acre Tenants & Residents Hall that serves an area with little other provision, was only partially funded, at a time when they are seeing increasing demand.

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Partick East/Kelvindale

- The network, its members and community members are very concerned about the adverse impact of GCF decisions not only in Partick East/Kelvindale, but also in Victoria Park and Garscadden/Scotstounhill, where 3 vital community centres have not been recommended for funding.
- The Annexe Communities have not been funded, which could affect the services they deliver. This is concerning as they provide crucial services for older, vulnerable people including toenail cutting. They also work in partnership with many other agencies, where they also provide social prescribing services.
- Annexe did however receive £23,500 Cost of Living Lottery Funding allowing Partick organisations to support 100 low-income households to Heat and Eat in January.
- Partick Community Growing Project received £5,250 from the Household Hardship Fund to provide 105 households with a £50 cash envelope to go towards food and energy.
- Centres in neighbouring wards have also not been funded which could leave a large gap in provision.
- Would like thank Cllr Anderson for his support during this difficult time.

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Victoria Park

- The Whiteinch centre is an anchor organisation in the ward providing food, support & learning for the local community, sadly it has not been recommended for funding. This could lead to closure if other funding & support is not found. Since there are few other services in the ward this is particularly concerning.
- The neighbouring wards of Garscadden/Scotstounhill and Partick East/Kelvindale have also seen centres not recommended for funding, Heart of Scotstoun & Annexe Communities, these services are a lifeline for the local community and open a huge gap in provision in this part of the "Dumbarton Road Corridor"

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