Item 1

5th September 2023

GARSCADDEN/SCOTSTOUNHILL AREA PARTNERSHIP.

Minutes of meeting held on 18th April 2023 at Knightswood Community Centre, Glasgow.

Present: Councillor Malcolm Mitchell (Chair), Councillor Bill Butler, Councillor Chris Cunningham, and Councillor Eva Murray, Glasgow City Council; Inspector Siobhan Paterson, Police Scotland; Lainy Bedingfield, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network; Scott Donaldson, Scotstoun Community Council; Sandy Busby, Yoker Community Council; and Robert Smith, Linkes;

Apologies: Kenny McCartney, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; and Sandra Barber, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership.

Attending: L Handlin (Clerk); L Hendry (for the Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities); and K Lawson (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability).

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

1 The minutes of 7th February 2023 were submitted and approved.

Variation in order of business.

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

Police Scotland - ward update noted.

3 There was heard and noted a report by Inspector Siobhan Paterson, Police Scotland, advising that

(1) the Your Police Survey had closed and the results had been made available on the Police Scotland website;

(2) additional patrols had been allocated to Knightswood Park following reports of anti-social behaviour, and as a result there would be regular patrols over the summer months; and

(3) Operation Optimise continued to investigate ongoing levels of bike thefts in the Ward, and a further bike marking event had been arranged to take place at Scotstoun Leisure Centre; and

(4) Road Safety Action Plans had been ongoing and continued to be a priority, with site visits being carried out in relation to incidents of dangerous driving.

Glasgow Community Planning Partnership Governance Framework – Membership update noted.

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

(1) Inspector Siobhan Paterson had been nominated as the representative for Police Scotland; and

(2) Robert Smith had been nominated as the representative and Fatima Mohammed had been nominated as the substitute representative for Linkes.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report; and

(b) agreed that the vacant position for Knightswood Secondary School be filled by Kingsway Community Connections.

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Infrastructure Improvement Fund - Update noted – Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

5 There was submitted a report by Kellie Ann Lawson, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS) providing an update on the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund, advising

(1) that the allocated £1m of investment for the ward was capital expenditure that could be carried forward to be spent in future financial years;

(2) the Centre for Civic Innovation within NRS was developing a citizen engagement model to support this process as well as future initiatives, with draft recommendations being published in May 2023; and

(3) wider community involvement in decision making would continue moving forward.

After consideration the Partnership

(a) noted the report; and

(b) requested that the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability circulate examples of projects which had been funded by other Area Partnerships to the members of this Partnership.

Development of Area Partnerships - Update noted.

6 There was submitted and noted a report by the Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities regarding an update on the development of Area Partnerships, advising

(1) of the ongoing development by the Centre of Civic Innovation that would allow Area Partnerships to make decisions on how the Infrastructure Improvement Fund could be spent based on the opinions of local citizens;

(2) that workshops had been held that involved officers from Community Empowerment and Equalities and Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability to understand the aims, objectives, potential challenges and key stakeholders etc that could be involved;

(3) that the next stage would be to test the system in the pilot areas by engaging citizens and Area Partnerships on their priorities and preferences for use of the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund;

(4) that once the development phase had been completed, final recommendations would be made on how the citizens engagement system could be rolled out across the city; and

(5) of the revised terms of reference for Area Partnerships that now allowed for up to 4 additional members to be co-opted to the Partnership.

Yoker Nursery/Sports Centre - Update noted etc.

7 With reference to the minute of 7th February 2023 when the Partnership agreed to request a meeting with the Chief Executive, Executive Director of Education Services and the 4 Elected Members of this Ward to discuss re-assessment of the proposals for nursery provision in Yoker, there was heard an update by Councillor Malcolm Mitchell advising that

(1) a meeting had taken place between the 4 Elected Members and the Executive Director of Education Services;

(2) the current status of the proposed nursery development was on hold;

(3) potential future changes to nursery school provision in Scotland could have a positive impact on the decision to proceed with the creation of a new nursery in Yoker; and

(4) there had been a proposal for a community asset transfer of the football pitches and part of the sports centre to be used as football facility with the provision of changing rooms.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the update provided by Councillor Mitchell; and

(b) requested that the response by the Executive Director of Education Services be circulated to the membership of this Partnership.

North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network update noted.

8 There was submitted and noted a report by Lainy Bedingfield, North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network providing an update on its work, advising that

(1) there had been an increase in foodbank referrals with more people in the local community experiencing absolute poverty;

(2) Kingsway Community Connections had launched a breakfast club each morning and would be opening the community spaces until 8.00pm every weekday; and

(2) there had been a proposal through the People Make Glasgow Communities to take over the Danes Drive Bowling Green and park, with any community benefit still to be established.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service – Consideration continued.

9 The Partnership agreed to continue consideration to a future meeting a report by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service regarding current issues, incidents and work carried out in the ward.

Festive Lighting – Funding approved.

10 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding the provision of festive lighting within the Ward, advising that

(1) Garscadden Scotstounhill Area Partnership had been awarded £3,600 in central funding to meet the costs of erecting and maintaining festive lighting; and

(2) should the total cost of delivering the festive lighting programme exceed the £3,600 central funding, the balance required would be met by the Area Partnership for other funds.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report;

(b) agreed to fund 2 trees at Dumbarton Road/Kingsway and 2 trees at Alderman Road/Kelso Street at a total cost of £13,200; and

(c) approved £9,600 expenditure from the Area Budget to meet the additional costs of delivering the festive lighting programme.

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

11 With reference to the minutes of the Council's City Administration Committee of 23rd March 2023, when the committee approved the 2023/24 Area Budget allocations, there was submitted a report by the Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities, advising

(1) of the current position in relation to the Area Partnership's budget for 2023/24;

(2) that the Garscadden Scotstounhill Area Partnership's Area Budget allocation for 2023/24 was £87,055 and a total of £10,240 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £76,815; and

(3) of the applications for funding from the Area Budget for 2023/24.

After consideration, the partnership

(a) noted the position regarding the Area Budget allocations for 2023/24; 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*
Glasgow Eco Trust	Towards the cost of the creation of a community led transport forum	Approved £6,400
Linkes*	Towards the cost of organising a summer fun day and to provide fun activities for children and young people during holiday periods and term time	Approved £6,000
Mearns After School Care	Towards the cost of purchasing new equipment and resources	Approved £2,597
Parent Community Sports Trust	Towards the cost of hosting a community gala on 10th June 2023	Approved £5,000

Police Scotland	Towards the cost of purchasing 52 Sashtop Window Jammers	Approved £299
Scotstoun Primary School	Towards the cost of running a summer programme of activities	Approved £5,256
Yoker Community Campus	Towards the cost of renewing the devices in the IT suite at Yoker Community Campus	Approved £7,392
Kingsway Community Connections**	Towards the cost of providing a welcome space for community residents	Approved £2,000

* Robert Smith declared an interest in this application and took no part in the discussion and decision thereon.

** Lainy Bedingfield declared an interest in this application and took no part in the discussion and decision thereon.