Item 1

19th September 2023

DENNISTOUN AREA PARTNERSHIP.

Minutes of meeting held on 25th April 2023, City Chambers, Glasgow.

Present: Councillor Allan Casey (Chair), Bailie Anthony Carroll and Councillor Elaine McDougall, Glasgow City Council; Sergeant Craig Thompson, Police Scotland; Jennifer Johnstone, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Kirsteen Marshall, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network; Ian Sheerer, Dennistoun Community Council; Josephine Donachy, Milnbank Housing Association; and Martin Lundie, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Apologies: Chief Inspector Greg Roberton and Inspector Lesley Docherty, Police Scotland; and Station Commander Barry Cranstoun and Station Commander Russell McKinlay, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

Attending: A Croall (Clerk); and A Moore and D Speirs (for the Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities).

Appointment of substitute approved.

1 In terms of paragraph 6.10 of the Governance Framework, the Partnership noted that in the absence of the representative and substitute representative for Police Scotland, the Chair approved the attendance of Sergeant Craig Thompson.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

2 The minutes of 14th February 2023 were submitted and approved.

Glasgow Community Planning Partnership Governance Framework - Membership update noted.

3 There was submitted and noted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration providing an update regarding membership of this Partnership, advising that Michelle Hunt had replaced Laura Kemp as the substitute representative for Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership.

Development of Area Partnerships - Update noted.

4 There was submitted a report by the Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities regarding 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 many local citizens;

(2) of the initial workshops that had been held in the pilot wards of Calton and Greater Pollok to involve officers from Community Empowerment and Equalities, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability Services to understand the aims, objectives, potential challenges, key stakeholders, people that needed to be included and of the available resources;

(3) of the high level initial structure for the system that had been created and that that final recommendations would be made to roll out across the city in June 2023; and

(4) of a revised terms of reference for Area Partnerships that would allow up to 4 additional members to be co-opted to the Partnership.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report; and

(b) agreed to explore and continue engagement to identify organisations, particularly the potential gap of representation across the North side of the ward, that may be considered to fill the 3 vacant positions on the membership prior to considering the additional co-opted members to the Partnership.

Infrastructure Improvement Fund 2022/23 – Update noted – Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

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

(1) of the allocated £1m of investment for the ward that could be spent at any point over a 5 year period and that the Fund would be managed by existing resources;

(2) of the ongoing development by the Centre of Civic Innovation that would allow Area Partnerships to make decisions on how the Infrastructure Improvement Fund was allocated, that would be finalised in June 2023;

(3) NRS was keen to support the process to pull together a high level costing menu to assist the Partnership with decision making; and

(4) that a template for feedback or additional suggestions would be developed to inform the process moving forward.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report;

(b) raised questions in relation to Hogarth Park which had been unsuccessful in a bid to SUSTRANS and also funding for the Germiston area, asking if the scale

of funding was not enough from the Local Parks Fund, could potential funding be sought from the Infrastructure Fund which Mr Lundie responded to

(c) discussed the M8 underpass accessibility and safety issues for pedestrians and that the Liveable Neighbourhood consultations along with a briefing on the findings would be available soon for the Partnership to consider for funding: and

(d) requested that the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability

(i) provide a report of all costings prior to the next meeting to be circulated to members of the Partnership; and

(ii) arrange a site visit regarding the pathway at Viewpark Avenue to Royston due to the lack of lighting and safety issues to the public and that a report to be provided to the next meeting of the Partnership.

Police Scotland ward update noted etc.

6 There was heard a report by Sergeant Craig Thompson, Police Scotland, advising the Partnership

(1) of a spike over the Easter period of anti-social behaviour and that the appropriate resources had been deployed to deal with the issue;

(2) that diversionary projects and continued work with campus police officers in Primary Schools and Secondary Schools would be deployed in the run up to the summer period to avert anti-social behaviour in the ward; and

(3) of the continued work locally and with the wider community in relation to drug offences that had a positive result and of a slight increase in dishonesty crimes that had involved reactive policing.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted and thanked Sergeant Craig Thompson for the update; and

(b) raised questions in relation to nitric oxide incidents, young people on scooters and Deliveroo cyclists in the ward, which Sergeant Thompson responded to.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service ward update noted.

7 There was submitted and noted a report by Scottish Fire and Rescue Service regarding a Community Safety Report that advised the Partnership of details of deliberate fires, Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals and the Make the Call Campaign.

Area Budget 2022/2023 – Final Monitoring statement noted.

8 There was submitted a report by the Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities regarding the Area Budget for 2022/2023, providing a final monitoring statement in relation to projects previously funded, £65,664.51 had been allocated to various projects in the Dennistoun ward, representing a 100% spend.

Festive Lighting Programme 2023/24 – Funding approved – Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

9 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS) regarding the 2023/24 Festive Lighting Programme, advising

(1) that each Area Partnership would be awarded £3,600 central funding to meet the costs of erecting and maintaining festive lighting;

(2) of the festive lighting location for the ward delivered as part of the 2022/23 programme, as detailed in the report;

(3) of the standard pricing schedule for the 2023/24 festive lighting programme, and the cost to repeat the 2022/23 programme in 2023/24, as detailed in the report;

(4) that the Partnership would be able to nominate additional or alternative festive lighting locations to those delivered as part of the 2023/24 programme, and that should any new location be proposed, NRS required to be notified by 5th May 2023 to allow the feasibility and cost of the new locations to be assessed;

(5) that the Partnership would be invited to identify locations where a switch on event was proposed to be held for either a Christmas tree or natural tree and that column mounted features would come on at the same time as the street lights on the day of installation; and

(6) that if the total cost of the delivery of the festive lighting programme selected by the Area Partnership exceeded the £3,600 central funding, the balance of the funding would require to be met by the Area Partnership from other funds.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the 2022/23 festive lighting arrangements and the central funding available for the 2023/24 programme;

(b) agreed

(i) to fund a repeat of the festive lighting programme of 2022/23 for 2023/24 however to change location of the natural tree at Drygate to the natural tree that faced the Drygate Brewery and light this tree instead; and

(ii) agreed the total funding for the projects of £16,796, less the central funding of £3,600 which resulted in a balance of £13,196 which would be met from the Area Partnership budget; and

(c) requested NRS to provide a breakdown of individual costs of festive lighting and to investigate the potential of community groups to secure procurement of Christmas trees for the future festive lighting programme.

Area Budget 2023/24 - Applications for funding dealt with – Declarations of interest.

10 With reference to the minutes of the Council's City Administraiton 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 Dennistoun Area Partnership's Area Budget allocation for 2023/24 was £65,664.51, that funding of £12,227.99 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £53,436.52; 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 allocation for 2023/24;

(b) in terms of the Travel Pass Scheme, approved the provision of travel passes for use to Connect 2 out of school care, as detailed in appendix 2 of the report; and

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

Applicant	*Purpose of application*	*Decision*
Bluevale Community Club	Towards the cost to upgrade the Bluevale Community Club	Continued consideration to next meeting
*New Rhythms for Glasgow	Towards the cost to deliver 2 chocolate art courses over 18 weeks to 30 adults that would enhance learning by progressing to HNC level	Awarded £4,764.60
With Kids	Towards the cost to purchase equipment for Play Therapy Kits to be used to deliver play therapy	Awarded £2,677.05

	to children and families from ethnic minority backgrounds	
Interfaith Glasgow	Towards the cost to host a programme of events that would facilitate friendship building, co-operation between people from different religious backgrounds and how to tackle prejudice	Refused due to low numbers of participants from ward 22
Reidvale Adventure Play Association Ltd	Towards the costs to deliver Mini Movers Sessions to parents, caregivers with babies and young children under 3 years old	Awarded £2,284
Eco Drama	Towards the costs to host 8 performances of the Whirlybird for 3-7 year olds as part of the Glasgow Schools in Autumn 2023	Awarded £500
Dennistoun New Parish Church	Towards the cost for a day outing to St Andrew's on 10th June 2023	Awarded £650
Spire View Housing Association	Towards the cost to host a variety of activities in Roystonhill Community Hub over 30 weeks	Awarded £3,660
Copperworks Housing Association	Towards the cost to supply and fit 6 bases and benches for the Triangle Park in Royston	Awarded £3,005.20
PEEK	Towards the costs to provide additional support sessions for nursery pupils, offering fresh fruit and refreshments and a day trip to the PEEK annual National Play Day event in August 2023	Refused due to applicant receiving funds from other sources and duplicate application
Community Events Scotland	Towards a firework display at the Glasgow Fort on 4th and 5th November 2023	Refused due to event not in ward
Glasgow East Arts Company	Towards the costs to host the Alexandra Park Family Festival on 22nd July 2023	Awarded £6,500
**Milnbank Area Residents Social Club	Towards the costs hire inflatables and a carousal ride for the Gala Day event on 27th May 2023	Awarded £2,500

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

**Councillor Casey, Councillor McDougall and Josephine Donachy declared an interest in this application and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon and Bailie Carroll assumed the Chair for this item only.