Item 1

14th September 2023

ANDERSTON/CITY/YORKHILL AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Minutes of meeting held on 15th June 2023, at City Chambers, Glasgow.

Present: Councillor Eva Bolander (Chair), Councillor Philip Braat, Depute Lord Provost Christy Mears and Councillor Angus Millar, Glasgow City Council; Inspector Jonathan Watters, Police Scotland; James Rouse, Anderston Community Council; Irene Loudon, Blythswood and Broomielaw Community Council; Dr Hugh Wynne, Garnethill Community Council; Gary Atkinson, Merchant City and Trongate Community Council, Michael Glen, Townhead and Ladywell Community Council; John Gerrard, Yorkhill and Kelvingrove Community Council; and Lise Fisher, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Apologies: Greame Morrow, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

Attending: D Brand (Clerk); R O'Sullivan, Community Empowerment Services; M Smith (for the Chief Executive) L Fisher (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability); D Ferrier and M McArthur, Glasgow Life; and L Lovelock, North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

1 The minutes of 20th April 2023 were submitted. After consideration, the Partneship approved

(1) the minutes; and

(2) the junction improvements to the traffic signals at Elliot Street/St Vincent Street at a cost of £12,320 from the infrastucture fund, which had remained outstanding from the previous meeting.

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 Kate Drummond was no longer the representative for the North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network, and that discussions were ongoing to find a representative and substitute representative from that organisation.

Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI) 2023 Cycling World Championships – Presentation noted.

3 The partnership heard a joint presentation by David Ferrier and Mark McArthur, Glasgow Life, providing a general overview of the Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI) 2023 Cycling World Championships to be held from 3rd to 13th August 2023, advising of

(1) various information in relation to the delivery of the event to be hosted by Glasgow, which comprised of 13 cycling world championships with 8 to be held in Glasgow and 5 to be held at other locations throughout Scotland;

(2) those championships to be held at Glasgow venues and of the anticipated impact for the city, which would

(a) sustain the sport, physical activity and cultural legacy from the Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games;

(b) promote the city as a welcoming and vibrant destination through the visitor experience;

(c) further showcase Glasgow as a leading global events city;

(d) maximise the positive economic and social impact of events for Glasgow, building skills and capacity;

(e) inspire Glasgow citizens to lead more active, healthier lives; and

(f) build on existing relationships with local authority partners and other agencies;

(3) the ‘GO LIVE!’ initiative, which would follow on from the success of the initiative at the 2018 European Football Championships and allow the city to build on the platform dedicated to celebrating and promoting healthy and active lifestyles and provide citizens with a must visit experience in the heart of their communities;

(4) Glasgow House, which was based on the legacy of the Glasgow Business Embassy in Scotland held during the Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games and would be a business hub to allow Glasgow and Scottish businesses, city stakeholders and community groups to take centre stage and promote the city to international guests; and

(5) a cultural, community and sports programme that would run alongside the championships and of an update on the work of the ‘Get Ready Glasgow’ initiative.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) voiced its concerns at the disruptions to residents of the Ward that would be affected during these Championships, but acknowledged that communication had taken place with all the community councils in the Ward apart from

Yorkhill & Kelvingrove Community Council which remained outstanding, but that there would be an opportunity for representatives to attend a meeting scheduled for 24th June 2023 for the wider community councils, and that all community councillors would receive an invitation for that event;

(b) acknowledged that more information from First Bus in relation to changes in travel routes during the event period would be published on its website, and that links to the course routes on tits website would be advantageous for residents in the Ward;

(c) asked if the option for any community benefits could be explored; and

(d) agreed that it was critical that information regarding road closures, travel disruptions etc be communicated at the earliest convenience to allow residents of the Ward to make necessary travel arrangements during the event period and that based on the disruption that this event would have on the residents of the Anderston/City/Yorkhill Ward that regular updates be given to Councillor Bolander as Chair of the Partnership

Anderston/City/Yorkhill Area Partnership Workplan - Update noted etc.

4 There was submitted a report by Community Empowerment Services regarding the workplan for this partnership, advising

(1) of future meeting dates for the remainder of 2023/24, as detailed in paragraph 2.2 of the report; and

(2) that members were invited to discuss and agree both the frequency of standard agenda items, as detailed in paragraph 2.1 of the report, and any additional agenda items they wished to be included on future meeting agendas.

After consideration, the partnership

(a) noted the report; and

(b) agreed

(i) that feed in from all community councils in the Ward should form part of future agenda items relating to the issues experienced in their areas;

(ii) that the next meeting of the Partnership take place in the Ward and asked for community council representatives to bring forward their suggestions for venues;

(iii) that no reports relating to funding application requests be submitted to the 2 additional meetings of the Partnership; and

(iv) that further discussions take place between Community Planning and Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability officers

regarding any additional reports that could be brought to future Partnership meetings.

Community Justice Annual Report – Presentation noted.

5 With reference to the minutes of 20th April 2023 continuing consideration of a presentation on the Community Justice Annual Report, the partnership heard and noted a presentation by Margaret Smith, Chief Executive's Department, regarding the matter, advising

(1) of the background to Community Justice in Glasgow;

(2) of the prevention and early intervention work carried out by partners and the complex issues of the offenders;

(3) of the work carried out with offenders to help rehabilitate and reduce the number of people who re-offended;

(4) that detailed information and the full report could be accessed at http://2022.cjg-annualreport.co.uk/; and

(5) that members could request specific information about Community Justice or enquire about more local linkages via the Community Justice mailbox at communityjustice@glasgow.gov.uk.

North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network - Update noted.

6 The partnership heard and noted a verbal report by Lynn Lovelock, North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network, providing an update regarding its work, advising

(1) of the success of its recycling project in partnership with Gift Tech and Glasgow Clyde College, that had started during lockdown, for the donation of ICT equipment and mobile phones, but had continued after restrictions had been lifted, and which had seen over 1000 pieces of equipment being donated to those who were digitally excluded; and

(2) of a network meeting at the Byres Road Hub funders fair events which had recently taken place, and of the discussions that had taken place around the Glasgow Communities Fund.

Local Parks and Open Space Improvement Fund 2021/22 and 2022/23 – Update noted.

7 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability providing an update on investment of the Local Parks and Open Space Improvement Fund within the Anderston/City/Yorkhill Ward from funds allocated in 2021/22 and 2022/23.

After consideration, the Partnership

(1) noted

(a) the report; and

(b) an updated programme of works, detailing approvals and outstanding approvals for this Partnership, as detailed in an appendix to these minutes; and

(2) agreed that Councillor Bolander continued to engage with the head teacher of St Patrick's Primary School regarding the ongoing works in the area.

Festive Lighting Programme 2023/24 – Authority to Chief Executive.

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

(1) that each Area Partnership had been awarded £3,600 of central funding to meet the costs of erecting and maintaining festive lighting, with each Area Partnership having the option to fund additional festive lighting locations;

(2) of the festive lighting locations 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 programme and the cost to repeat the 2022/23 programme in 2023/24,;

(4) that the Partnership was 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

(5) that if the total cost of delivering the programme selected by this partnership exceeded the £3,600 central funding, then the balance of the funding would require to be met by the 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) approved

(i) a Christmas tree and switch on event at Anderston costing £3,600 and £105 respectively, and a natural Christmas tree and switch on event at Townhead costing £1,400 and £105 respectively;

(ii) a £2,600 one-off cost of constructing an underground power supply

to the newly planted Christmas tree at Townhead, which was required for health and safety reasons, to be deducted from the infrastructure fund; and

(iii) the remaining £1,610 balance, after the deduction of £3,600 from central funding be deducted from the area budget; and

(c) authorised the Partnership and Development Manager to make any decisions that were required prior to the finalisation of the 2023/24 programme on 30th June 2023.

Variation in order of business.

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

Joint Action Group and Police Scotland – Update noted.

10 In terms of paragraph 12.4 of the Governance Framework there was heard and noted a joint update by Irene Loudon, Blythswood and Broomielaw Community Council, and Inspector Jonathan Watters, Police Scotland regarding the partnership working of the Joint Action Group (JAG), which comprised representatives from all community councils within the Anderston/City/Yorkhill Ward and Police Scotland to share common experiences, concerns and issues across all areas of the Ward with a view to reaching consensus on an approach to tackling common problems, advising

(1) that the common themes that had been identified for discussion included environment, safety, community engagement, planning and development, and that while planning and development was considered a prime concern, most of the discussion at the recent JAG meeting had been about cycling/cyclists, in particular cycling safety in the Sauchiehall Precinct, and that Police Scotland had set up a taskforce to respond to this;

(2) that following a series of cycling action plans set up by Police Scotland during May 2023, 27 fixed penalty notices had been given to cyclists for dangerous cycling;

(3) that following engagement with cyclists, it had been identified that most were employed by delivery companies, that many were using electric bikes, and that Police Scotland had met with Deliveroo on 30th May 2023 and had provided information on safety to riders and planned to meet with JustEat also; and

(4) of the events that had been set up with Police Scotland and HM Revenues and Customs to promote a 2-tiered approach for enforcement as well as promotion of cycling.

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

11 With reference to the minutes of the Council's City Administration Committee of 23rd March 2023 approving the 2023/24 Area Budget allocations, there was submitted a report by the Chief Executive, advising

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

(2) that the Anderston/City/Yorkhill Area Partnership's Area Budget allocation for 2023/24 was £62,446.05 with a total of £28,413.45 allocated to date, leaving a balance of £34,032.60; and

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

After consideration, the partnership

(a) noted the

(i) position regarding the Area Budget allocations for 2023/24; and

(ii) applications dealt with under delegated functions, as detailed in the report; 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*
Anderston Primary Parents' Council	Towards the cost of holding the annual Anderston Children's Festival 2023 planned for late August/September 2023	Approved £3,190 subject to condition that the applicant did not charge for carnival rides
Emmanuel Christian Ministries	Towards the cost of supporting a youth programme consisting of 2-weekly sessions (1 for 7-13 year olds and 1 for 14-18 year olds)	Approved £4,200 subject to conditions that religious teaching did not form part of the project itinerary, and that the implications of the pending match funding not being awarded be explored.