Item 1

6th September 2023

VICTORIA PARK AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Minutes of meeting held on 19th April 2023, Whiteinch Centre, 1 Northinch Court, Glasgow

Present: Councillor Feargal Dalton (Chair), Councillor Eunis Jassemi and Councillor Lana Reid-McConnell, Glasgow City Council; Inspector Mhairi Crawford, Police Scotland; Station Commander Kenneth McCartney, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Mary Kate Harte, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; David Rennie, Broomhill Community Council; Catherine Benton, Jordanhill Community Council; Ailie Hunter, Thornwood Community Council; Elizabeth Brown, Whiteinch Community Council; and F O'Rourke, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Attending: P Yule (Clerk); N Chauhdry and S Anderson (for the Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities); and L Lovelock, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network.

Minutes of previous meeting approved – Request to Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities

1 The minutes of 8th February 2022 were submitted and approved, subject to

(1) noting that at Item 7(b), regarding Councillor Dalton writing to the Leader of the Council and the Chief Executive regarding the decision-making process for the Glasgow Communities Fund (GCF), that a response had now been received and circulated; and

(2) requested that the Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities attend a future meeting of this Partnership to discuss the decision-making process for the GCF.

Glasgow Community Planning Partnership Governance Framework – Membership update noted.

2 There was submitted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration providing an update regarding membership of this Partnership, noting that Nicola Scott had been nominated as the substitute representative for Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership.

Local Parks & Open Space Improvement Fund – Update noted etc.

3 There was heard a report by Francie O'Rourke, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability advising of the project allocations for 2021/22 and progress to date from the Local Parks & Open Space Improvement Fund.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted and thanked Ms O'Rourke for the update;

(b) highlighted that the play area within Naseby Park was in need of improvements and suggested that this be considered for funding should resources become available; and

(c) agreed that Ms O'Rourke would investigate if Naseby Park had already been considered as an option for the project allocation and if not, that she would request for this to be added for consideration.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund – Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

4 With reference to the minutes of 8th February 2023 when the Area Partnership agreed to proceed with plans for improvements around the Thornwood roundabout, and that Maisie McCrae would assist with forming an informal sub-group to discuss potential options, there was submitted a report by the Executive Director of 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) that feedback or additional suggestions were welcomed to inform the process; and

(3) NRS was keen to support the process to pull together a formula costing template to assist the Partnership with decision making and that the intention of the fund was that it would be spent on physical improvements within the community.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report;

(b) agreed that

(i) Councillor Lana Reid-McConnell would circulate updated information regarding what stage the Thornwood roundabout project was at prior to the next Partnership meeting to ensure that members were happy with the progress of the agreed project; and

(ii) the list that had been collated by the sub-group of further proposed projects be circulated to all members of the Partnership; and

(c) requested the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability to submit a more detailed report on the breakdown of costings for the new proposed projects from the sub-group.

Festive Lighting 2023/24 – Update noted.

5 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 had been 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;

(1) that the Partnership would be able to nominate additional or alternative festive lighting locations to those delivered as part of the 2022/23 programme, and that should any new location be proposed, NRS required notification by the next meeting of this Partnership to allow the feasibility and cost of the new locations to be assessed;

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

(3) that if the total cost of the delivery of the festive lighting programme selected by the 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; and

(b) agreed that the Partnership would make a final decision for the festive lighting fund at the next meeting of the 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 the 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 to involve officers from Community Empowerment and Equalities, and Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability Services to understand the aims, objectives, potential challenges, key stakeholders, people that need to be included and of the available resources;

(3) that a Steering Group and a Project Team had been established and 10 community councillors had been signed up to be “citizen designers”;

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

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

Police Scotland ward update noted.

7 There was heard a report by Inspector Mhairi Crawford, Police Scotland, advising the Partnership

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

(2) that Operation Optimise continued to investigate ongoing levels of bike thefts in the Ward as it continued to be an issue and that bike marking events were being conducted within the ward that would continue over the coming months;

(3) of an increase in the theft of motor vehicles that had involved the motor relay signal being a target and that Police Scotland had been issuing signal blocking pouches to owners to try to and reduce this; and

(4) that 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 Thornwood Primary School and that new signage had been put in place, with officers continuing to engage with drivers providing education with road safety matters and enforcing road traffic legislation where appropriate.

After consideration, the Partnership noted the report and thanked Inspector Crawford for all the work carried out by Police Scotland in the ward.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service ward update noted.

8 There was heard a report by Station Commander Kenneth McCartney, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) regarding the current issues, incidents and work being carried out in the ward for Quarter 4, from 1st January to 31st March 2023, advising the Partnership

(1) that SFRS had attended 94 incidents within the ward, 68 false alarms, 15 Special Services, 38 of which had been unwanted fire alarms and continued to carry out home fire safety visits;

(2) of the work carried out by SFRS to educate youths and attend schools with regard to deliberate fire setting in particular around dry grassland;

(3) of the work with officers from Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability on fly-tipping within the ward; and

(4) that from 1st July 2023, a new regulation would mean that SFRS would no longer attend false fire alams, unless there was a confirmed fire or the building was a high risk premises, which included hospitals and care homes and that further information could be found at UFAS Dutyholder event - YouTube.

After consideration, the Partnership noted the report and thanked Station Commander Kenneth McCartney for the update.

Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network update noted.

9 There was submitted a report by Ms Lynn Lovelock, North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network (NWGVSN) providing an update on its work, advising

(1) of the continued concerns of the Network following changes to the Glasgow Communities Fund (GCF) regarding the process and outcome of phase 2 of GCF and that it continued to meet with Elected Members across the city with regard to the design and process for phase 3;

(2) of an IT recyclying project and that further information could be found at https://nwgvsn.org.uk/network-it-recycling-project-update/;

(3) that the Whiteinch Centre was working in partnership with Whiteinch & Scotstoun Housing Association on the future of the centre, gathering the views of the local community via a survey, focus groups and a Family Fun Day. https://www.whiteinchcentre.org.uk/;

(4) that there had been an increase in people requiring food from the pantry service; and

(5) that Glasgow Eco Trust had not received funding from the Glasgow Communities Fund and had since launched its fundraising campaign #GET23in23 https://www.glasgowecotrust.org.uk/get23in23

After consideration, the partnership noted the report and thanked Ms Lovelock for the update.

Area Budget 2022/23 - Final monitoring statement noted etc.

10 There was submitted and noted a report by the Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities regarding the 2022/23 final Area Budget funding position for the Victoria Park Area Partnership as detailed in appendix 1 of the report.

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, 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 Victoria Park Area Partnership's Area Budget allocation for 2023/24 was £59,732.90 and a total of £16,755.36 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £42,977.54; 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*
*Police Scotland	Towards the cost of purchasing 52 sash-top window jammers	Awarded £299
Dowanvale Free Church of Scotland	To purchase supplies of tea bags, coffee, UHT milk, sugar, hot chocolate and biscuits to create 200 packages for The Pantry	Awarded £759
Weekday Wow Factor	Towards the costs of meet, eat and dance sessions for 12 months	Consideration continued

Annexe Communities	Towards the costs of holding community music and arts festivals	Awarded £5,000
WestFest	Towards the cost of funding community events from 2nd June to 25th June 2023	Awarded £2,504
130th Glasgow Company, The Boys' Brigade	Towards the costs of a residential trip to Lagganlia Outdoor Centre in the Cairngorms National Park	Awarded £1,250
Victoria Park Community Trust	To purchase outdoor equipment, trees and resources	Awarded £3,017.10
Broomhill Primary Parent Council	To purchase 4 CPR mannikins	Awarded £700
Mearns After School Care	To purchase outdoor equipment and resources	Awarded £2,596.73

* Inspector Mhairi Crawford declared an interest in this application and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon.