Item 1

20th September 2023

DRUMCHAPEL/ANNIESLAND AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Minutes of meeting held on 26th April 2023, at Netherton Community Centre, 358 Netherton Road, Glasgow

Present: Councillor Anne McTaggart (Chair), Councillor Paul Carey and Bailie Patricia Ferguson, Glasgow City Council; Inspector Siobhan Paterson, Police Scotland; Station Commander Kenneth McCartney, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Eric Duncan, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Douglas Taylor, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network; Paul Maher, Blairdardie and Old Drumchapel Community Council; Andy Lynch, Drumchapel Community Council; Ellen Wright, High Knightswood and Anniesland Community Council; and Francine O'Rourke, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Apology: Councillor Fyeza Ikhlaq, Glasgow City Council.

Attending: E Miller (Clerk); L Hendry (for the Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities); and J Lapthorn, A Paterson, and J Pickering (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability).

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

1 The minutes of 15th February were submitted and approved subject to noting that

(1) at Item 6, with regard to the Local Parks & Open Spaces Fund, the Partnership had noted that the proposed funding, as detailed in the minute, had not been approved and that Alexander Paterson, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability would meet with all community councils to confirm locations and funding and would submit an updated report to a future meeting of this partnership; and

(2) Gorgie Park should read Gorget Park.

Glasgow Community Planning Partnership – Governance Framework – Membership update noted.

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

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

(2) Andy Lynch was now the representative for Drumchapel Community Council having replaced Frank John, leaving the substitute position vacant.

Community Hubs/People Make Glasgow Communities proposals – Presentation noted.

3 There was heard a presentation by Mr Johnathan Pickering and Ms Julia Lapthorn, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, regarding Community Hubs/People Make Glasgow Communities proposals, advising

(1) of an update on work carried out on the programme to identify suitable buildings and sites that could be used for and by the community;

(2) that areas had been identified, with the largest concentration of potential buildings being in and around Drumchapel town centre;

(3) of the 3 phase programme, which would involve investment in Drumchapel Town Hall, Hecla Square and improvements to public spaces and road layouts; and

(4) of the next steps, which included community information and engagement, with a draft framework to be published in May 2023.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the presentation and that it would be circulated to the Partnership for information;

(b) highlighted that the entire ward should benefit from the programme and not just Drumchapel town centre;

(c) requested that phase 3 should be considered a priority to ensure public access and road links to the town centre be accessible for all commuters; and

(d) raised a number of concerns and questions that were addressed by the officers.

Variation in order of business noted.

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

Police Scotland ward update noted – Request to Police Scotland.

5 There was heard a report by Inspector Siobhan Paterson, Police Scotland, advising the Partnership

(1) of a recent Your Police survey, which had now closed, with the results being released in due course;

(2) of the statistics with regard to anti-social behaviour (ASB) and public nuisance incidents within the ward and that additional patrols would be in place at potential hot spots during busy periods to reduce and control ASB;

(3) that residents should be vigilant and ensure properties, bikes and cars were secured and that faraday pouches to hold keys or bank cards could be purchased cheaply online to help reduce car and card theft;

(4) that officers continued to monitor road safety at hot spots, with action plans to continue along Great Western Road;

(5) of the continued monitoring of School Car Free Zone areas and that any concerns should be reported to Police Scotland;

(6) of Shut Out Scammers week from 12th to 19th May 2023, a national campaign by Police Scotland to highlight the issues of doorstep crimes due to bogus callers; and

(7) of the community engagement by officers to engage with those most vulnerable and that all concerns and incidents could be reported anonymously to Police Scotland direct or to Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report and thanked Inspector Paterson for all the work carried out by Police Scotland in the ward;

(b) raised concerns about the length of time taken by Police Scotland to answer calls when phoning 101; and

(c) requested information from Police Scotland regarding bike marking and if this could also apply to mobility scooters and to investigate the issues of off-road motorbike incidents in the ward.

Local Parks and Open Space Improvement Fund report noted – Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

6 There was tabled a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS), regarding the Local Parks and Open Space Improvement Fund, advising

(1) that funding had been made from the Festive Lighting fund for trees and lighting in Hecla Park and that the Hecla Park COVID 19 Memorial had been completed;

(2) that improvements at Gorget Avenue were scheduled for 2023;

(3) of suggested projects for the Partnership to consider for 2022/23; and

(4) that NRS would hold further engagement with the community with regard to approving funding from both 2021/22 and 2022/23 funds and would contact the Partnership to seek further recommendations and organise site visits as appropriate.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted

(i) the report; and

(ii) that the £73,500 budget should be split between the ward's 3 community councils, with projects to be proposed to NRS for approval at a future meeting of this Partnership; and

(b) requested

(i) information regarding an award of £2,500 to Temple Shaft Youth Project, who had not yet received funds from NRS;

(ii) an update about the Scottish Government and COSLA funding towards refurbishment of children's play areas

(iii) that improvements to Temple Walkway should be statutory repairs carried out by NRS and not funded by the Partnership; and

(iv) that a more detailed report confirming projects and costings be provided to the next meeting of the Partnership on 20th September 2023.

Development of Area Partnerships update noted etc – Request to City Convenor for Communities and Equalities.

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

(1) the ongoing development by the Centre of Civic Innovation to co-design that would allow Area Partnerships to make decisions on how the Infrastructure Improvement Fund would be spent based on the opinions of as 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 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, as detailed in the report and that final recommendations would be made to roll out across the city in June 2023; and

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

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report and that a more detailed report be provided to the next meeting of this Partnership;

(b) highlighted concerns that an officer had not attended the meeting to speak to the report and that the community were not being listened to; and

(c) requested

(i) that this Partnership write to Councillor McTaggart as City Convenor for Communities and Equalities, with regard to issues raised by the Partnership and to request an extension to the timetable; and

(ii) that an additional meeting be held by the members of this Partnership with a representative from Community Empowerment Services to further address the issues raised by members.

Drumchapel/Anniesland Infrastructure Fund update noted – Request to Councillor Anne McTaggart.

8 There was submitted a report by Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS) regarding the current position for the procurement of funding and proposed toolkit and that a more detailed report on progress would be provided to the Partnership meeting on 20th September 2023.

After consideration, the Partnership

(1) noted the report;

(2) raised questions and concerns that were addressed by Francine O’Rourke; and

(3) requested that Councillor McTaggart, as chair of this Partnership, discuss with the chair of the Canal Area Partnership how its members had agreed and allocated funding from its Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund.

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

9 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding Festive Lighting 2023/24 within the Ward, advising of the central funding of £3,600 available to meet the costs of erecting and maintaining festive lighting and the proposed costs and locations.

After consideration, the Partnership

(1) noted the report;

(2) raised concerns at the costs provided by Mr David Hay within the report; and

(3) requested that a detailed breakdown be provided to the meeting on 20th September 2023, which should be attended by Mr Hay.

Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network update noted.

10 There was submitted and noted a report by Mr Douglas Taylor, North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network (NWGVSN) providing an update on its work, advising of

(1) 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 the design and process for phase 3;

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

(3) the continued work by the network with projects within the ward, as detailed in the report and of the drug addition work carried out by Scottish Queens Institution for Nursing.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service ward update noted.

11 There was heard and noted 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 110 incidents of which 25 were fires, 60 false alarms and 25 special services;

(2) of the work carried out by SFRS with partners to access premises to help reduce injuries;

(3) of the Make the Call campaign to encourage residents to arrange or refer someone for a free Home Fire Safety visit, which could be done by teleponing 0800 0731 999 or by texting “Fire” to 80800; 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 pemises, which inlcuded hospitals and care homes and that further informaton could be found at UFAS Dutyholder event - YouTube.

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

12 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 Drumchapel/Anniesland Area Partnership’s Budget allocation for 2023/24 was £84,175 and that £8,908 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £75,267; 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; 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
Antonine Court Ltd	Towards the cost of gardening equipment	Awarded £1,481
Eco Drama	Towards the cost of funding 8 subsidised performances	Awarded £500
Drumchapel Asian Forum	Towards the cost of funding 32 people to spend 1 week at Craig Tara Caravan Park	Awarded £400 on the condition that feedback would be provided by the organisation to the Partnership
Drumchapel Friendship House	Towards the cost of facilitating 3 workshops	Awarded £1,658

G15 Youth Project – D in the Park	Towards the cost of funding a celebration festival	Awarded £8,417
G15 Youth Project – Drumchapel TV/Creative Group	Towards the cost of funding filming equipment	Awarded £2179
Halo Arts – Drumchapel Youth Theatre	Towards the cost of funding art sessions	Refused as the same project had been funded from the 2022/23 budget
Halo Arts – Drumchapel Summer Arts Academy	Towards the cost of funding Drumchapel summer arts academy	Refused due to the number of events and anniversaries which would require funding from 2023/24 budget
PEEK	Towards the cost of delivering outdoor play sessions	Refused due to the high cost of the project
*Police Scotland	Towards the cost of purchasing sash windows	Awarded £299
The Hut	Towards the cost of funding new IT equipment	Awarded £3,470
Weekday Wow Factor	Towards the cost of delivering monthly daytime discos for 30 older people within the ward	Awarded £1,725
**Yoker Community Campus	Towards the cost of renewing IT devices in Yoker Community Campus	Awarded £1,848

*Inspector Paterson had left the meeting whilst this item was under consideration and therefore took no part in the discussion or decision.

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