Item 1

8th September 2023

CANAL AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Minutes of meeting held on 21st April 2023, at the Ruchill Golf Course Pavilion.

Present: Councillor Allan Gow (Chair), Lord Provost Jacqueline McLaren; and Councillor Fiona Higgins, Glasgow City Council; Inspector Colin MacLucas, Police Scotland; Eric Duncan, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Jill Mackay, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network; and F O'Rourke, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Apologies: Councillor Robert Mooney, Glasgow City Council and Station Commander Graeme Morrow, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

Attending: P Yule (Clerk); L Devlin (for the Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities); and Marina Costello, Third Sector Interface Network.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

1 The minutes of 10th February 2023 were submitted and approved.

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

2 With reference to the minutes of 18th November 2023 when the area partnership approved various funding projects from the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund, there was submitted a report by Francine O'Rourke, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability 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; and

(b) requested the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability to submit a more detailed report on the progress and total spending of the Local Parks and Open Spaces Improvement Fund for 2022/23.

Festive Lighting 2023/24 noted – Request to Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities.

3 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 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 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 notification by the next meeting of this Partnership 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 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

(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) highlighted that local businesses and housing associations could possibly contribute more towards Christmas tree and lighting with the Ward;

(c) requested the Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities to contact Maryhill Housing Association to request if it would be willing to contribute to the costs of erecting a Christmas tree on Bilsland Drive between Hazlett Street and Parkbrae Avenue; and

(d) agreed in principle, that the Partnership would make a final decision for the festive lighting 2023/24 at its next meeting pending the outcome of the discussions with Maryhill Housing Association.

Development of Area Partnerships - Update noted.

4 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 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) of a 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 etc.

5 There was heard and noted a report by Inspector Colin MacLucas, Police Scotland, advising the Partnership

(1) of the current progress that Police Scotland was making within the ward in relation to drugs and youth disorder;

(2) that officers continued to monitor with road stops and issue parking tickets to drivers;

(3) that doorstep crime continued to be a problem across the city and that Police Scotland had launched a national campaign called “Shut out Scammers” and that a vehicle would be going around communities to raise awareness and provide guidance on the matter of doorstep crime; and

(4) to encouraged members and the public to continue to report incidents to Police Scotland.

Scottish Fire Rescue Service – Consideration continued.

6 The Partnership agreed to continue consideration to a future meeting a report by Scottish Fire Rescue Service regarding a ward update.

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

7 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 Canal Area Partnership's Area Budget allocation for 2023/24 was £108,959.02 and a total of £2,050 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £106,909.02; 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*
Benview Campus	To assist with the costs of a Campus Family Fun Day at Benview Early Years, St Cuthbert's Primary School and Highpark Primary and LCR on Saturday 10th June 2023	Awarded £2,000
Benview Early Years	To assist with the costs of 10 yoga classes	Refused
Queens Cross Community Foundation	To assist with the costs of a free outdoor annual gala day at Firhill Complex on 19th August 2023	Awarded £2,000
Hamiltonhill Family Learning Centre	Towards the costs of a day trip to Heads of Ayr Farm Park on 2nd June 2023	Awarded £1,210

Stepping Stones for Families (Ardoch Childcare)	Towards the costs of garden improvements and the redevelopment of the sensory garden	Awarded £1,456
Weekday WOW Factor	Towards the costs of meet, eat and dance sessions for 12 months	Refused
Hamiltonhill Claypits Local Nature Reserve	Towards the costs of a community development worker for 3 days per week from April to August 2023	Refused
Citywise Mentoring Ltd	Towards the costs of a movement challenge at Miltonbank Primary School	Awarded £510
C7 City Reach	Towards the costs of a support clean-up projects in Hamiltonhill and Possilpark to improve community and green spaces	Refused
Springburn Park Men's Shed	Towards the costs of personal protection clothing	Awarded £1,680
Gathering Ground Spaces CIC	Towards the costs of themed cooking classes workshops	Refused
Open Gates	Towards the costs of a pilot 8-week employment and vocational based training programme for 10 prisoners and ex-prisoners on Community Pay Back orders	Refused
Peek (Possibilities for Each and Every Child)	Towards the costs of delivering a 27- week play sessions at Valay Street, Milton between May and November 2023	Refused

*North United Communities	To assist with the costs of 3 performances by the Scottish Opera on Saturday 10th June 2023	Awarded £595
**Lemon Acro Gymnastics Club	To purchase equipment to meet the needs of adult classes and to assist with the costs of the coach development programme	Consideration continued for further information
Ashgill Recreation Centre Steering Group	To assist with the costs of the annual Milton Gala Day on 12th August 2023 at the Ashgill Recreation Centre	Awarded £3,000
Charles Rennie MacIntosh Society	Towards the cost of holding an education and outreach project with local primary schools that would include drama and visual art activities	Awarded £810

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

**Lord Provost Jacqueline McLaren declared an interest in this application and left the meeting whilst this item was under consideration and therefore took no part in the discussion or decision.

North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network - Update noted.

8 There was submitted and noted a report by North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network providing an update of activity undertaken, and local issues identified, as detailed in the report.