Item 1

14th September 2023

LINN AREA PARTNERSHIP.

Minutes of meeting held on 27th April 2023, by video conference.

Present: Bailie Paul McCabe (Chair), Councillor John Carson, Bailie Margaret Morgan and Councillor Catherine Vallis, Glasgow City Council; Inspector Mark McLaughlin, Police Scotland; Station Commander Douglas Millar, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; John Harkins, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; John Lawless, Carmunnock Community Council; Christopher Tait, Castlemilk Community Council; Mhairi Taylor, Cathcart and District Community Council; Eileen Walker, Simshill and Old Cathcart Community Council; Tony Desmond, Castlemilk Youth Complex; and Karen Venables, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Apologies: Mark Caldwell, Simshill and Old Cathcart Community Council; and Fiona Dunwoodie, Fair Deal.

Attending: A Wyber (Clerk); K Gorman, B McQuillan and D Speirs (for the Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities); K McCormick (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability); D Ramsay, Homeless Network Scotland; Chief Inspector Pauline Thomson, Police Scotland; M Cope, Castlemilk Community Council; and E Cusick, Thenue Housing Association.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

1 The minutes of 9th February 2023 were submitted and approved.

Glasgow Community Planning Partnership Governance Framework - Membership update noted – Appointment of member and co-opted member approved.

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

After consideration, the Partnership

(1) agreed that Croftfoot and Menock Community Council be appointed as a member of this Partnership and that Castlemilk Youth Complex be appointed as a co-opted member; and

(2) noted that

(a) Tracey O'Lone had been nominated as the representative and Alasdair McDougall as the substitute representative for Croftfoot and Menock Community Council; and

(b) Tony Desmond had been nominated as the representative and Linda Heron as the substitute representative for Castlemilk Youth Complex.

Police Scotland ward update noted.

3 There was heard and noted a report by Inspector Mark McLaughlin, Police Scotland, advising that

(1) there had been no significant crime trend identified in the Ward since the last meeting of this Partnership;

(2) Community Officers were continuing to work alongside the Council on the Car Free Zone initiative at St Fillin's and Kingspark Primary Schools to educate drivers and to carry out enforcement measures where appropriate;

(3) in response to a number of complaints from residents, officers were engaging in pro-active detection and prevention of vehicles speeding at identified locations and this would also inform any future traffic surveys, for consideration of traffic calming measures being implemented;

(4) with the summer months approaching there would be a renewed focus on preventing anti-social behaviour, particularly in the numerous park areas in the Ward; and

(5) in order to help prevent cycle theft, a number of bike marking events would be held over the coming months, offering free security marking and advice.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service ward update noted.

4 There was heard and noted a report by Station Commander Douglas Millar, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) regarding the current issues, incidents and work being carried out during Quarter 4, from 1st January to 31st March 2023 for the South of the city, advising that SFRS

(1) had attended 27 fire incidents, with no reported fatalities or fire casualties and there had been a total of 15 special service calls;

(2) had attended 23 unwanted fire alarm signals and that from 1st July 2023, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service would stop attending automatic fire alarm call outs to commercial businesses and workplace premises unless there was a confirmed fire or the building was a high risk pemises, which inlcuded hospitals and care homes and further information on the new procedures could be found at Scottish Fire & Rescue Service: Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS) (firescotland.gov.uk);

(3) had conducted over 250 Home Fire Safety visits, 80 of which were in the Linn Ward; and

(4) of the work carried out by the Community Action Team.

Castlemilk Locality Plan update noted – Position agreed.

5 There was submitted a report by the Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities, providing an update regarding the Castlemilk Locality Plan, advising that

(1) a Steering Group which had been set up on 21st July 2022 to help progress and develop the community led Locality Plan had continued to meet on a regular basis, however community engagement had been put on hold until the completion of the analysis of the community survey;

(2) 1,295 community surveys had been completed online, 396 had been received from Ardenglen Housing Association and 430 from Cassiltoun Housing Association, making a total of 2,121 and officers had commenced checking the information received for accuracy and clarity on methodology used and the information from the 3 surveys would be merged and then analysed; and

(3) a development session with the Steering Group had been organised for 23rd/24th May 2023 to consider the findings of the survey analysis and the next steps.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the update on the Castlemilk Locality Plan; and

(b) agreed

(i) that locality planning would continue to be a standing item on the agenda of this partnership;

(ii) to support the development of the Castlemilk Locality Plan, with the opportunity to be involved in draft versions of the plan;

(iii) to support the progression of outcomes that emerged from locality planning; and

(iv) to share the findings of the community survey with officers in Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund 2023/24 update noted.

6 There was submitted and noted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability providing an update regarding the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund 2023/24, advising that

(1) the allocated £1m of investment for the ward was capital expenditure that could be carried forward to be spent in future financial years; and

(2) Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability was keen to support the process to pull together a high-level costing menu to assist the Partnership with decision making and that the fund would be spent on physical improvements within the community.

Variation in order of business.

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

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund 2023/24 – Allocation of funding approved.

8 In terms of paragraph 12.4 of the Governance Framework there was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding 2 proposed options for investment from the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund 2023/24, advising

(1) that in October 2021, a section of footpath leading from Greenock Avenue, an accessible entrance to Linn Park and part of an active travel route, had been temporary closed due to evidence of rockfall and as a result of the complexity of the remedial works, a geotechnical consultant had been appointed to carry out an options appraisal of the works required;

(2) that the Council and Friends of Linn Park had engaged with Paths for All who had launched the Ian Findlay Fund which was available to community groups for improvements and access to paths, particularly those which promoted active travel;

(3) that the estimated cost of the remedial works was £185,000 and it was proposed that Friends of Linn Park lead an application to Paths for All for £100,000 of funding from the Ian Findlay Fund and a condition of the funding was that a percentage of match funding must be evidenced before any monies were granted;

(4) that it was proposed, in principle that the remaining £85,000 of funding for the works be meet from the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund 2023/24;

(5) of the next steps for the works at Linn Park;

(6) that Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability had been working in collaboration with Cassiltoun Housing Association in the management and maintenance of Castlemilk Park and the lighting columns around the pond, a well-used route for the local residents which formed part of the main footpath network through Castlemilk Park, as well as a route to the Jeely Piece Club which were not in operation;

(7) that Cassiltoun Housing Association had successfully applied for funding to the Iain Findlay Fund for the replacement of the lighting columns at a total cost of £129,00 and a condition of the funding was that the Council made a contribution to the works; and

(8) that it was proposed that £7,370 of funding from the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund 2023/24 be made to Cassiltoun Housing Association for the replacement of the lighting columns at Castlemilk Park.

After consideration, the committee

(a) noted the report;

(b) approved, in principle £85,000 of funding to The Friends of Linn from the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund 2023/24; and

(c) approved £7,370 of funding to Cassiltoun Housing Association from the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund 2023/24 for the replacement of lighting columns at Castlemilk Park.

Festive Lighting 2023/24 – Authority to Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities - 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 the festive lighting programme for 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 and in addition, this partnership as a result of a credit of funding from the 2022/23 programme had an additional £3,100 of funding for the 2023/24 festive lighting programme;

(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, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability required to be notified by 19th May 2023 to allow the feasibility and cost of the new locations to be assessed; and

(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.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted

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

(ii) that Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability required to be notified by 19th May 2023 of any proposed new locations to allow the feasibility and cost of the new locations to be assessed;

(b) agreed to continue consideration of switch-on events for the 2023/24 festive lighting programme to the next meeting;

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

(i) clarify the costs of providing a tree outside the Couper Institute and for Croftfoot & Menock Community Council;

(ii) look at locations in the Linn Ward where permanent trees could be used for future festive lighting programmes;

(iii) to investigate the potential of community groups being able to procure their own Christmas trees and/or lights;

(iv) to look at more sustainable options in relation to lighting;

(v) arrange a site visit with the lighting team; and

(vi) to provide a breakdown of costs for the festive lighting programme at the Lost Lives Garden; and

(d) authorised the Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities, in consultation with the chair to make any decisions that were required prior to the finalisation of the festive lighting programme 2023/24 on 30th June 2023.

Homeless Network Scotland - Staying In Programme – Test-of-change programme noted.

10 With reference to the minutes of 9th February 2023 agreeing to continue consideration of an update report by the Homeless Network Scotland regarding its Staying in Project to a future meeting of this partnership, there was submitted a report by the Homeless Network Scotland (HNS), advising

(1) of the background of the HNS and that the Staying in Project was a test-of-change programme which had been enabled by £200,000 of funding from the National Lottery Community Fund;

(2) HNS had a place-based approach to preventing homelessness and enabled local stakeholders to collaborate and get behind people at risk of homelessness, by making the most of resources and assets in local communities;

(3) 71% of people who connected with the Staying In Programme were now no longer at risk of homelessness, easing pressure on Council services, protecting homes and keeping people in their communities; and

(4) that some enquiries from individuals about housing revealed hidden tenancy issues, which if acted upon quickly could mitigate the risk of homelessness or eliminate it completely.

After consideration and having heard a presentation by Mr David Ramsay, Homeless Network Scotland, the Partnership noted the report and thanked Mr Ramsay for his contributions.

Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership update noted.

11 There was heard and noted a report by Mr John Harkins, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership, providing an update on the activity undertaken in the Ward, advising

(1) that the Cost of School Day programme had been relaunched with more of a sustainability agenda to help reduce some of the poverty stigma associated with pre-loved uniforms etc;

(2) that the period dignity month had been launched on 6th February 2023 and the development of a model for the distribution of period products in all public facing Health and Social Care Partnership buildings was being reviewed;

(3) that mental health and wellbeing policies were being developed for childrens' homes in the city and suicide contagion training was also being offered to all childrens' homes staff;

(4) that the patient telephone interpreting service could now be accessed by contacting any service of the National Health Service, Greater Glasgow & Clyde;

(5) that the Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership Health Team was funding a breastfeeding Peer Support Service which was opened to antenatal and postnatal women living in the city;

(6) of the progress of the Glasgow City Food plan;

(7) of the work of the Mental Health Network; and

(8) that health improvement had supported funding for the delivery of giggle and grow sessions and had provided support to local parent and toddler groups in the South of Glasgow delivered by Early Years Scotland Development and Support/Early Years Scotland.

Development of Area Partnerships update noted – Consideration of co-opted members continued.

12 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 to involve officers from Community Empowerment and Equalities and Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability Services to understand the aims, objectives, potential challenges, of the 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 would allow up to 4 additional members to be co-opted to the Partnership and that members of this Partnership had proposed the following organisations, namely Croftfoot & Menock Community Council, 2 housing representatives from East and West Castlemilk, Lost Lives and the Jeely Piece.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted

(i) the report;

(ii) the suggestions by Mhairi Taylor, Cathcart and District Community Council in relation to induction packs for new members on Area Partnerships;

(iii) an update on the development of a system for citizen engagement; and

(iv) that Croftfoot & Menock Community Council had now been appointed as a member of this Partnership and that Castlemilk Youth Complex had been appointed as a Co-opted member; and

(b) agreed to continue consideration of appointing up to 3 co-opted members to this Partnership to allow members to propose further organisations for consideration.

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

13 There was submitted and noted a report by the Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities regarding the Linn Area Budget for 2022/23, providing a final monitoring statement in relation to projects previously funded confirming that, £80,410.29 had been allocated to various projects in the Linn Ward from a budget of £80,436.78, leaving a balance of £26.49, as detailed in the report.

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

14 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 Linn Area Partnership's Budget allocation for 2023/24 was £80,436.78 and that £17,137 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £63,299.78; 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 the applications for funding as follows, the grant award being subject to the conditions detailed in the report:

Applicant	*Purpose of application*	*Decision*
Carmunnock Village Gala Committee	Towards the cost of a community event on 17th June 2023	Awarded £5,000
Jeely Piece Club	Towards the cost of purchasing equipment and resources	Awarded £2,500

Active Schools – King's Park Cluster	Towards the cost of running extracurricular activity in schools to increase physical activity and participation in sport	Awarded £1,333
*Carmunnock Community Council	Towards the cost of purchasing a storage unit for litter picking equipment	Awarded £777
Castlemilk Family Learning Centre	Towards the cost of purchasing resources to revamp the outdoor learning space to include a wider range of areas to support physical development and play	Awarded £8,000
Croftfoot United Free Church	Towards the cost of bus hire to take 30 members to Gretna Outlets and Moffat on 10th June 2023	Awarded £500
Spiral Arts Therapies – Kingsriggs Music	Towards the cost of funding music therapy as part of a wider communication strategy for the school	Awarded £2,820
Netherholm Area Association	Towards the cost funding an Intergenerational STEAM Club to deliver a project that will engage local children and young people and their parents in learning about STEAM (science, technology engineering, arts and maths) subjects in a fun and innovative way, using a variety of techniques, approaches and equipment	Awarded £6,069.50
Friends of King's Park	Towards the cost of funding the maintenance costs for Spring and Autumn 2023 for the Sensory Garden in Kings Park	Awarded £1,500
Inhouse Event Solutions CIC	Towards the cost of Delivery and Implementation of Queens Park Arena Events programme for 2023	Awarded £2,405

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

Thenue Housing Association - Community update noted.

15 There was heard and noted a report by Mr Eddie Cusick, Thenue Housing Association, regarding a pilot Streetwise project which had engaged with young people in the Ward and that although the pilot had ended in February 2023, the Streetwise Team was continuing on the work until the Thenue Housing Association was able to get more funding for the project.