Item 1

29th August 2023

HILLHEAD AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Minutes of meeting held on 11th April 2023, by video conference.

Present: Councillor Martha Wardrop (Chair) and Councillor Ken Andrew, Glasgow City Council; Inspector Mhairi Crawford, Police Scotland; Station Commander Graeme Morrow, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Lyndsay Thomson, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Anna Dyer, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network; Charlotte Noble, Hillhead Community Council; Merle Read, North Kelvin Community Council; Stewart Leighton, Woodlands and Park Community Council; and Francine O'Rourke, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Apologies: Councillor Hanzala Malik, Glasgow City Council; Jean Charsley, Hillhead Community Council; Louise MacKenzie, North Kelvin Community Council; Katie Fish, Students' Representative Council, University of Glasgow; and James Findlay, Woodside Community Council.

Attending: E Miller (Clerk); R O'Sullivan and M Smith (for the Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities); and D Ramsay, Homeless Network Scotland.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

1 The minutes of 31st January 2023 were submitted and approved subject to noting that

(1) at Item 3(a), with regard to restoration of the Cameron Memorial Fountain, Councillor Wardrop had not yet met with Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS), however hoped to arrange a meeting with an NRS officer and would provide an update to a future meeting of the Partnership;

(2) at Item 7(2), with regard to restoration of the Stewart Memorial Fountain

(a) an update was provided by Mr Rory O'Sullivan, on behalf of NRS to advise that a fault had been identified within a distribution board, which would be replaced and once electrical checks had been concluded, the fountain would be operational, however no switch on event was planned; and

(b) that a request be made to Ms Rachel Smith, NRS to arrange a swich on event with the members of this Partnership, to take place within the next 4 weeks; and

(3) at Item 7(b), with regard to redeployment of Parks staff to other duties, an update was provided by Mr O'Sullivan, on behalf of NRS to advise that the Council was focused on delivery of essential services to key areas and that

many resources across NRS had been re-directed to areas with the greatest need.

Glasgow Community Planning Partnership Governance Framework – Membership noted.

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

(1) Elaine Torley had been nominated as the substitute representative for Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership and had replaced Nicola Scott; and

(2) James Findlay and Angus MacLean had been nominated as the representative and substitute representative for the re-established Woodside Community Council.

Police Scotland ward update noted.

3 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 the statistics for reports of incidents and ASB had fallen slightly;

(3) of the ASB operation that continued to be patrolled within Kelvingrove Park, in particular during busy periods and that no issues had been reported;

(4) that bike thefts and car thefts continued to be monitored, and that events would be carried out on security and theft prevention and any suspicious activity should be reported to Police Scotland or via Crimestoppers on 0800 555111;

(5) of drugs misuse within the ward and the work by officers within the community to combat this; and

(6) of road safety action plans, in particular at Hillhead Primary School, to promote safety within the Car Free School Zone areas and the continued work with officers from Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability and the Head Teacher.

After consideration, the Partnership

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

(b) requested

(i) that Police reports provided to community councils be emailed to the ward's Elected Members; and

(ii) information on the taxi trip to Troon, which left from Kelvin Way and the road safety issues with regard to the meeting point.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service ward update noted.

4 There was submitted a report by Station Commander Graeme Morrow, 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 the Service had attended 144 incidents within the ward, 23 fires of which 14 were deliberate, 9 accidental fires, 28 Special Services 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 the Service 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.

After consideration, the Partnership noted

(a) the report and thanked Station Commander Morrow for the work carried out by the Service; and

(b) that Councillor Wardrop continued to try and resolve the turning point issues for SFRS at Maryhill Fire Station.

Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network update noted.

5 There was submitted a report by Ms Anna Dyer, 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 continued to meet with Elected Members across the city with regard 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) of work within the ward, as detailed in the report, which included the improvement work with Mr Martin Neill, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability in the Woodside area of the ward and the engagement with food providers to discuss how to improve resources and distribution; and

(4) that NWGVSN had received the keys to Woodside Halls and would be working on a clean-up exercise and hoped to hold an opening cermony for Partnership members and ward residents, with a date to be confirmed shortly.

After consideration, the partnership noted

(a) the report and thanked Ms Dyer for the update; and

(b) that information would be sought from local groups regarding the history of the Woodside Halls to be displayed at a formal opening cermony, to be held during the summer.

Connecting Community Justice locally – Presentation noted.

6 There was noted a presentation by Ms Margaret Smith, Policy, Planning and Development Officer, Community Empowerment Services, regarding the Community Justice Glasgow Annual Report 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.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the presentation;

(b) raised a number of questions that were addressed by Ms Smith.

Staying In Project update noted.

7 There was heard a presentation by David Ramsay, Homeless Network Scotland (HNS) regarding an overview of what the service had to offer within the Ward, advising

(1) of the background to HNS and that HNS had received funding of £200,000 from The National Lottery Community Fund;

(2) HNS had a place-based approach to preventing homelessness which 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 Project 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 could reveal hidden tenancy issues, which if acted upon quickly could mitigate the risk of homelessness, or eliminate it completely.

After consideration the Partnership

(a) noted the report and thanked Mr Ramsay for his presentation;

(b) agreed that the Partnership would support HNS and would include the project to its current objectives with a report to be provided to the next meeting outlining how the Partnership could help the project; and

(c) raised a number of questions that were addressed by Mr Ramsay.

Hillhead Infrastructure Fund 2023/24 update noted.

8 There was heard an updated report by Ms Francine O'Rourke, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS), regarding the Hillhead Infrastructure Fund, advising of the current position with regard to the procurement of funding and that a more detailed report on the progress of projects selected by the Partnership would be provided to the Partnership meeting on 29th August 2023.

After consideration, the Partnership

(1) noted the report and that £850,600 had been allocated by the Partnership from the fund to date;

(2) raised concerns at the lack of work carried out by NRS so far, in particular time critical projects; and

(3) agreed that a sub-group would meet with NRS prior to the next Partnership meeting to discuss the agreed funding allocated and to confirm timescales for completion of each project.

Your Neighbourhood, Your Place update noted.

9 There was noted an update by Councillor Wardrop regarding cleansing issues across the ward to request that

(1) a clean-up would be carried out in the Woodside area, hopefully before the opening ceremony for Woodside Halls; and

(2) cleansing was carried out along St George's Cross to St George's Road and along to Maryhill Road at Napiershall Street, which was badly littered with overflowing street litter bins.

After consideration, the Partnership noted

(a) the areas of concern; and

(b) that Ms O'Rourke would take note of the information and liaise with officers in NRS to arrange a deep clean prior to the opening of Woodside Halls.

Festive Lighting 2023/24 – Funding approved.

10 There was submitted a report by Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, regarding the Festive Lighting 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) agreed funding for lights on 3 natural trees at St George's Cross, costing £3,750, a switch-on event at St George's Cross, costing £105 and fixed lights on natural trees at Byres Road, costing £275, totalling £4,130, less £3,600, leaving £530 to be allocated from the Partnerships Area Budget fund; and

(3) noted that the switch on event would be held on Tuesday 5th December 2023 at 4.00pm.

Kelvingrove Park lighting update noted.

11 There was heard and noted an update by Mr Rory O'Sullivan, Partnership and Development Officer, on behalf of the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustatinability, regarding lighting in Kelvingrove Park, advising

(1) of the work to entrances and signage to support night-time orientation within the part and reflective banding to street furniture to enhance existing use of bike lights and phone torches for those using the park;

(2) that native shrubs would replace non-native large growing shrubs adjacent to footpaths as it was considered that there might be benefits to biodiversity in replacing them and NRS would select plants which at maturity would grow to a lesser height and would improve visitors line of sight along footpaths to allow visitors to feel safer;

(3) that the work would be carried out outwith bird nesting season; and

(4) that further information could be found at https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/councillorsandcommittees/viewDoc.asp?c=P62AFQDNZ3DNT1NTNT.

Glasgow Bus Partnership update noted.

12 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding the Glasgow Bus Partnership, which provided an update following a walkabout carried out on 19th January 2023 by members of the Partnership, detailing issues raised, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the Partnership noted

(1) the report;

(2) that further information could be accessed via GBP Webpage or by emailing the team at connectingcommunities@glasgow.gov.uk; and

(3) that a timeframe for improvements had still to be confirmed.

Development of Area Partnerships update noted.

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

After consideration, the Partnership noted

(a) the report; and

(b) that information on the development would be provided to community council forums, who met frequently on Saturday mornings in City Chambers.

Area Budget 2022/2023 - Final monitoring statement noted.

14 There was submitted and noted a report by the Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities regarding the Area Budget for 2022/2023, providing a final monitoring statement in relation to projects previously funded, confirming that £61,838.36 had been allocated to various projects in the Hillhead Ward, representing a 100% spend.

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

15 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 Hillhead Area Partnership’s Budget allocation for 2023/24 was £61,838.56 and that £10,335 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £51,503.56; and

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

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted

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

(ii) an application 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*
*Police Scotland	Towards the cost of purchasing 52 Sashtop window jammers	Awarded £299
Westfest Community Events Programme	Towards the cost of funding community events from 2nd – 25th June 2023	Awarded £5,000
ASRA – Promoting Wellbeing and Healthy Eating	Towards the cost of purchasing 30 yoga mats and kitchen equipment	Awarded £1,886.60
HALO Arts – Hillhead Summer Arts Academy	Towards the cost of funding a 2-week long project from 3rd – 14th July 2023, aimed at young people aged 6-16	Awarded £4,770 on the condition that the organisation prioritised the funding to those children in receipt of clothing grants, free school meals etc
Kelvinside Terrace Gardens Association	Towards the cost of carrying out required work to the trees, which are a key element in the Kelvinside Terrace Garden	Awarded £1,500
**Queen Margaret Drive Festival	Towards the cost of expenses required to organise the event on 25th June 2023	Awarded £5,000
The Children's Wood	Towards the cost of phase 2 of the shed extension	Awarded £2,250
Ukrainian Society	Towards the cost of an event which aims to raise awareness about the Ukrainian community in Glasgow	Awarded £1,260 on the condition that the organisation links in with the wellbeing hub at University of Glasgow

World of Film Festival	Towards the cost of funding 2 film events from 23rd – 25th June 2023 and from 2nd – 5th November 2023	Awarded £2,752
Charles Rennie MacIntosh Society - Gaia Schools Education Programme	Towards the cost of holding an education and outreach project with local primary schools and would include drama and visual art activities	Awarded £2,685.72
Abercorn School – International Residential Fund	Towards the cost of funding a residential trip for 35 pupils to Pila in the Italian Alps	Awarded £2,000
Queens Cross Housing Association – Queens Cross Gala Day	Towards the cost of funding a gala day on 19th August 2023	Awarded £1,425

(c) noted the Out of School Travel Passes for Safe Till Six.

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

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

Hillhead Area Partnership Workplan update noted.

16 There was submitted and noted a report by Mr Rory O'Sullivan, Partnership and Development Officer, Community Empowerment Services, regarding the Partnership Workplan, asking members to discuss and agree the frequency of standard agenda items and additional agenda points the members wished to be included at future meetings, as detailed in the report.

Date of next meeting.

17 The Partnership noted that the next meeting would take place on Tuesday 29th August 2023 at 2.00pm and would be a face-to-face meeting to be held in a Committee Room, City Chambers, Glasgow.