LANGSIDE AREA PARTNERSHIP.

Minutes of meeting held on 18th April 2023, Clincarthill Parish Church, Glasgow.

Present: Councillor Paul Leinster (Chair), Councillor Susan Aitken, Councillor Holly Bruce and Councillor Stephen Docherty, Glasgow City Council; Inspector Mark McLaughlan Police Scotland; Station Commander Douglas Millar, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Heather Bath, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Evelyn Silber, Langside, Battlefield and Camphill Community Council; Patrick Smith, Mount Florida Community Council and Marion McMillan, Cathcart and District Housing Association; and Karen Venables Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Apologies: Eveline McNair, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network and David Ramsay, Homeless Network.

Attending: Z Chaudhry (Clerk); K Gorman (for the Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities); S Gray (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability); Area Commander Pauline Thomson, Police Scotland; and S Mathews and J Muir, Jacobs Steer.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

1 The minutes of 7th February 2023 were submitted and approved.

Police Scotland ward update noted - Request to Police Scotland.

2 There was heard a report by Inspector Mark McLaughlan, Police Scotland, advising the Partnership of the feedback that Police Scotland had received in relation to the recent Hampden Cup Final between Celtic and Rangers which was overall a success and that;

(1) the main feedback from the event was of street drinking with police finding 500 containers of alcohol;

(2) that for Scottish Cup Semi Final between Celtic and Rangers on Sunday 30th April 2023, Police Scotland would be deploying officers on the ground from 7am onwards; and

(3) of the continued ongoing anti-social behaviour incidents at Asda and McDonalds in Toryglen and that engagement work with Asda, McDonalds and other groups would continue to prevent future incidents in the area.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) raised questions and concerns regarding the next Scottish Cup Semi Final between Celtic and Rangers on Sunday 30th April and requested that Police Scotland engage with local stewards from both clubs; and

(b) requested that Police Scotland approach both clubs for extra resources for managing fans for the Scottish Cup Semi Final.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service ward update noted.

3 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 in the ward for Quarter 4, from 1st January to 31st March 2023, advising the Partnership that

(1) SFRS currently had a 3 week backlog of data gathering and would submit an updated report when available;

(2) there had been 17 fires with no casulaties, this showed a decrease from 20 compared to the last quarter and 57 fire alarms which was a slight increase from the last quarter;

(3) SFRS from 1st July 2023, would stop attending automatic fire alarm (AFA) call outs to commercial businesses and workplace premises such as factories, offices, shops and leisure facilities, unless a fire had been confirmed or the building was a high risk premises, which included hospitals and care homes; and

(4) SFRS had conducted 200 local safety visits and offered 38 properties in the Langside ward high risk advice and that the community action team would continue to distribute leaflets.

Glasgow Bus Partnership – Update noted.

4 There was heard and noted a joint update by S Mathews and J Muir, Jacobs Steer and Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding this Council's proposed plan for improvements to public transport within the city, advising

(1) of the Council's plans to transform the way residents or visitors travelled around the city by improving public transport and travel options over the long term, which aimed to provide safe, affordable, enjoyable connections and reduced road congestion, noise and air pollution;

(2) of the work to develop a set of proposals to transform bus travel within the city, starting with 5 corridors and the targets to reduce bus journey times; and

(3) of the bus priority improvements, junction improvements, kerbside improvements, network solutions, feedback and next steps.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) highlighted issues and concerns regarding

(i) the problems within the ward, in particular around Shawlands Cross, Pollokshaws Road, and Kilmarnock Road; and

(ii) buses going to the Queens Park - Strathbungo area as cars had been constantly parked in bus lanes; and

(b) raised a number of questions that were addressed by Sam Mathews and Steve Gray.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund - Update noted.

5 There was submitted and noted a report by Karen Venables, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS) providing an update on the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund, 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;

(2) 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; and

(3) feedback or additional suggestions were welcomed to inform the process moving forward.

Festive Lighting 2023/24 – Funding approved.

6 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding the provision of festive lighting within the Ward, advising that

(1) this Partnership had been awarded £3,600 in central funding to meet the costs of erecting and maintaining festive lighting; and

(2) locations would be confirmed by 5th May 2023.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report;

(b) agreed to fund 1-off - road tree at Queens Park (Langside Halls) which would be a 3 - way split with Southside Central and Pollokshields Area Partnership costing £1,200 per ward; and

(c) agreed to fund another off road tree at Toryglen at a cost of £3,600 with any additional funding for this coming from the Area Partnership budget.

Staying In Programme - Consideration continued.

7 The Partnership agreed to continue consideration to a future meeting a presentation by Homelessness Network Scotland regarding the Staying In Programme.

Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership - Update noted.

8 There was heard and noted report by Heather Bath, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) regarding an update on the HSCP advising that

(1) a school day programme had been relaunched;

(2) a new toolkit for schools and filming in schools had begun;

(3) following period dignity month it was looking to develop a model for all HSCP buildings;

(4) new wellbeing policies had been developed within children's homes;

(5) a new telephony interpretation system for patients was now available that allowed them to contact the NHS, a GP and a pharmacy with an interpreter, with 34 languages available;

(6) food pantries now had a new directory available;

(7) the 'thrive under five' addressing child poverty programme had now begun; and

(8) a stop smoking local face to face clinic had commenced.

Development of Area Partnerships - Update noted – Request to Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities.

9 There was submitted 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, 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

(b) requested that the Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities approached Sanctuary Housing Scotland as well as the organisations who had already expressed an interest in being co-opted to the Area Partnership to discuss the role and to submit a report to the next meeting that included options for the representation of young people on the Area Partnership.

Area Budget 2022/2023 - Final monitoring statement noted.

10 There was submitted 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.

After consideration, the Partnership noted the monitoring statement and that £61,50.48 had been allocated to various projects in the Langside ward, representing a 100% spend.

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 that the Langside Area Partnership's Budget allocation for 2023/24 was £61,580.48; and a total of

(2) £3,995 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £57,585.48; 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;

(b) approved travel passes for Battlefield Primary After School Association; and

(c) dealt with applications for funding as follows, the grant award being subject to the conditions detailed in the report:

Applicant	Purpose of Application	Decision
In House Events Solutions CIC	Towards the cost of funding Queens Park Arena Events Programme 2023	Awarded £6,158
Langside Community Heritage	Towards the cost of funding to reprint the battle of Langside booklet	Continued consideration to next meeting
Clincarthill Church – Replacement Projector	Towards the cost of funding a new projector	Refused as per Glasgow City Council guidance
*Langside Tennis Club	Towards the cost of funding replacement tennis court halogen lights	Continued consideration to next meeting
Toryglen Community Hall	Towards the funding of Toryglen Youth Theatre	Awarded £4,520
Active Schools – Kings Park Cluster	Towards the cost of funding to run extracurricular activities in schools	Awarded £2,001
Jeely Piece	Towards the cost of purchasing play equipment	Awarded £800

South Seeds – Development Plan	Towards the cost of funding to hire professional consultants for phase 1	Continue consideration to next meeting
Tron Theatre – Walking Tall Tales	Towards the cost of outdoor sessions with local families and parents	Awarded £5,000
The Warriors	Towards the cost of hall rental and resources	Awarded £1,639.99
Mount Florida Community Council	Towards the cost of funding to create a mural on the Prospecthill Railway Bridge	Awarded £1,000
Clincarthill Church – Guild Bus Hire	Towards the cost of a funding trip to Peebles for 40 members	Awarded £500
Seahorse – Creative Dance Sessions	Towards the cost of funding a community dance project	Awarded £2,454

* Councillor Leinster declared an interest in this application and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon. Councillor Leinster vacated the Chair which was assumed by Councillor Aitken for this application only.