VICTORIA PARK AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Minutes of meeting held on 16th November 2022, by video conference.

Present: Councillor Feargal Dalton, (Chair) Councillor Eunis Jassemi and Councillor Lana Reid-McConnell, Glasgow City Council; Dr Catherine Benton, Jordanhill Community Council; Elizabeth Brown, Whiteinch Community Council; Inspector Mhairi Crawford, Police Scotland; Ailie Hunter, Thornwood Community Council; Station Commander David McGroarty, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; and Dorothy Stewart, Broomhill Community Council.

Apologies: Ayisha Azam and Mary Kate Harte, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership.

Attending: P Yule (Clerk); N Chauhdry (for the Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities); L Lovelock, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network; L Parish and F O'Rourke (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability) G Maguire, J Muir and J Howes (for the Chief Executive, Glasgow Life); S Gray and A Kelly, Jacobs Steer.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

1 The minutes of 7th September 2022 were submitted and approved.

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, noting that

(1) Inspector Mhairi Crawford and Sergeant Lyn Forbes had been nominated, respectively, as the new representative and substitute representative for Police Scotland; and

(2) Alison Kerr had been nominated as the new substitute representative for Thornwood Community Council.

Community Planning Partnership – Governance Framework - Register of Interests noted.

3 There was submitted and noted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration advising the Partnership of the requirements in relation to the Community Planning Partnership Governance Framework regarding the registration

and declaration of members' interests and detailing those interests which had been declared by members of the Partnership, as detailed in the report.

Variation in order of business.

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

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Ward update noted – Request to Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

5 There was heard a report by Station Commander David McGroarty, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) regarding the current issues, incidents and work being carried out in the Ward for Quarter 2 2022/23, advising the Partnership that

(1) the Service had attended 24 fires with no casualties, 66 false alarms, 27 of which had been unwanted fire alarms, 15 Special Services and carried out 45 high risk home fire safety visits;

(2) the Service had continued to work with the Scottish Ambulance Service and had prioritised reducing the number of water deaths and was running a series of engagement events, as detailed in the report;

(3) cof the ongoing engagement with vulnerable residents, schools etc including engagement events leading up to bonfire night; and

(4) the Service had received 1,025 calls on bonfire night and had attended 356 incidents, with no injuries reported.

After consideration, the Partnership noted and thanked Station Commander McGroarty for the report and for the worked carried out by the Service.

Police Scotland Ward update noted etc.

6 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;

(2) that the statistics with regard to bogus callers and the dangers of this;

(3) that on the run up to bonfire night Community Police officers had visited all licenced sellers in relation to the new legislation regarding the sale of fireworks and of the engagement with licenced premises, in relation to purchasing of e-cigarettes, and of the escalation of patrols in the run up to Christmas with the potential increase in alcohol consumption;

(1) of the ongoing work by Officers to combat bike thefts and that Police Scotland had continued to support bike users by hosting bike marking events;

(2) of the increase in complaints in relation to inconsiderate cycling from Deliveroo and that Police Scotland had carried out an engagement event that was attended by 120 Deliveroo employees, who had been given information on the road safety rules within the Highway Code; and

(3) of the continued monitoring of road safety and Car Free Zones within school premises.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report; and

(b) agreed that members could contact Inspector Crawford direct with any issues they wished to highlight to her.

Glasgow Bus Partnership – Report noted.

7 There was submitted a report by Jacobs Steer and the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS) regarding this Council's proposed plan for the improvementsto public transport within the city , advising

(1) of the Council's plans to transform the way residents or visitors travel 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) that the Scottish Government was committed to providing a long-term investment of £500m to deliver targeted bus priority measures on local and trunk roads;

(3) that the Glasgow Bus Partnership Fund (GBPF) would complement the powers in the Transport (Scotland) Act 2019 and t would enable local authorities to work in partnership with bus operators, to develop and deliver ambitious schemes;

(4) that Glasgow City Council would submit bid(s) to the GBPF on behalf of the Glasgow Bus Partnership and had commissioned Jacobs Steer to develop the evidence-base to allow the first funding bid during 2023;

(5) 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, as detailed in the report; and

(6) of the bus priority improvements, junction improvements, kerbside improvements, network solutions, feedback and next steps, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report;

(b) that ScotRail and Strathclyde Partnership for Transport would be working together to ensure residents had a more efficient rail and bus service; and

(c) that a more user-friendly ticketing system would be introduced to allow residents and visitors to travel across the city effectively and efficiently.

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

8 With reference to the minutes of 7th September 2022 when the Area Partnership approved a range of projects , totalling £34,100 and that a , requested that the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability submit a more detailed report of the breakdown costing for street trees and locations of the benches in the Thornwood area for consideration at the next meeting, there was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, advising of

(1) details regarding the walk-around in the Ward that had involved several members of the community at Marlbrough Avenue who had provided suggestions for the remaining projects that could be funded from the Local Parks and Open Space Improvement Fund;

(2) the list of updated options for investment of this Fund and a breakdown of costs for the remainder of the funds totalling £8,900, as detailed in the report; and

(3) that since the papers had been issued a new project had been added to the list of projects to be concidered from Friends of Victoria Park totaling of £6,000 for a storage container.

After consideration, the partnership

(a) noted the report;

(b) raised a number of questions in relation to the costs of individual trees and a suggested option to have a living wall;

(c) approved the funding of the projects totalling £5,750 as detailed in the appendix to these minutes;

(d) requested the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability to submit a further report with options for the allocation of the

remainder of the funds totalling £3,150 to purchase smaller trees at a more affordable costs for the Thornwood area.

Victoria Park Infrastructure Fund 2022/23 – Update noted.

9 With reference to the minutes of 7th September 2022 when the Partnership noted a report regarding the Victoria Park Infrastructure Fund 2022/23, there was heard an updated report by Ms Fancine O'Rourke, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS) advising that

(1) work was being undertaken by NRS regarding proposals for a community consultion exercise to ?? and would provide a comprehensive report to a future meeting of this Paternership;

(2) the £1m availab;e from this Fund could be spent over a 5-year period and that the community could provide proposals for funding to the Area Partnership for consideration.

After consideration the Partnership

notedthe report;

(a) highlighted areas of concerns that required immediate attention namely Thornwood roundabout and the lack of pedestrian crossings around it, having noted that

(b) Thornwood Community Council had requested whether a zebra crossing could be used at this location rather than Light crossing due to the volume of traffic; and

(c) requested that the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability progress plans for improvements around the Thornwood roundabout , including a a survey to be carried out and that Ms O'Rourke would arrange for an onsite visit to allow the Partnership to attend.

North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network - Update noted.

10 There was submitted a report by Ms Lynn Lovelock, North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network (NWGVSN) providing an update on its work, advising

(1) of the Network's concerns over the dramatic increased reliance on food banks, community fridges and community shops and that there had been an increase in the number of members dealing with other cost of living crisis issues;

(2) that the Glasgow Eco Trust had continued to deliver eco activity programmes offering 2 health walks and 2 led cycle rides each week and a fortnightly learn to cycle session; and

(3) that the food pantry at the Whiteinch Centre had seen a high demand and is now asking for referrals or phone calls to book emergency parcels so thesey could be prepared and ready for collection Thursdays at specific times; and

(4) that DRC Youth Project had now started to see an increase in of the number of youths attending the the youth clubs and expected this to continue over the winter months as this facility offered a warm and safe place for young people to go where food was available.

After consideration, the partnership noted and thanked Ms Lovelock for the report.

Area Budget 2022/23 – Applications for funding dealt with etc.

11 With reference to the minutes of the Council's City Administration Committee of 12th March 2020 when the committee approved the 2022/23 Area Budget allocations as part of a 3-year package of funding, there was submitted a report by the Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities providing an introduction to the Area Budget, details of the current position with the 2022/23 Area Budget and applications for funding for 2022/23, advising

(1) the current position in relation to the Area Partnership's budget for 2022/23;

(2) that the Victoria Park Area Partnership's Area Budget allocation for 2022/23 was £59,732.90;

(3) that the Area Partnership had allocated £46,684.96 (76.6%) to date, leaving a balance of £14,258.44 (23.4%); and

(4) of the applications for funding from the Area Budget for 2022/23.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted

(i) the position regarding the Area Budget Allocations for 2022/23; and

(ii) the 3 applications and dealt with under delegated function, as detailed in the report

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

Applicant	*Purpose of application*	*Decision*
The Whiteinch Centre Ltd	To purchase 208 chairs, 2 chair trolleys and 20 folding event tables	Awarded £6,703.20

*Broomhill Community Council	Towards the costs of a pressure washer??, seating materials and installation and new plants and soil	Awarded £2,100
Sandy Road Community Garden	Towards the costs of site improvements	Awarded £1,804.49
Weekly Wow Factor	Towards the costs of running a weekly programme of daytime discos for older adults	Withdrawn

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

Glasgow Helps Programme – Update noted

12 There was submitted and noted a report by Glasgow Helps Development Manager regarding the Glasgow Helps Programme, advising that

(1) the organisation had been established by the Council in response to the pandemic to offer free confidential support, information and advice to residents;

(2) help could be in the form of food, fuel, holistic support or any other matter highlighted to the programme; and

(3) the organisation could be contacted directly or via a referral from an agency or stakeholder.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted and thanked Mr J McCourt for the report; and

(b) that Glasgow Helps could be contacted on 0141 276 1185, or by completing on online referral form at www.glasgow.gov.uk/glasgowhelps or by contacting Mr McCourt direct by email at james.mccourt@glasgow.gov.uk.

Glasgow Life Libraries Strategy and Team Structure - Presentation noted.

13 There was heard a presentation by the Chief Executive, Glasgow Life regarding the Glasgow Life Libraries Strategy, advising

(1) that Glasgow City Council had requested that Glasgow Life work on a refreshed Vision for Glasgow Libraries;

(2) of feedback from a 2015 consultation, which confirmed that libraries were still a vital part of the community;

(3) of the 5 themes that underpinned the basic values and aspirations, these being health and wellbeing, economy, social, culture and environment; and

(4) that a broad range of groups would be invited to take part in a survey seeking views from citizens, communities, partners and stakeholders on the proposals set out in the Vision for Glasgow Libraries which could be accessed at https://surveys.glasgowlife.org.uk/s/CXOIBA/, with the survey remaining open until 16th December 2022 details of which would be circulated to as many residents and community groups as possible

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the presentation and thanked the Officers;

(b) that free Wi-Fi would be available in the libraries;
(c) that a home library service was available to housebound residents; and

(d) that Glasgow Life had been in contact with schools and Universities regarding itsr services.

APPENDIX

VICTORIA PARK AREA PARTNERSHIP – LOCAL PARKS AND OPEN SPACES – ALLOCATION OF PROJECT FUNDING TOTALLING £5,750 FOR 2022/23

Option Number	*Location*	*Project*	*Total allocation*
4	Thornwood - Dumbarton Rd at Sorley St	X1 Bench installed into existing open space.	£2,000
5	Thornwood - Ardery Street	X1 Bench installed into existing open space.	£2,000
6	Marlbrough Avenue	Planting of replacement trees on open space	£1,750