Item 1

15th September 2023

MARYHILL AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Minutes of meeting held on 28th April 2023, by video conference.

Present: Councillor Abdul Bostani (Chair), Councillor Keiran O'Neill, and Councillor Franny Scally, Glasgow City Council; Inspector Colin MacLucas, Police Scotland, Station Commander Graeme Morrow, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Kenna Campbell, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Sharon Bowers, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network; Liane Coia, Maryhill Integration Network; Sharon Mather, Maryhill and Summerston Community Council; and Francine O'Rourke, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Apology: Isabella McTaggart, Glenavon Residents Association.

Attending: P Yule (Clerk); L Devlin (for the Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities); and Melanie Farrow and Martina Johnston-Grey, North West Voluntary Sector Network.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

1 The minutes of 17th February 2023 were submitted and approved

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund – Update noted.

2 There was submitted and noted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS) 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 options presented could be circulated to community councils and other Partnership organisations for their feedback, with additional suggestions welcomed to inform the process moving forward;

(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; and

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

Festive Lighting Programme - Update noted

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 location 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;

(1) 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;

(2) 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

(3) 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 concern at the cost of Christmas trees and suggested that new suppliers that were cheaper and more sustainable should be investigated for the future; and

(c) agreed the total funding for the projects of £11,305, less the central funding of £3,600, which resulted in a balance of £7,705 that would be met from the Area Partnership budget.

Development of Area Partnerships - Update noted.

4 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 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.

Police Scotland ward update noted etc.

5 There was heard 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 on Maryhill Road and Queen Margaret Drive, issuing parking tickets where appropriate;

(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 encourage members and the public to continue to report incidents to Police Scotland.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service ward update noted.

6 There was heard 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 SFRS had attended 92 incidents within the ward, 49 false alarms, 22 Special Services, 21 fires of which 12 were deliberate and 9 being unwanted fire alarms and that they 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 premises, which included hospitals and care homes and that further information could be found at UFAS Dutyholder event - YouTube.

After consideration, the Partnership noted the report and thanked Station Commander Graeme Morrow for the update.

Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network update noted.

7 There was submitted a report by Ms Sharon Bowers, 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 that it continued to meet with Elected Members across the city with regard to 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 what projects and activities had been carried out within the ward, as detailed in the report;

(4) that Shakespeare Street Youth Club was celebrating 100 years this year and was planning a celebration event in the summer; and

(5) that Maryhill Together, a local network meeting, had been set up by NWGVSN to bring local partner charities and organisations together to share information and encourage partnership and joint working.

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

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

8 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 Maryhill Area Partnership's Area Budget allocation for 2023/24 was £66,443.71 and a total of £4,220 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £62,223.71; 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 allocations for 2023/24;

(ii) the 2 applications 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*
Maryhill Hub Steering Group	To assist with the costs of an activity programme of afternoon tea dances on the last Friday of each month	Awarded £3,080
Maryhill Hub Steering Group	To assist with the costs of 2 Christmas lunches on the 14th and 15th December 2023	Awarded £1,378
Maryhill Hub Steering Group	To assist with the costs of a Family Fun Gala Day on 12th August 2023	Awarded £1,682
WestFest	Towards the cost of funding community events from 2nd to 25th June 2023	Refused
The Children's Wood	Towards the cost of phase 2 of the shed extension	Awarded £2,250
Queens Cross Community Foundation	Towards the cost of funding a gala day on 19th August 2023	Awarded £1,075
Weekday WOW Factor	Towards the costs of meet, eat and dance sessions for 12 months	Refused

North United Communities	To assist with the costs of 3 performances by the Scottish Opera on Saturday 10th June 2023	Awarded £595
Charles Rennie McIntosh Society	Towards the cost of holding an education and outreach project with local primary schools that includes drama and visual art activities	Awarded £1,205
St Blane's Primary School	To assist with the costs of 33 Primary 7 pupils attending Blairvadoch Residential Centre	Awarded £1,000
Shakespeare Street Youth Club	To assist with the costs to host a celebratory historic event on 5th August 2023	Awarded £2,000
Maryhill Integration Network	To assist with the costs of a 10-week project in the Maryhill Community Centre	Awarded £3,705
Sapphire Gymnastics Academy Equipment	To purchase a specialised 25m Inflatable air track	Refused
152 Boys Brigade	To assist with the costs of a weekend residential trip to Teen Ranch in June 2023	Awarded £1,350
Maryhill Community Tennis Club	To assist with the cost to encourage more people to access the new tennis courts in Maryhill Park	Awarded £2,500
Drumchapel Caravan Project	To purchase tickets for various Glasgow attractions	Awarded £500
Eco Drama	Towards the cost of funding 8 subsidised performances	Awarded £500
Common Wheel	To assist to operate 2 10-week pilot bike building courses for women only	Awarded £2,500

Parkview Primary Parent Council	To assist with the costs of providing a breakfast snack and juice	Refused
*Acre Tenants and Residents Association	To assist with the costs of a Gala Day for local residents in August 2023	Awarded £2,880
North West Women's Centre	To assist with the costs of a summer programme of creative workshops, social gatherings and day trips	Awarded £2,000
G20 Works	To assist with the costs to support the Maryhill Summer Festival event at Tesco outdoor car park in July 2023	Awarded £1,497

*Sharon Bowers had left the meeting whilst this item was under consideration and therefore took no part in the discussion or decision.