Item 1

20th September 2023

GREATER POLLOK AREA PARTNERSHIP.

Minutes of meeting held on 26th April 2023, at SWAMP, 37 Brockburn Road, Glasgow.

Present: Councillor William Graham (Chair) and Councillor Saqib Ahmed, Glasgow City Council; Inspector James McFarlane, Police Scotland; David McGroarty, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Jean Honan, Third Sector Forum; Lynne Grieve, Hurlet and Brockburn Community Council; Alistair McLellan, Levern and District Community Council; and Karen Venables, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Apologies: Bailie Roza Salih and Bailie Rashid Hussain, Glasgow City Council; Sarah Ali, Crookston Community Group; Geri Mogan, Rosehill Housing Association; Charly-Ann Brown, St Paul's High School; and Daniel Maher, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership.

Attending: L Handlin (Clerk); and L Devlin (for the Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities); and Kevin McCormick (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

1 The minutes of the previous meeting of 15th February 2023 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, advising that Inspector James McFarlane had been nominated as the representative and Sergeant Emma Wright had been nominated as the substitute representative for Police Scotland.

G53 Together Update - Consideration continued.

3 The Partnership agreed to continue consideration to a future meeting an update by G53 Together regarding the work beign carried out within the Ward.

Infrastructure Improvement Fund - Update noted – Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

4 There was submitted and noted a report by Karen Venables, 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) the Centre for Civic Innovation within NRS was developing a citizen engagement model to support this process as well as future initiatives, with draft recommendations being published in May 2023; and

(3) wider community involvement in decision making would continue moving forward.

Development of Area Partnerships update noted.

5 There was submitted a report by the Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities regarding an update on 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 local citizens;

(2) that workshops had been held that involved officers from Community Empowerment and Equalities and Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability to understand the aims, objectives, potential challenges and key stakeholders etc that could be involved;

(3) that the next stage would be to test the system in the pilot areas by engaging citizens and Area Partnerships on their priorities and preferences for use of the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund;

(4) that once the development phase had been completed, final recommendations would be made on how the citizens engagement system could be rolled out across the city; and

(5) of the revised terms of reference for Area Partnerships that now allowed for up to 4 additional members to be co-opted to the Partnership.

Health Improvement Update - Consideration continued.

6 The Partnership agreed to continue consideration to a future meeting an update by Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership regarding the work beign carried out within the Ward.

Police Scotland ward update noted.

7 There was heard and noted a report by Inspector James McFarlane, Police Scotland, advising the Partnership that

(1) the Chief Constable had written to all partner agencies advising of the financial challenges affecting Police Scotland, and that maintaining operational policing would remain a priority;

(2) the Annual Policing Plan had been published on 23rd March 2023 with priorities being determined by feedback from the community;

(3) following increased problems on public transport networks, a transport plan was implemented on 31st March 2023, which had now been extended until May 2023; and

(4) on 21st April 2023 a community meeting had taken place in Silverburn Shopping Centre with regards to anti-social behaviour, with it being agreed that further meetings would continue to take place on a 6 weekly basis.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service ward update noted.

8 There was heard and noted a report by the 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 3, from 1st October to 31st December 2022, advising the Partnership that

(1) the Service had attended 54 fires, 10 vehicle fires with no fatalities;

(2) the Service had attended 62 false alarms within the Ward, of which 34 were unwanted fire alarms; and

(3) from 5th July 2023, SFRS would no longer be sending vehicles out when an automitic fire alarm was activated unless there was a confirmed fire or the building was a high risk premises, which included hospitals and care homes.

Festive Lighting Programme 2023/24 approved.

9 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability in relation to the provision of festive lighting within the Ward, advising

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

(2) of the cost to repeat the 2022/23 programme for festive lighting for the 2023/34 financial year.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report; and

(b) agreed to a repeat of the 2022/23 festive lighting programme as detailed in the report.

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

10 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 Greater Pollok Area Partnership's Area Budget allocation for 2023/24 was £90,546.37 and a total of £4,500 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £86,046.37; 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 allocations for 2023/24; 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*
Jhanker Beats	Towards the cost of providing a weekly club for vulnerable and elderly people within Pollok Community Centre	Consideration continued for further information
Crookston Castle Primary School	Towards the cost of a residential trip to Lockerbie Manor	Approved £1,350
Weekday Wow Factor	Towards the cost of hosting day time discos for older residents	Consideration continued for further information
St Angela's Parent Council	Towards the cost of hosting an intergenerational workshop for Steering Group Girls and the Climate Women's Chat Group	Approved £492.50
Police Scotland*	Towards the cost of enabling the Campus Police Officer to engage	Approved £2,322

	with young people out with school in a programme of activities	
Police Scotland*	Towards the cost of producing and printing 1000 crime prevention and community safety advice booklets for delivery to residents in Darnley, Southpark and Nitshill	Approved £495
Police Scotland*	Towards the cost of purchasing sash window jammers	Refused as no evidence it would benefit the local community
Greater Pollok Services	Towards the cost of facilitating the Thriving Place summer programme from 1st May to 31st October 2023	Consideration continued for further costing information

*Inspector McFarlane declared an interest in these applications and took no part in the discussion and decision thereon.

Additional items for consideration approved.

11 The Chair approved that the following items be considered at this Partnership as hereinafter minuted.

Local Parks and Open Spaces Fund 2022/23 – Funding allocated etc.

12 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability with regards to the allocation of remaining available funds from the Local Parks and Open Spaces Fund advising

(1) that the Greater Pollok Area Partnership had a remaining allocation of £34,500 to be allocated to local projects within the ward;

(2) that £10,000 allocated for works at Seamill Street had not been utilised and that this budget could be allocated in addition to the £34,500 available; and

(3) of the options available for allocation of the remaining budget

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) agreed to reallocate the funds previously earmarked for Seamill Street;

(b) agreed to fund the following projects from the Parks and Open Spaces Fund:

Location	Proposal	Costs Approved

Household Park	Develop proposals to install alternative item of play equipment to improve accessibility and seating facilities at Haughburn Rd Play Area	£10,000
Leverndale Play Area	Contribution towards wider package of funding to support painting of existing equipment and supply and installation of play equipment	£13,000
Brockburn Play Area	Contribution towards wider package of funding to support painting of existing equipment and supply and installation of play equipment	£15,500
Levernside Road	Bring forward proposals in discussion with local reps to replace an existing item of play equipment and additional seating area at the play park	£4,000
Lochar Park	Installation of 3 benches on Linthaugh Road side of park	£2000

(c) agreed to allocate funding from the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund to the following projects:

Location	Proposal	Costs Approved
Levernside Road	Bring forward proposals in discussion with local reps to replace an existing item of play equipment and additional seating area at the play park	£4,000
Cornalee Gardens MUGA	Having been previously inspected by Parks operations and minor works already carried out, the Service may be in a position to apply for developer contributions within this area to carry out replacement surfacing. This would need be confirmed by June 2023.	£25,000 (Full Replacement of surfacing)

Voluntary Sector Update noted.

13 There was heard an noted an update by Jean Honan, Third Sector Forum, with regards to the work of the Third Sector, advising that

(1) the Third Sector had previously benefitted from support provided by management from the local sector team and felt that this resource was much needed by local organisations; and

(2) it was felt there had been a lack of transparency in the decision making process for allocation of the Communities Fund awards, and they had been disappointed at some of the decisions that had been made.