Item 1

8th November 2022

HILLHEAD AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Minutes of meeting held on 30th August 2022, by video conference.

Present: Councillors Martha Wardrop (Chair), Ken Andrew and Hanzala Malik Glasgow City Council; Nicola Scott, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Anna Dyer, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network; Sergeant Lyn Forbes, Police Scotland; Station Commander David McGroarty, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Katie Fish, Students' Representative Council, University of Glasgow; Louise MacKenzie, North Kelvin Community Council; Jean Charsley, Hillhead Community Council; and Stewart Leighton, Woodlands and Park Community Council.

Apologies: Inspector Kenneth Robertson, Police Scotland; and Mohammed Jamil, BME Representative.

Attending: E Miller (Clerk); S Anderson, N Chauhdry and R O'Sullivan (for the Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities); C Burrows; F O'Rourke and R Smith (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability); and J McCourt, Glasgow Helps Development Manager, Chief Executive's Department.

Approval of substitutes noted.

1 In terms of paragraph 6.10 of the Governance Framework, the Partnership noted that in the absence of the representatives from Police Scotland, the Chair had approved the attendance of Sergeant Lyn Forbes to represent them at this meeting.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

2 The minutes of 9th June 2022 were submitted and approved, subject to noting that

(a) in relation to paragraph 1(a), with regard to HMOs within the Ward, following a meeting with the Head of Licencing and Democratic Services, it was advised that Mairi Millar would be invited to a future meeting of the Partnership to update the members on the Short-Term Let Licencing regulation and HMO's; and

(b) in relation to paragraph 5(c), with regard to infrastructure, information had been forwarded to Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability by the Chair.

Glasgow Community Planning Partnership Governance Framework – Membership noted.

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

(1) Katie Fish had been nominated as the representative for Students' Representative Council – University of Glasgow and had replaced Sam Malis and Rinna Vare had been nominated as the substitute representative and had replaced Ella McCabe;

(2) Louise MacKenzie had been nominated as the representative for North Kelvin Community Council;

(3) Lyndsay Thomson had been nominated as the representative for Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership and Nicola Scott was now the substitute representative;

(4) Inspector Kenneth Robertson had retired from Police Scotland and the members wished him well in his retirement;

(5) the Partnership and Development Officer would contact Mr S Dowling, Community Empowerment Services regarding an update on the re-establishment of Woodside Community Council; and

(6) Charlotte Noble would be nominated as the main representative on the North West Sector Community Planning Partnership, which was currently vacant.

Local Parks and Open Space Improvement Fund – Proposals approved.

4 There was submitted an updated report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding the Local Parks and Open Spaces Improvement Fund, advising of the revised list of options for investment of this Fund and a breakdown of costs totalling £49,000 as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the partnership

(1) noted the report and additional maps for areas requested at the previous meeting and further information with regard to Greenspace at the corner of North Woodside Road and Maryhill Road;

(2) approved the remaining funding of £2,300 for the Stewart Memorial Fountain and £1,300 for the greenspace on Woodlands Road, totalling £3,600 to allow for early action and delivery of the projects;

(3) requested that

(a) members be updated and informed on the work being carried out within the Ward; and

(b) members were invited to the formal opening of the Stewart Memorial Fountain on completion of the work and heard that CCTV was in place at the memorial to monitor and control acts of vandalism.

Hillhead Infrastructure Fund 2022/23 – Update noted etc.

5 There was heard an updated report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS) regarding the recommended options for spend towards Neighbourhood Infrastructure asset improvements, advising

(1) that NRS had a list of what funds could be spent on and that there was no time limit to spend the money;

(2) that NRS would contact members of the community, including online conversations, to discuss areas that required improvement; and

(3) of a new Tool-Kit that would be used by NRS to collate all the information received from the Ward and that NRS would attend a future meeting of this Partnership with a progress report.

After consideration the Partnership

(a) noted and thanked Ms O'Rourke for the report;

(b) agreed that members of the Ward and the community would meet during the next 4 weeks to review areas for action, which would be collated and forwarded to NRS to ensure all areas within the Ward were represented;

(c) approved immediate spending on work under point 1, Maryhill Road/ Kelvinside Avenue/Fire Station to upgrade the traffic signal equipment for £200,000 and point 6, various refreshed road markings programme for £20,000, as detailed in the report.

Byres Road Public Realm Project – Report noted.

6 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding the Byres Road Public Realm Project, advising

(1) of the background to the project, which aimed to regenerate the river corridor as a vibrant urban quarter that would attract jobs and investment and contribute to regional economic growth and would allow for improved footpaths and cycle lanes within the area;

(1) that in April 2019 the Council's Neighbourhoods Housing and Public Realm Committee approved a concept design for public realm works and the main features of the design were as detailed in the report. A copy of the original report dated 23rd April 2019 can be accessed at https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/councillorsandcommittees/viewSelectedDocument.asp?c=P62AFQDN0G2U81ZLDX;

(2) of the Traffic Regulation Orders relevant to the proposed works, that the Traffic Order relating to Hillhead generated a significant number of responses from the public and confirmation that Transport Scotland had granted the Council an extension to 3rd January 2023 to respond to representations and make the Order;

(3) that a number of factors had had a significant impact on the programme and the proposed works, including COVID-19, Brexit and the recent conflict in the Ukraine and that following investigations on the work being carried out, a decision was taken to deliver the Byres Road public realm works as 2 separate works packages with lower contract values, as detailed in the report; and

(4) that the Council had issued a Tender for Phase 1 in July 2022 with the contract award scheduled for November 2022, allowing a site start in January 2023 and that Phase 2 works would commence in autumn 2024 upon the completion of Phase 1.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted

(i) the report and appendices;

(ii) that adequate disabled parking bays would be provided along the full length of Byres road;

(iii) that NRS would arrange to attend the next meeting of Hillhead Community Council to address the concerns of the members;

(iv) that parking charges would be extended and would apply Monday to Sunday until 10.00pm; and

(v) the concerns over the parking charges that would be incurred by the voluntary staff at the North West Glasgow Voluntary Network, who worked often until 10.00pm at night.

Police Scotland Ward update noted.

7 There was heard a report by Sergeant Lyn Forbes, 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 public nuisance calls and disturbances had fallen;

(3) of the ongoing work by Officers to combat bike thefts, road safety incidents continued to be monitored and a number of fixed penalty notices had been issued and vehicles seized, that Community Officers continued to gather information on drug use and individuals had been charged with drug offences;

(4) of the ASB operation that continued to be monitored and patrolled within Kelvingrove Park;

(5) that Police Scotland would be meeting with Just Eat and Uber Eats with regard to cyclists failing to comply with road safety rules within the Highway Code; and

(6) of the continued monitoring of loud exhausts within the Ward and the monitoring of Car Free Zones within school premises.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted and thanked Sergeant Forbes for the report; and

(b) highlighted areas of concern within the Ward, including possible stolen items being taken to pawn shops and the dangerous driving in and around the park area where drivers would travel at speed the wrong way along a one-way street.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Ward update noted.

8 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 1 2022/23, advising the Partnership that

(1) the Service had attended 51 fires, 103 false alarms, 49 of which had been unwanted fire alarms, 21 Special Services and carried out 35 high risk home fire safety visits;

(2) the Service continued to work with partners on fire safety, CPR and water safety, including engagement events in parks and close to bodies of water to highlight the dangers of water; and

(3) the Service had seconded a member of the team to the Council's Glasgow Helps department to promote partnership engagement and the Prevention and Protection team had developed a Child Trafficking Awareness presentation that had been delivered to all Glasgow Firefighters and would be cascaded nationally.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted and thanked Station Commander McGroarty for the report and for the worked carried out by the Service to help vulnerable residents to install the new fire alarms; and

(b) requested information on when it was agreed that the Scottish Ambulance Service would share the SFRS premises at Maryhill, which would be provided at a future meeting of this Partnership.

Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network update noted.

9 There was submitted a report by Ms Anna Dyer, North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network (NWGVSN) providing an update on their work, noting

(1) an update on the work the Network had carried out throughout the City, including the IT Recycling Project, Network and online Cuppa and Catchup meetings, the Glasgow Communities Fund and the help given to members with the application process and the increased number of people who had accessed foodbanks and pantries due to the cost of living crisis;

(2) that the Network was pleased to see a growth of a wide range of cultural activities in the Ward and a return to a degree of normality;

(3) the several events at the Claypits Nature Reserve and information on the reserve could be accessed at https://claypitslnr.co.uk/ or https://www.facebook.com/Claypits;

(4) the continued work and concerns by the Network to try and get the Woodside Halls opened and fully operational by September 2022, as many organisations would be fully operational by then and that due to the impending heating crisis, it would be imperative to provide vulnerable residents with a warm place to go;

(5) that the Seamore Community Cinema had re-opened and further information could be accessed at https://www.facebook.com/TheSeamoreCinema;

(6) an update on the Community Central Halls and the activities held during July by the Out of School Programme and the plan to hold an increased programme of activities and assistance for the Older People's Service with further information available at https://centralhall.org/ and https://www.facebook.com/CCHMaryhill;

(7) the concerns for young people should the schools reduce to a 3-day week on where they could charge phones and tablets; and

(8) the issues with parking in the area and the restrictions and costs to the Network staff, some of whom were volunteers and that the organisation did

not have the resources to deal with a night time economy to help with parking costs and highlighted the importance of getting residents to attend activities at night.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted

(i) the report;

(ii) that Councillor Wardrop would write to the Council's Parking Officials; and

(iii) the work that the Marie Trust carried out within the Ward, working with homeless people, vulnerable families and partners to ensure that users could access information and attend the centre for assistance and that further information on the Trust could be found at https://www.themarietrust.org/ and https://www.themarietrust.org/about-us/our-reports/.

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

10 With reference to the minutes of the Council's City Administration Committee of 12th March 2020 (Print 7, page 527), 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.

After consideration, the Partnership

(1) noted

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

(b) that the Hillhead Area Partnership's Area Budget allocation for 2022/23 was £61,838.56; and

(2) 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*
Glasgow Golden Generation	Towards the cost of replacing outdated kitchen equipment for the Fred Paten Day Care Centre	Awarded £1,999.15

World of Film International Festival Glasgow	Towards supporting the cost of delivering the 9th edition of the event from 3rd to 6th November 2022 at Film City Glasgow, Govan	Awarded £1,813.90 on the condition that the organisation link in with the Seamore Community Cinema
*Woodlands Community Development Trust	Towards the cost of hosting information events in consultation with University of Glasgow, targeted at local students from 1st October 2022 to 31st March 2023	Awarded £6,080
The Children's Wood	Towards the cost of delivering an enriching programme of children's books events during September and October 2022	Awarded £2,150
Society for English Learning through Biblical Literature	Towards the cost of running youth activity clubs on a weekly basis to deliver services to people who are students, ethnic minorities, immigrants, internationals and members of the public from 1st September 2022 to 31st March 2023	Awarded £980
**Halo Arts	Towards the cost of delivering the third annual West End community panto, 'Sleeping Betty'	Awarded £3,928 on the condition that the group meets the funding limits next year

* Councillor Wardrop declared an interest in this item of business and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon and Councillor Andrew assumed the Chair for this item only.

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A New Model for Area Partnerships - Report noted.

11 There was submitted a report by the Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities regarding the new model for Area Partnerships, advising of

(1) a range of information to support the transition to a new way of working;

(2) an update on the 3 pilot Citizens' Panels and the next stages going forward;

(3) Ward information for the Hillhead Area Partnership and the impact on the Ward;

(4) an update on the City's Community Action Plan;

(5) a guidance and a template for the Local Area Action Plan;

(6) the local venues to be considered should the Partnership elect to hold meetings in the Ward;

(7) the proposals on how communication would be improved across the Partnership and details of training and ongoing support for members;

(8) an update on the future of Sector Partnerships; and

(9) the recommendations for the Partnership.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted

(i) the report;

(ii) the event with community councils on 20th August 2022, which had been well attended;

(iii) that subgroups should be agreed and meetings could be attended by digital inclusion groups who would provide information to members; and

(iv) that support and guidance would be provided by the Community Empowerment Team; and

(b) requested a copy of the minutes from the event on 20th August 2022.

Glasgow Helps Programme – Update noted

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

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

(2) that help can 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

(i) and thanked Mr J McCourt for the report

(ii) 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.