Item 1

17th November 2022

ANDERSTON/CITY/YORKHILL AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Minutes of meeting on 1st September 2022, by video conference.

Present: Councillor Eva Bolander (Chair), Councillor Philip Braat, Depute Lord Provost Christy Mearns, Councillor Angus Millar, Glasgow City Council; Gary Atkinson, Merchant City and Trongate Community Council; K Drummond, Glasgow North West Voluntary Sector Network; Sherrin Esmail, Glasgow Health and Social Care Partnership; Michael Glen, Townhead and Ladywell Community Council; David McGroarty, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; James Rouse, Anderston Community Council; and Inspector Jonathon Watters, Police Scotland.

Also present: William Beckett, Garnethill Neighbourhood Watch; and Max Stein, City of Berlin

Attending: L Handlin (Clerk); S Anderson, T Monaghan and R O'Sullivan (for the Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities); L Fisher, S Patterson and R Smith (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability); L Lovelock, Glasgow North West Voluntary Sector Network; and J McCourt (for the Chief Executive)

Minutes of the previous meeting approved.

1 The minutes of the 30th June 2022 were submitted and approved.

Variation in order of business.

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

Police Scotland update noted.

3 There was heard and noted an update by Inspector Jonathon Watters, Police Scotland regarding the work being carried out in the area, advising that

(1) Inspector Kenny Robertson had retired and his replacement would be notified to the Partnership once appointed;

(2) increased patrols were being carried out from Thursday to Sunday as part of the Glasgow City Centre Action Plan; and

(3) resources had been utilised to respond to the significant number of car enthusiasts that had been gathering at Blythswood Square; and

(4) youth disorder in the City Centre had decreased significantly.

Glasgow Community Planning Partnership Governance Framework – Membership update etc.

4 There was submitted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration regarding an update on the membership of this Partnership advising that Inspector Jonathon Watters had been appointed as member for Police Scotland, replacing Inspector Iain Sibbald, and Sergeant John Brown had been appointed the substitute representative for Police Scotland.

After consideration, the Partnership

(1) noted the membership of this Partnership; and

(2) continued consideration of the nomination of a representative to the North West Sector Partnership to the next meeting of this Partnership.

Local Parks and Open Space Improvement Fund 2022/23 – Options for investment – Consideration continued – Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

5 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding the Local Parks and Open Spaces Improvement Fund, advising of proposed options for the investment of £46,900 from this Fund, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the Partnership

(1) noted the report;

(2) continued consideration of the 28 options for investment, as detailed in the report for further information;

(3) requested that officers from Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability meet with the Elected Members in advance of the next meeting of this Partnership to discuss the proposed options; and

(4) requested the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability consult with the community to ensure that a final list of proposals could be provided to the next meeting of this Partnership

Roads Investment 2022/23 – Consideration continued.

6 The Partnership agreed to continue consideration of this item to a future meeting of this Partnership.

Anderston/City/Yorkhill Infrastructure Fund 2022/23 – Update noted.

7 There was heard and noted a verbal report by Ms Lise Fisher, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability providing an update on the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund, advising that

(1) the timeframe for the £1m of investment for the Ward would be over a 5 year period until 2027;

(2) a further engagement plan was required and that a range of consultations both digitally and face to face with the community would be required in order that suggestions for use of the funds from residents from the Anderston/City/Yorkhill Ward could be put forward; and

(3) a further update in relation to the consultation process would be provided to a future meeting of this Partnership.

Festive Lighting programme 2022/23 – Proposals deal with – Authority and request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

8 There was heard an updated verbal report by Ms Lise Fisher, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding the 2022/23 Festive Lighting programme, advising

(1) of the progress in relation to funding previously agreed at the meeting of this Partnership on 30th June 2022; and

(2) that approval was being sought for Christmas light switch on events at the previously agreed locations in Anderston, Cowcaddens and Townhead, at a cost of £100 each.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the update; and

(b) approved the funding for the Christmas light switch on events in Anderston, Cowcadddens and Townhead, at a cost of £100 each.

Glasgow Helps Programme – Update noted

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

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

(2) from 9th May 2022, Glasgow Helps moved into phase 2, to provide support in the form of food, fuel, holistic issues 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.

A New Model for Area Partnerships noted – Request to Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities.

10 There was submitted a report by the Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities regarding a 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 Anderston/City/Yorkhill 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 available 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 the report;

(b) requested the Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities establish a sub-group of this Partnership in order to identify agenda items for future meetings of this Partnership; and

(c) requested the Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities make a request to the Chair of the Community Planning Strategic Partnership to allow this Partnership to meet 6 times a year, given the significant importance and high volume of issues that affect this Ward.

North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network update noted.

11 There was heard and noted an update by Kate Drummond, North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network (NWGVSN) regarding its work, advising

(1) that capital works at the Pyramid were underway and a number of groups and workshops had been paused during the summer to allow for building works;

(2) of a number of events that were due to take place in the Ward; and

(3) that Townhead Village Hall had fully re-opened and all clubs and groups had commenced including the Friendship group.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service - Ward update noted.

12 There was heard and noted a verbal update by David McGroarty, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, advising of the current issues, incidents and work being carried out within the Ward for the period from 1st April – 30th June 2022, advising that

(1) there had been 71 fires, 75 special services and 484 unwanted fire alarms;

(2) the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service had participated in the Glasgow Pride Mardi Gras; and

(3) the water safety group had been successful in the procurement of additional water rings, in bespoke colour schemes to ensure they were recognised if taken.

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

13 With reference to the minutes of the Council's City Administraiton 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 allocation of £62,446.05 to this Partnership;

(b) that to date Anderston/City/Yorkhill Area Partnership had committed a total of £28,175.63 (45.1%), leaving a remaining balance of £34,270.42 (54.9%); and

(c) applications dealt with under delegated functions, as detailed in the report; 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 ESOL Forum*	to provide a woman only ESOL class at The Pyramid.	Approved £4,616
Central and West Integration Network SCIO	to deliver 20 weeks of ESOL classes, and 20 weeks of sewing and craft classes for people living in the Townhead area.	Approved £4,400
Darfur Foundation**	To deliver mental health awareness classes, ESOL and Digital Literacy classes at the pentagon centre.	Rejected as there had been no confirmation that the classes would be for residents within the Anderston/City/Yorkhill Ward. It was recommended that the applicant link in with other organisations operating who were offering similar services.
Cross Ethnic	To provide sewing classes for approximately 60m asylum seekers.	Rejected as a number of other organisations offer this service. It was recommended that the applicant link in with other organisations operating who were offering similar services.
Garnethill Neighbourhood Watch	towards the running costs of meetings, personal attack alarms, self defence classes and Christmas hampers.	Approved £1,004. The Partnership agreed not to fund the provision of Christmas hampers as there was no evidence that hampers were allocated to residents on a need basis.
The Garnethill Centre	Towards the cost of a structural survey to assess necessary maintenance and structural integrity.	Continued to the next meeting of this Partnership for further information.
Anderston Action Group	Towards the cost of refurbishment work at the	Approved £1,119.56

	Anderston Youth Café	
Citywise Mentoring Ltd	Towards the cost of running an October holiday camp for 35 children at Townhead Village Hall.	Approved £2,704
Central Gurdwara	Towards the cost of purchasing materials to facilitate Punjabi language classes and events.	Rejected as the application does not offer a direct benefit to the local community.
World of Film International**	Towards the cost of delivering the World of Film International Festival at Film City Glasgow, Govan.	Rejected as the application does not offer a direct benefit to the local community.
HALO Arts	Towards the cost of delivering the annual pantomime “The Sleeping Betty”	Approved £1,965 subject to different schools from the previous year being invited to this years performances.

*Kate Drummond, Glasgow North West Voluntary Sector, and James Rouse, Anderston Community Council declared an interest in this item of business and took no part in the discussion or decision therein.

** Depute Lord Provost Mearns dissented from these decisions.