GARSCADDEN/SCOTSTOUNHILL AREA PARTNERSHIP.

Minutes of meeting held on 5th September 2023,
Heart of Scotland Community Centre, Glasgow.

Present: Councillor Malcolm Mitchell (Chair), Councillor Bill Butler, Councillor Chris Cunningham and Councillor Eva Murray, Glasgow City Council; Inspector Siobhan Paterson, Police Scotland; Sandra Barber, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Lainy Bedingfield, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network; Beth Reid, Kingsway Community Connections; Scott Donaldson, Scotstoun Community Council; Sandy Busby, Yoker Community Council; Robert Smith, Linkes; and Francine O'Rourke, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Apology: Station Commander Kenny McCartney, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

Attending: A Croall (Clerk); P Boyce (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Government); S Armstrong, J Lapthorn, M McColgan, S McGeady, J Slater and R Smith (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability); Sergeant N Reilly, Police Scotland; and R Docherty, On The Ball Academy.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

1 The minutes of 18th April 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 Beth Reid had been nominated as the representative for Kingsway Community Connections.

Local Parks and Open Space Improvement Fund update noted.

3 There was submitted a report by Rachel Smith, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, regarding the Local Parks and Open Space Improvement Fund providing an update on projects allocated within the ward for years 2021/22 and 2022/23, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the Partnership

(1) noted the report and raised questions in relation to the design stage, the implementation dates of the 2021/22 projects, the best use of existing facilities at Knightswood Park and the project at Danes Drive/Kingsway; and

(2) requested that further details of timelines for the projects be sent to all members of the Partnership which Rachel Smith was happy to do.

On The Ball Academy - Presentation noted etc.

4 There was noted a presentation by Ryan Docherty, Director, On The Ball Academy regarding plans for Danes Drive Regeneration Project advising

(1) of the plans for a brand new all-weather football pitch and upgrade of the park area that would be offered to local schools and provide free access 7 days a week, training, educating families through football, football camps and work with other local organisations;

(2) that a state of the art facility would provide a more active, safe space, 1000 hours free time to play for children that would allow progression and achievement of goals for the local community;

(3) the event that took place on 1st July 2023 at the site to discuss plans, any concerns that local people may have had about their plans for the area and of the results from engagement with people at the event;

(4) of the various methods of engagement that had been used with local residents, stakeholders, children, families and community groups; and

(5) that the project would be affordable, accessible and have access to green space that would provide opportunities for children and their families to access and develop their sporting skills and unlock their potential.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the presentation and raised questions in relation to the affordability and funding of the project;

(b) of the caution to be used by On The Ball Academy in relation to the engagement techniques and questions that should meet national standards, that were responded to by Julia Lapthorn (Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability) who advised that work with On The Ball Academy would be provided to support the group through the engagement process and of the next stages of the application made by On The Ball academy to the People Make Glasgow Communities; and

(c) raised concerns in relation to the existing bowling club and assurance that the drainage would not be affected which Ryan Docherty advised there would be more detail in the final plans and discussion nearer the time.

New twin stream recycling approach - Presentation noted etc.

5 There was noted a presentation by Scott Armstrong, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, regarding the new twin stream recycling approach advising

(1) of the three key changes to planned kerbside recycling, the implementation plan that would be phased to 5-6 routes across Knightswood and that the new services would be introduced to the remainder of the north-west area throughout 2024;

(2) that residents would be informed by letter in advance of receipt of the new grey bin, that prior to the first collection residents would receive further information including a leaflet and collection calendar, of the use of press releases and a digital campaign including social media to publicise the changes to the recycling service and a drop-in event would be held locally for residents to learn more; and

(3) of the monitoring and evaluation process that would identify areas that may need further engagement and of the next steps including the communal recycling points pilot for flats and tenements in the Pollokshields area.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the presentation; and

(b) raised questions in relation to charges for brown bins, the implementation of the bin contamination policy and of the ongoing discussions with trade unions that were responded to by Mr Armstrong.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund 2022/23 update.

6 There was submitted and noted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS), regarding the Neighbourhood Infrastucture Fund, advising

(1) of an update on the progress of the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund that had been carried out;

(2) of the community engagement process to inform the decision making process for the fund and a pilot programme of work, led by the Council's Centre of Civic Innovation, to research existing systems etc and would be working with the City Policy and Corporate Governance Team to run the system in a live testing environment, as detailed in the report;

(3) of redirected funding totalling £6m to be topped up in future budget years for road repairs, with details relating to the ward confirmed within the appendices to this report; and

(4) that Area Partnerships would still be expected to allocate the full £1m initially awarded.

Variation in order of business.

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

Police Scotland - ward update noted.

8 There was heard and noted a report by Inspector Siobhan Paterson and Sergeant Neil Reilly, Police Scotland, advising

(1) of the budget constraints that Police communities were facing and that £50 million savings were required however Police Scotland would continue to prioritise crimes to protect vulnerable people;

(2) that the Your Police Survey results were available via the Police Scotland website and that feedback had continued to be gathered from the results;

(3) that 243 calls had been recorded however had not always been a police matter or crime related and that public nuisance calls had been on par of that last year;

(4) that the summer months had involved anti-social behaviour and youth disorder particularly in the Dumbarton Road, Yoker area, that action plans and regular policing had been put in place and that local residents had been lettered to advise of the continued work in place;

(5) that drug misuse had increased, active patrols would continue and of the importance that the public continue to report incidents in order to collect invaluable intelligence; and

(6) of the continued deployment of officers to ensure local schools remained car free zones, of the difficulty to resource all 6 schools in the area at the same time and would liaise with officers of the Council.

Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network update noted.

9 There was submitted and noted a report by Lainy Bedingfield, North West Glasgow Voluntary Network, providing an update on its work, advising that

(1) there had been 167 vouchers issued in August for food/fuel due to the cost-of-living crisis, including hygiene poverty that had affected many families; and

(2) of the added pressure on organisations due to rising demand and of concerns for staff health and well-being.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service ward update noted.

10 There was submitted and noted a report by Scottish Fire and Rescue Service regarding the current issues, incidents and work being carried out in the ward for Quarter 1, from 1st April to 30th June 2023.

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

11 With reference to the minutes of the Council's City Administration Committee of 23rd March 2023 (Print 1, page 41), when the committee approved the 2023/24 Area Budget allocations, there was submitted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance, advising

(1) of the current position in relation to the Area Partnership's budget for 2023/24;

(2) that the Garscadden Scotstoun Area Partnership's Area Budget allocation for 2023/24 was £87,055 and a total of £55,764 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £31,291; 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 allocation for 2023/24; and

(ii) the 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*
The Volunteer Tutors Organisation	Towards the cost to purchase equipment to update and refresh educational resources for Learning Hubs with up to 10 Primary School aged pupils in identified locations and 1 hub will be based at Heart of Scotland	Awarded £180.99

Parent Community Sports Trust	Towards the cost to provide free football, dancing and drama classes for primary school children in the community	Continued consideration to next meeting
Knightswood Community SCIO	Towards the cost to provide a Community Cinema Club to support over 100 people to have a warm space, entertainment afternoons to watch up-to-date movies without spending money, in the Knightswood Community Centre to target vulnerable people affected by the cost-of-living crisis	Awarded £8,086
DRC Youth Project Street-Work Initiative	Towards the cost to provide additional street work for vulnerable young people within the Yoker and Scotstoun area including diversionary activities on nights were there are no other activities within the area	Awarded £8,706
Pikeman Nursery School and Family Learning Centre	Towards the cost to purchase 2 iPads to support access to children's online journals, completion of forms online, English as an Additional Language for families with translation and for families to manage their finances	Continued consideration to next meeting
The Glasgow Group of the Riding for the Disables Association	Towards the cost to provide 16 weeks of adapted horse-riding for 12 pupils from Abercorn School who have communication and behaviour needs	Awarded £1,692
*The Edge Gym	Towards the cost of the installation of a gender-neutral toilet, shower and changing facilities to ensure members of the club have access to modern clean washroom facilities accessible to all, particularly young people and those who identify as non-binary, members of the wider LGBTQ+ community	Refused as venue not based within ward area

*Active Schools	Towards the cost to provide extracurricular activity in schools to increase physical activity and participation in sport for Knightswood Secondary School and Blairdardie Primary School	Awarded £1,600
*YoMo (Glasgow)	Towards the cost to provide a Walk & Talk (W&T) programme to support young people's mental health for 18 months	Continue consideration to next meeting

*The Chair accepted these items of business for consideration, as a matter of urgency, in view of the timescales involved.