Item 1

21st November 2023

BAILLIESTON AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Minutes of meeting held on 12th September 2023, by video conference.

Present: Councillor Alex Kerr (Chair), Councillor John Daly and Councillor Kevin Lalley, Glasgow City Council; Inspector Adam Johnstone, Police Scotland; Rosalind Ramage, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Andy Gilbert, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network; Kiera Lambie, Garrowhill Community Council; Stephen Love, Baillieston Community Council; and Martin Lundie, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Apologies: Station Commander Russell McKinlay, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; and John Malone, Swinton Community Council.

Attending: A Croall (Clerk); K Kenny (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance); and A Paterson (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability).

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

1 The minutes of 11th 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

(1) Wellhouse/Queenslie Community Council are now inactive and no longer had representation at the Partnership;

(2) Inspector Adam Johnstone had replaced Inspector Gerry Bryceland as the representative and Inspector Gerry Bryceland had replaced Sergeant Edward McNeil as the substitute representative for Police Scotland; and

(3) John Malone had replaced David Linton as the representative for Swinton Community Council.

Local Parks and Open Space Improvement Fund update noted.

3 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of 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 time frame of the funds that required to be reallocated;

(2) welcomed more information and inclusion of the Partnership to participate in future training dates on how to organise and install planters; and

(3) heard Andy Gilbert, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network, who provided an update on the project at the Glenburn sensory gardens.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund 2022/23 update noted.

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

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

(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 and that a further report would be provided to the next meeting of the Partnership regarding feedback from the two pilots.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report and raised questions in relation to the level of consultation and methods used to obtain a fair sounding of the whole community, which was responded to by Martin Lundie (NRS) and Karen Kenny (City Policy and Corporate Governance Team); and

(b) of the importance for consultation to be wide, representative and to involve young people in the community.

Variation in order of business.

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

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service ward update noted.

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

(1) that the Service had attended 1103 fires in the North East Sector during the first quarter of 2023 that had decreased from last year's Quarter 1 by 40 and that the only increase had came from false alarms with a small rise of 19;

(2) that the changes to Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals response from 1st July 2023 would see a significant reduction in the number of false alarm incidents attended by operational crews;

(3) that there had been 144 deliberate fires, 162 accidental fires, 59 dwelling fires, 23 non-domestic fires and that there had been no fire fatalities during Quarter 1 in the North East area; and

(4) of the prevention and protection activities carried out by SFRS in the local community as detailed in the report and encouraged members and groups that they know of to participate in the free activities.

Area Budget 2022/23 - Annual report noted.

7 There was submitted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance regarding the Area Budget for 2022/23, in relation to projects previously funded in 2022/23, of which £63,838 had been allocated in the Baillieston ward, had 10% of projects funded selected as part of the Area Budget monitoring and evaluation process.

After consideration the Partnership noted the report and raised questions in relation to the provision of quantitative data and the legacy of Area Budget funds for future use of statements and of aligning feedback from the completion of forms by organisations and the possibility of changes to monitoring reporting.

Police Scotland ward update noted.

8 There was heard a report by Inspector Adam Johnstone, Police Scotland, advising

(1) that funding in the future would have an impact on the types of crimes that would be investigated as reported in social media however no decisions had been made as yet;

(2) that local community police officers previously allocated to the city centre would be back in place to focus on local policing on a Thursday and Sunday evening in the ward; and

(3) of the anti-social behaviour that had taken place over the summer which had involved fire raising and incidents of off-road bikes that continued to be addressed however encouraged the public to continue to report incidents by telephone or to log on online to complete a contact form that the local police solving team would investigate and collect intelligence.

After consideration, the Partnership noted the report and raised concerns for public safety regarding off road-bikes, which Inspector Johnstone advised of a public campaign to try and educate people from a very young age and to involve campus police officers.

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

9 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 Baillieston Area Partnership's Area Budget allocation for 2023/24 was £63,838 and a total of £14,093 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £49,745; 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*
Cean Creige Hurling and Camogie Club	Towards the cost to purchase a ride on lawn mower to maintain the oval pitch at Barrachnie Park	Awarded £4,254
Education Services – St Bridget's Primary School	Towards the cost to deliver a cycling project for pupils at The Glenburn Centre in partnership with the third sector who will support school staff to achieve	Awarded £2,960

	necessary accreditations to sustain this project in the future	
Education Services – Swinton Primary School	Towards the cost to purchase a new projection and audio system	Awarded £5,384
Indigo Childcare Project	Towards the cost to resurface the outdoor play area at Garrowhill Early Years' Service	Awarded £3,242