Item 1

8th November 2023

EAST CENTRE AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Minutes of meeting held on 30th August 2023, Calvay Centre, Glasgow.

Present: Councillor Declan Blench (Chair); Bailie Annette Christie, Bailie Ann Jenkins, and Councillor Kieran Turner; Glasgow City Council; Inspector Maxwell Shaw, Police Scotland; Station Commander Barry Cranstoun, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Mairi McLachlan, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; James Smith, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network; Joyce Carroll, Cranhill Community Council; and William McLachlan, Gartcraig Community Council.

Apologies: Chief Inspector Greg Roberton, Police Scotland; Katie Brown, Gardeen Housing Association; and Paul Conroy, Springboig and Barlanark Community Council.

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

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

1 The minutes of 12th 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) Inspector Maxwell Shaw had been nominated as the representative and Chief Inspector Greg Roberton as the substitute representative for Police Scotland; and

(2) Narjes Mehdizadeh had replaced Morven Bell as the substitute representative for Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund update noted.

3 With reference to the minutes of 12th April 2023 when the Area Partnership requested an update of the CCTV cameras previously approved from the Neighbourhood Infrastrusture Fund and that a report of all complaints received within the ward be provided, there was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS), advising

(1) of an update on the progress of the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund that had been carried out and of the commitments to date that included discussions regarding CCTV cameras with an 8 to 10 week lead time, as detailed in the appendices to the report;

(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 Community Empowerment Services 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.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report;

(b) raised concerns in relation to the condition of the roads in the Cranhill area which Martin Lundie (NRS) advised of the inspection process, materials used and encouraged members of the public to continue to report issues via the MyGlasgow app; and

(c) approved 6 CCTV cameras from the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund including one for Danny's Park, dependant on signal testing of locations.

Local Parks & Open Space Improvement Fund update noted.

4 There was submitted an updated report by Kevin McCormick, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, regarding the Local Parks & 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 the frustration of the lack of movement and outstanding actions that remained in relation to neighbourhood issues; and

(2) raised concerns in relation to local schools and housing that had been demolished and of the remaining open spaces that had been left vacant which Kevin McCormick advised he would be happy to set up a park specific meeting in relation to this issue.

Police Scotland ward update noted.

5 There was heard and noted a report by Inspector Maxwell Shaw, Police Scotland, advising

(1) that he had taken up the post of Area Inspector at London Road and of his involvement with the community policing team and school campus officers;

(2) of the decrease in youth disorder, vehicle crime and of the proactive police work that had been carried out to target drug supply and misuse in the ward, however encouraged the public to continue to report any incidents; and

(3) of the 2 high profile incidents of violence in the ward that had both been targeted incidents and of the continued ongoing investigations by detectives.

After consideration, the Partnership noted

(a) the report; and

(b) the invitation by member William McLachlan to other members of the Partnership and to Police Scotland to attend a meeting on the first Wednesday of each month at 7pm of the Crime Prevention Panel.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service ward update noted.

6 There was submitted and noted a report by Station Commander Barry Cranstoun, 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) there had been 144 deliberate fires, 162 accidental fires, 59 dwelling fires, 23 non-domestic fires and that there had been no fire fatalities this 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 £114,591.36 had been allocated in the East Centre ward, had 10% of projects funded selected as part of the Area Budget monitoring and evaluation process.

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

8 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 East Centre Area Partnership's Area Budget allocation for 2023/24 was £114,591.36 and a total of £43,340.09 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £71,251.27; 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*
Shettleston Community Sports Trust	Towards the cost to purchase 3 sets of socket goals for Greenfield Football Centre	Withdrawn by applicant
Cranhill Development Trust	Towards the cost to purchase 10 laptops, router and memory cards	Awarded £8,115
St Paul's Youth Forum	Towards the cost purchase 2 Ipads and microphones to host a 10 week programme with St Thomas Primary School, Carntyne primary School, Smithycroft Secondary School to build young people's confidence	Awarded £5,954 subject to condition that equipment purchased is to be returned to Glasgow City Council to reallocate throughout the ward

	through podcasting and audio skills	and all audio consents are in place
Our Lady of Peace	Towards the cost to host a project working partnership with Headstrong Minds helping to support children's mental health, delivering staff training, assemblies and one to one work shops for parents to develop knowledge and skills to support children	Refused no evidence of community benefit
Christ Healing Evangelical Church	Towards the cost to host a coffee morning one day per week to work with parents and children to help the community engage, learn and have fun	Refused no evidence of community benefit
Lamlash Nursery School	Towards the cost to purchase toys, games and stationery to improve children's learning by creating a home lending toy library that will encourage parent to work with their child at home	Awarded £1,021.85
Calvay Housing Association Ltd	Towards the cost to hold a community day on 16th September 2023 to raise awareness and understanding of services available	Awarded £4,000