Item 1

8th November 2023

PARTICK EAST/KELVINDALE AREA PARTNERSHIP.

Minutes of meeting held on 30th August 2023, City Chambers, Glasgow.

Present: Councillor Blair Anderson (Chair); Councillor Lilith Johnstone and Councillor Kenny McLean, Glasgow City Council; Inspector Mhairi Crawford, Police Scotland; Irene Stewart, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Jane Cowie, Third Sector Interface Network; David Nicholson, Claythorn Community Council; Jean Houston, Dowanhill, Hyndland and Kelvinside Community Council; Maggie Paterson, Frances Manley, Partick Community Council; and Francine O'Rourke, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Apologies: Councillor Jill Brown, Glasgow City Council; Station Commanders Kenneth McCartney and Graeme Morrow, Scottish Fire Rescue Service; Lionel Most, Dowanhill, Hyndland Kelvinside Community Council; and Frances Manley, Partick Community Council.

Attending: E Miller (Clerk); P Boyce (for the Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities); 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.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund 2022/23 update noted – Request to the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

2 There was subitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS), regarding the Partick East/Kelvindale Infrastucture Fund, advising

(1) of progress on work to be carried out within the ward and the commitments to date, as detailed in the appendices to the report;

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

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

(4) of a pilot programme of work, led by the Council's Centre of Civic Innovation, to research existing systems etc, as detailed in the report; and

(5) that the Council's Centre of Civic Innovation would be working with colleagues from the City Policy and Corporate Governance Team to run the system in a live testing environment, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted

(i) the report;

(ii) that projects proposed by NRS would be circulated to members for reference;

(iii) that a presentation and report on the progress of the Council's Centre of Civic Innovation would be provided to a future meeting of this Partnership; and

(iv) that members should consider medium to large scale projects to be supported by the fund; and

(b) requested information on which budget or funding stream was used to carry out the work on road surfacing prior to the UCI World Cycling Championships.

Local Parks and Open Spaces update noted.

3 There was submitted an updated report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, regarding 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 noted

(1) the report, completed projects and timescales and delays for remaining projects;

(2) that £42,900 for Year 1 and Year 2 of the funding allocations had been fully allocated;

(3) that Scottish Government Renewal Allocations could be accessed at https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/councillorsandcommittees/viewDoc.asp?c=P62AFQDNZ381UTDXNT;

(4) that £30k of work had been carried out at Dorchester Avenue;

(5) that NRS were in year 3 of the funding process and information on available developer contributions could be found at https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/article/19519/Monitoring-of-Open-Space-and-Public-Realm-Projects, which would provide access to the IPG and ENV summary reports which stated available contributions and that allocations

within the ward would be subject to the process set out within the briefing note;

(6) that as discussed under the infrastructure report, NRS welcomed further engagement with local partners in relation to any funds being allocated to parks and open spaces; and

(7) that questions and concerns highlighted by the members were noted by Mr Kevin McCormick, NRS to be addressed at a future meeting of this partnership.

SWG3 - Yardworks GRID phase 2 – Presentation noted.

4 There was heard a presentation by Laura Frood, Yardworks GRID Programme Manager, regarding an update of phase 2 of SWG3 – Yardworks GRID, advising of

(1) the background, participants and 3 priority areas being considered within the ward and the work with artists, partners and the community to establish art sites and digital trails;

(2) the potential outcomes for participants, artists and the community, including increased skills, knowledge of the area, development of network, earnings potential, pride in the community and connection to others;

(3) the support activities, outcomes and impacts;

(4) the benefits to the community, including reduced anti-social behaviour, less illegal graffiti and increased employment and skills development for local artists; and

(5) the Yardworks GRID delivery plan.

After consideration, the Partnership noted

(a) the presentation and thanked Ms Frood for the update;

(b) that suggestions on potential sights could be put forward to the organisation and that Ms Frood would provide a list of sights Yardworks were currently reviewing; and

(c) that the project was community led, who carried out events and workshops and that the City Policy and Corporate Governance Team would co-ordinate with Yardworks, on behalf of the Partnership.

Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network update noted.

5 There was submitted a report by Ms Jane Cowie, North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network (NWGVSN) providing an update on its work, advising

(1) of the continued work regarding the the issues, processes and decisions that had affected the network following changes to the Glasgow Communities Fund;

(2) of the ongoing IT recyclying project, indicating that further information could be found at https://nwgvsn.org.uk/network-it-recycling-project-update/;

(3) of the work carried out within the ward, which included concerns with regards to the cost of living crisis and the loss of funding for staff within the ward and across the north west of the city;

(4) that the annexe was considering closing its doors due to increased gas and electricity costs; and

(5) of the events that had taken place in the ward, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the partnership noted

(a) the report and thanked Ms Cowie for the update;

(b) that Partick Community Council required new members to join urgently, to keep the organisation established;

(c) that due to an increase in drug misuse by youths across the city, it was highlighted that packs of Narcan or Naloxone kits could be made available from local pharmacies that could help save someone from overdose and that training on using the kits could be found online; and

(d) that Police Scotland provided talks on drug misuse to schools and that some schools had resident campus officers, who would be available to speak to anyone with any concerns.

Police Scotland ward update noted.

6 There was heard a report by Inspector Mhairi Crawford, Police Scotland, advising the Partnership

(1) of the £50m savings that Police Scotland faced during 2023/24, which would affect services;

(2) that the Your Police Survey was now live and analysed weekly, would be anonymous and take around 10 minutes to complete and could be accessed at https://consult.scotland.police.uk/strategy-insight-and-innovation/your-police-2023-2024/ or insightengagement@scotland.police.uk;

(3) that statistics for reports of incidents had increased, however reports of public nuicance and disturbances had reduced;

(4) of the anti-social behaviour (ASB) operation that continued to be patrolled within local parks and other areas and that a number of youths had been identified resulting in a significant reduction in ASB;

(5) that a successful bike marking event had taken place during the UCI World Championships, with another scheduled to take place during Freshers' Week;

(6) that bike and car thefts and bogus callers continued to be monitored and events would be carried out by Police Scotland on security and theft prevention, and that any suspicious activity should be reported to Police Scotland or via Crimestoppers on 0800 555111; and

(7) of road safety action plans to promote safety within the Car Free School Zone areas and the continued work to educate parent and carers.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted and thanked Inspector Crawford for the report; and

(b) highlighted the concerns and issues regarding cyclists on pavements and e-scooters, which was addressed by Inspector Crawford.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service ward update noted.

7 There was submitted and noted a report by the 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.

8 With reference to the minutes of the Council's City Administraiton Committee of 23rd March 2023, 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 Partick East/Kelvindale Area Partnership's Area Budget allocation for 2023/24 was £60,284.20 and a total of £31,727.52 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £28,556.68; 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 allocations 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*
Maggie's Glasgow	Towards the cost of purchasing a range of resources towards developing the Maggie's Glasgow Garden space	Consideration continued for further information
*Annexe Communities	Towards the cost of supporting tutor fees for new and high demand social, mental health and wellbeing classes that includes line dancing, healthy walks, social café and guitar group	Awarded £2,711.40
Partick Community Growing Project	Towards the cost of hosting the Halloween/Divali free celebrations community events for local children and their families with an anticipated 300 local residents to be in attendance	Awarded £3,580
The Edge Gym	Towards the cost of installing a gender-neutral toilet and shower/changing facilities	Refused as the facility was not within this Ward

*Jane Cowie declared an interest in this application and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon.