Item 1

17th November 2023

CANAL AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Minutes of meeting held on 8th September 2023, by video conference.

Present: Councillor Allan Gow (Chair) and Councillor Fiona Higgins, Glasgow City Council; Inspector Colin MacLucas, Police Scotland; Graeme Morrow, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Eric Duncan, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Anne Marie Ewing, Milton Community Council; Jill Mackay, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network; and F O'Rourke, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Apologies: Councillor Robert Mooney, Glasgow City Council and Lord Provost Jacqueline McLaren.

Attending: P Yule (Clerk); L Devlin (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance); K McCormick, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability; and Marina Costello, Third Sector Interface Network.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

1 The minutes of 21st April 2023 were submitted and approved.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund 2022/23 update noted.

2 There was submitted and noted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, regarding the Victoria Park Infrastucture Fund, advising

(1) that the funding was a capital expenditure and could be carried forward to be spent in future financial years, 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 within 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 Community Empowerment Services to run the system in a live testing environment, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report;

(b) highlighted that all residents within the ward should be included in all consultations; and

(c) requested clarification on the amount of the total commitments to date across the Infrastructure spend whether it was £638k or £738k from the £1m budget, as detailed in the report.

Local Parks and Open Spaces update noted.

3 There was submitted an updated report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS), 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 within the report.

After consideration, the Partnership

(1) noted the report, and

(2) that the pitches Ashgill Recreation Centre should have been included in the list of proposals for 2022/23 and that NRS would make arrangements with local stake holders to finalise the details of the project and would submit an updated report to a future meeting of this Partnership.

Variation in order of business noted.

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

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service ward update noted.

5 There was submitted and noted a report by Station Commander Graeme Morrow, 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 the Partnership

(1) that the service had attended 98 fires of which 78 were outdoor fires, 16 building fires and 4 vehicle fires;

(2) of the work carried out by SFRS in reducing the amount of water deaths in Scotland by running a QR code campaign around the city's waterways and due to the success of the campaign SFRS had now initiated the same strategy for road safety linking the QR code to Road Safety Scotland sites; and

(3) that the Service had attended 78 false alarms across the Ward and carried out 249 home safety visits across the North West of the City.

Police Scotland ward update noted etc.

6 There was heard and noted a report by Inspector Colin MacLucas, Police Scotland, advising the Partnership

(1) of the current progress that Police Scotland was making within the ward in relation to trail bikes;

(2) of the ongoing work dealing with repeat calls and demands, continued collaboration with partners and community engagement;

(3) of the road safety action plans that would be carried out in other wards in relation to Car Free School Zones and requested that members feedback whether they felt there was a demand for the use of this action plan within the Canal ward and to contact Inspector Colin MacLucas direct to progress;

(4) of the ongoing issues on Balmore Road in relation to road safety issues and that a working group had been set up to progress plans for the area and would continue to monitor the area on a regular basis; and

(5) to encourage members and the public to continue to report incidents to Police Scotland.

Festive Lighting 2023/24 – Update noted.

7 With reference to the minutes of 21st April 2023 when the Area Partnership requested that the Head of Corporate Policy and Governance contact Maryhill Housing Association to request if it would contribute to the costs of erecting a Christmas tree on Bilsland Drive between Hazlett Street and Parkbrae Avenue, there was heard an update by Linda Devlin, Partnership and Development Officer, advising that Maryhill Housing Assiciation could only contribute £1,000 towards the cost of the on-road tree at Bilsland Drive.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report; and

(b) agreed that the Area Partnership would not fund the remainder of the £4,000 for an on-road tree at Bilsland Drive, that it be removed from the list and thereby reduce the Area Budget contribution to £15,505 to be allocated from the Partnership's area budget fund.

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

8 With reference to the minutes of the Council's City Administration 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 Canal Area Partnership's Budget allocation for 2023/24 was £108,959.02 and that £16,281 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £92,678.02; 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;

(ii) the 3 applications dealt with under delegated functions as detailed in the report

(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
Lemon Acro Gymnastics Club	To purchase equipment to meet the needs of adult classes and to assist with the costs of the coach development programme	Refused Applicant to Further develop the Business Plan to meet it's ongoing future plans and to seek assistance with regard to capacity building
High Park Primary School	Towards the costs of 24 P7 pupils and 5 staff members attending a residential course at Blairvadoch Outdoor Centre from 11th -14th September 2023	Awarded £1,120
Volunteer Tutor Organisation	Towards the costs of funding new and improved resources for the Glasgow network	Awarded £542.97
Hawthorn Housing Co-operative	Towards the costs of delivering a ten-week course of ESOL beginner classes in partnership with Glasgow ESOL Forum for 10 local people from mid-	Awarded £1,000

	September to end of November 2023	
Lambhill Stables	Towards the costs of the annual Christmas Fayre to be held on Saturday 2nd December	Awarded £4,000 on condition that the final festive programme and associated costs are submitted to the Chair for approval.
Possilpark People's Trust	Towards the cost of a 2-day Santa procession through local neighbourhoods and Christmas activities at Possilpoint Community Centre	Awarded £6,000 on condition that the final festive programme and associated costs are submitted to the Chair for approval.
Milton Community Council	Towards the costs of the annual Milton Christmas event to be held on Saturday 26th November 2023 at Liddesdale Square	Awarded £3,000 on condition that the final festive programme and associated costs are submitted to the Chair for approval.

North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network - Update noted.

9 There was submitted and noted a report by North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network providing an update of activity undertaken, and local issues identified, as detailed in the report.