Item 1

14th November 2023

GOVAN AREA PARTNERSHIP.

Minutes of meeting held on 5th September 2023, Pearce Institute, Govan Road, Glasgow.

Present: Councillor Dan Hutchison (Chair), Councillor Imran Alam and Councillor Richard Bell, Glasgow City Council; Sergeant Martin Madden, Police Scotland; Louise Gallagher, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Sheryl Walker, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network; Deirdre Gaughan, Central Govan Action Plan; Carol Ball, Drumoyne Community Council; Allan Bell, Govan Community Council; Alice Connelly, Govan East Community Council; Serge Atse Sanle, Kinning Park Community Council; and Karen Venables, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Apologies: Councillor Stephen Dornan, Glasgow City Council; Inspector Robert Anderson, Police Scotland; Station Commanders George Winters and Douglas Millar, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; and Avril Williamson, Ibrox and Cessnock Community Council.

Attending: E Miller (Clerk); L Devlin (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance); and Stephen Blanchflower (for the Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability).

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 – Request to Officers.

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) Station Commander George Winters had been nominated as the representative for the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and had replaced Station Commander David McGroarty;

(2) Louise Gallagher had been nominated as the representative and John Casey had been nominated as the substitute representative for Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; and

(3) the Partnership would continue to have 7 community representatives as it did not wish to appoint an organisation to become a co-opted member; and

(4) requested that the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance look into whether an amendment could be made to the Community Planning Partnership Governance Framework to allow voting rights for co-optees.

Variation in order of business noted.

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

Govan Thriving Places – Details noted.

4 There was submitted a report by Head of Policy and Corporate Governance, regarding Govan Thriving Places, advising

(1) of the priorities identified by the community via door-to-door surveys and community engagements;

(2) of the 7 thematic groups who continued to meet on a regular basis and continued to respond to demand and needs expressed by the community providing organisations with a mechanism which efficiently shared information and worked in partnership with each other and the community, as detailed in the report;

(3) of the community connector role which had contributed to the success thus far by supporting community development work to foster better working relationships and connections and created community cohesion where possible, as detailed in appendix 1;

(4) of the next steps, including a number of consultive sessions facilitated by the Council's Centre for Civic Innovation, as detailed in the report; and

(5) that all key stakeholders would be invited to the outcomes of work to be presented to the next meeting of the Steering Group of Govan Thriving Places, scheduled to take place at 10am on 11th October 2023, at a venue still to be confirmed.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report;

(b) raised concerns regarding the absence of input from community groups as no meetings had taken place following the COVID-19 pandemic;

(c) of the work that had taken place in Thriving Places and the difficulties in securing funding to allow proposals to move forward; and

(d) requested that a community connector meet with Drumoyne Community Council to discuss Thriving Places further.

Festive Lighting 2023/24 – Funding approved.

5 With reference to the minutes of 18th April 2023 when the Area Partnership agreed that a report be brought back providing costings for locations in the ward, there was submitted a report by Mr Stephen Blanchflower, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS), advising.

(1) of the festive lighting locations for the Ward delivered as part of the 2022/23 programme; and

(2) of the costs for the 2023/24 festive lighting programme, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted

(i) the report;

(ii) that Ibrox and Cessnock Community Council had advised that they did not require a tree and switch-on event at Ibrox Library and would be happy to support a tree and switch-on event at Govan Cross; and

(iii) that NRS would look at reducing festive lighting costs next year and that proposals should be agreed and submitted to NRS as early in 2024 as possible;

(b) raised concerns and questions that were addressed by Mr Blanchflower; and

(c) agreed funding totalling £105 for a Christmas tree and switch-on event at Govan Cross, after £3,600 from the central funding had been deducted from the total costs.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund 2022/23 update noted.

6 There was submitted and noted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, regarding the Govan 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) approved in principal, proposals for funding totalling £17,500 towards the following projects, with some costs approximate until final expenses had been confirmed by contractors –

(i) 4 bollards at Lendel Place, Paisley Road West to stop cars parking on the pavement, at a cost of £2,900;

(ii) 2 dome CCTVs at 270 Paisley Road West, to monitor fly-tipping, graffiti etc, at a cost of £6,000;

(iii) CCTV on King George V Bridge to assist Police Scotland identify suicide incidents, at a cost of £600; and

(iv) CCTVs on Admiral Street and Mauchlan Street to monitor fly-tipping, at a cost of £4,000 each;

(b) requested that

(i) a traffic light camera be installed that could highlight road safety issues from drivers accessing the traffic lights at Cook Street/West Street, which would require further investigation with regard to equipment and costs; and

(ii) a trial dog park be created at the Fifty Pitches and that a site visit with Drumoyne Community Council, Green Space and Biodiversity would be arranged to discuss this further; and

(c) raised questions and concerns, which were addressed by Ms Venables.

Local Parks and Open Spaces update noted.

7 There was submitted and noted a 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.

After consideration, the Partnership highlighted concerns regarding the Elder Park projects and the length of time it had taken to complete the project and would want to see larger projects competed as soon as possible.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service ward update noted – Request to Councillor Hutchison.

8 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.

After consideration, the Partnership requested that Councillor Hutchison, on behalf of the Partnership, would write to SFRS, to address and object to the proposed removal of an appliance from Govan Fire Station.

Police Scotland ward update noted – Request to Councillor Hutchison.

9 There was noted a report by Sergeant Martin Madden, Police Scotland, advising the Partnership

(1) of the budget cuts faced by Police Scotland;

(2) that a new Chief Constable and Divisional Commander were now in place;

(3) of the work by community officers alongside Govan Youth Information Project and local Housing Associations to combat and reduce youth disorder within the ward;

(4) that officers continued monitor issues with football fans on match days; and

(5) that information on any incidents could be reported anonymously to Police Scotland direct or to Crimestoppers on 0800 555111 and more information on how to report crime could be found at Contact Police Scotland - Police Scotland.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted

(i) the report and thanked Sergeant Madden for the update;

(ii) that Sergeant Madden would ensure that community officers would attend a forthcoming special meeting of Govan Community Council meetings, date to be confirmed, which Ms Karen Venables, Neighbourhood, Regeneration and Sustainability would also attend;

(b) highlighted issues and concerns regarding reporting incidents via 101, unlawful parking, bikes and e-scooter in the ward, which were addressed by Sergeant Madden; and

(c) agreed that due to concerns with Police Scotland budget cuts, Councillor Hutchison, on behalf of the Partnership, would write to the Chief Constable to

highlight the concerns of the members regarding a possible reduction in community officers in the ward.

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

10 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 Govan Area Partnership's Budget allocation for 2023/24 was £90,148.56 and that £80,006 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £10,142.56; 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 reduction of £984 to the award for PEEK, as detailed in the report;

(iii) that £1,000 had been returned back into the fund, increasing the balance to £11,142.56, less £105.00 for Festive Lighting, leaving a balance of £11,037.56;

(iv) the monitoring statement that provided a summary of approved applications, as detailed in appendix 1; and

(v) the 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*
Ibrox Parish Church	To contribute towards the cost of the refurbishment work/upgrading of the kitchen area	Approved in-principle the award of £9,000 from the 2024/25 Govan Area Budget, subject

		to funding being available
Me, Myself and I SCIO	Towards the cost of rent for an office/drop in space within the Pierce Institute for a period of 6 months, Sessional Staff to support delivery of activity and a training budget for volunteers	Refused as it was not considered good value
ACVC HUB	Towards the cost of supporting 26 Veterans to participate in a new 20-week woodwork programme	Awarded £1,506 on condition that Cardonald Area Partnership award match funding
Volunteer Tutors Organisation	Towards the cost of equipment and resources to support Learning Hubs to improve academic attainment, increase confidence, self-esteem, engagement and motivation to learn	Awarded £180.99
*The Pearce Institute	Towards the cost of funding the purchase 60 chairs, 6 large trestle tables, a flip chart and small projector & screen to create an accessible new community space by repurposing the currently vacant Fairfield Hall	Refused due to the high cost of the equipment, which could be sought from another source
Africa Future	Towards the cost of purchasing cooking equipment, food supplies and a chef to support 2 sessions of 10 cookery classes for 5 people per session	Refused due to the limited number of people attending and the high costs of the project
The Preshal Trust	Towards the cost of replacing the current stock of chairs	Refused due to the high cost of the chairs, which could be sought from another source
Friends of Elder Park	Towards the cost of supporting a free event in Elder Park on 17th September 2023 to celebrate the 10th anniversary of Communit-T in the Park	Awarded £3,746

Halo Arts	Towards the cost of free pantomime performances across 5 primary schools in the ward	£2,055
Elderpark Housing Association	Towards the cost of utilizing the Ibrox Community Garden as a focal point for community events	Refused as the association should meet the costs
Sunny Govan Radio	Towards the cost of 2 x 8 weeks SQA accredited workshops to support 16 local young people	Refused as not considered good value for money

* Councillor Bell and D Gaughan declared an interest in this application and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon.

Future meeting dates.

11 The Partnership noted the proposed meeting dates for 2024 and that the next meeting would be held in the Pearce Institute on Tuesday 14th November 2023 at 10.30am with future dates to be held on the following –

Tuesday 6th February 2024 at 10.30am;
Tuesday 16th April 2024 at 10.30am;
Tuesday 3rd September 2024 at 10.30am; and
Tuesday 12th November 2024 at 10.30am.