Item 1

7th November 2023

HILLHEAD AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Minutes of meeting held on 29th August 2023, City Chambers, Glasgow.

Present: Councillor Martha Wardrop (Chair) and Councillor Ken Andrew, Glasgow City Council; Inspector Mhairi Crawford, Police Scotland; Lyndsay Thomson, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Martina Johnston-Gray, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network; Jean Charsley, Hillhead Community Council; Louise MacKenzie, North Kelvin Community Council; Stewart Leighton, Woodlands and Park Community Council; and Lise Fisher, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Apologies: Councillor Hanzala Malik, Glasgow City Council; Station Commanders Graeme Morrow and Kenneth McCartney, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Anna Dyer, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network; Mariama Bah, Students' Representative Council, University of Glasgow; James Findlay, Woodside Community Council; and Francine O'Rourke, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Attending: E Miller (Clerk); and R O'Sullivan (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance); and Kevin McCormick (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability).

Appointment of substitutes approved.

1 In terms of paragraph 6.10 of the Governance Framework, the Partnership noted that in the absence of the representatives from North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network and Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, the Chair had approved the attendance of Ms Martina Johnston-Gray and Lise Fisher to represent the organisations at this meeting.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

2 The minutes of 11th April 2023 were submitted and approved, subject to noting at Item 3(4), Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network that the network had received the keys to Community Central Halls not Woodside Halls.

Glasgow Community Planning Partnership Governance Framework – Membership noted.

3 There was submitted and noted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration providing an update regarding membership of this Partnership, noting that

(1) Mariama Bah had been nominated as the representative and Hailie Pentleton-Owens had been nominated as the substitute representative, replacing Katie

Fish and Rina Vare for the Students' Representative Council, University of Glasgow; and

(2) consideration would be given to organisations to join the Partnership as co-opted members, including local Housing Associations and Planning and that nominees should be emailed to Rory O'Sullivan, Partnership and Development Officer to review under the co-opted members process at Rory.OSullivan@glasgow.gov.uk.

Police Scotland ward update noted.

4 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, and 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 reduced, however reports of public nuicance and disturbances had increased;

(4) of the anti-social behaviour operation that continued to be patrolled within Kelvingrove Park, in particular during busy periods and that Police Scotland continued to work with Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS);

(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 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;

(7) of drugs misuse within the ward and the work by officers within the community to combat this;

(8) that discussions had taken place with NRS regarding the proposed purchase of CCTV from the Infrastructure Fund, providing advice on what would be the best unit to purchase for the ward; and

(9) 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 the report and thanked Inspector Crawford for this and all the work carried out by Police Scotland within the ward; and

(b) raised concerns and questions that were addressed by Inspector Crawford.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service ward update noted.

5 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 31st June 2023, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the Partnership

(1) raised questions, which Rory O'Sullivan, Partnership and Development Officer would forward to Station Commander Morrow;

(2) highlighted concerns around fire safety for residents of cluttered properties, indicating that help could be provided by Clutter Chat at https://clutterchat.co.uk/ or through a Home Fire Safety visit by SFRS; and

(3) noted that Councillor Andrew would circulate the SFRS Operational Review report to all members of the partnership.

Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network update noted.

6 There was submitted a report by Ms Martina Johnston-Gray, 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 recycling project, indicating that further information could be found at https://nwgvsn.org.uk/network-it-recycling-project-2/;

(3) of the work carried out within the ward, which included concerns with regards to the cost of living crisis within the ward and across the north west of the city and updates on Woodside Halls and Community Central Halls, Byres Community Hub, The Coach House Trust and Halo Arts, as detailed in the report; and

(4) that Community Central Halls hoped to open Woodside Halls soon and would issue an invite to the openings when the dates were known.

After consideration, the partnership noted

(a) the report and thanked Ms Johnston-Gray for the update; and

(b) that Councillor Wardrop would contact Glasgow Life to confirm what IT services were provided in local libraries as it had been highlighted that a library member could possibly be limited to 1 hour sessions to use a computer which would not be ideal in some situtations, for example an application for Universal Credit could take over an hour to complete.

Local Parks and Open Spaces update noted – Funding approved.

7 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 within the report.

After consideration, the Partnership

(1) noted

(a) the report;

(b) that due to continued issues with repairs, the opening of the Stewart Memorial Fountain had been delayed;

(c) that as an alternative funding source had been found for the contribution towards Woodland Road Greenspace (near Park Drive), the previously approved funding of £1,300 for the project could be re-allocated to another project; and

(2) approved funding of £1,300 towards the continued flooding issues at Eldon Street/Gibson Street stairs, using the re-allocation of funding from the Woodland Road Greenspace (near park Drive) project.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund 2022/23 update noted.

8 There was subitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS), regarding the Hillhead 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 the Partnership had approved a spend of £883k from the £1m budget to date and that due to inflation costs, a final figure would be confirmed on the maximum spend, before allocating further funds;

(iii) in the absence of Woodside Community Council, Councillor Wardrop would arrange a meeting to ensure that their part of the ward was covered in the consultations for funding;

(iv) that all residents, including those who were vulnerable, elderly etc within the ward should be included in all consultations; and

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

(b) raised concerns and issues within the ward, including repairing and resurfacing of potholes and roads, incorrect colour of tarmac resurfacing of paved areas by a cable company, street lighting, kerbstone issues, recycling and street cleaning and infestation problems, which Ms Lise Fisher, NRS indicated that she would forward to the correct department within the Council for action; and

(c) that a report on Connecting Woodside project could be accessed at https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=21802.

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

9 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 Hillhead Area Partnership's Budget allocation for 2023/24 was £61,838.56 and that £41,693.69 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £20,144.87; and

(3) of the applications for funding from the Area Budget for 2023/24.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the position regarding the Area Budget allocation for 2023/24; 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*
Volunteers Tutors Organisation	Towards the cost of funding new and improved resources for the Glasgow network	Awarded £361.98
ENABLE Glasgow	Towards the cost of funding to build capacity for a local club for older carers of adults with learning disabilities	Awarded £1,481.20
Woodside Nursery	Towards the cost of further improving outdoor space and improved space within the nursery to support emotional wellbeing	Awarded £6,000 subject to the condition that the applicant provides a further breakdown of equipment costs, as well as further guidance on other donations and/or fundraising towards this project
ASRA	Towards the cost of delivering a project comprising of weekly support activities designed for older and disabled people who are socially disadvantaged and experience poverty and inequality	Awarded £4,211.20
*Woodlands Community Development Trust	Towards the cost of funding across four areas of activity, linked to improving the accessibility and use of the garden as a centre for growing food and outdoor learning	Consideration continued for further information

*Councillor Wardrop declared an interest in this item of business and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon and Councillor Andrew assumed the Chair for this item only.

Hillhead Area Partnership Workplan update noted.

10 There was submitted and noted a report by Mr Rory O'Sullivan, Partnership and Development Officer, City Policy and Corporate Governance Team, regarding the Partnership Workplan, requesting that members discuss and agree the frequency of standard agenda items and additional agenda points that they wished to be included at future meetings, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the Partnership requested

(1) that updates on cleansing and recycling be presented more frequently than annually;

(2) that Police Scotland reports be updated every 2nd meeting and to provide more detailed analysis about the ward; and

(3) that future agendas should include items on short-term lets, houses of multiple occupancy and planning and that Councillor Wardrop would arrange a meeting with the Head of Licencing and Democratic Services to discuss this further, with the Council's Planning officers also requested to attend.

Date of next meeting.

11 The Partnership noted that the next meeting would take place on Tuesday 7th November 2023 at 2.00pm and would be held in Committee Room 3, City Chambers, Glasgow, with a Microsoft Teams Link to be issued for any members who could not attend in person.