Item 1

17th November 2023

NORTH EAST AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Minutes of meeting held on 8th September 2023, Molendinar Community Centre, 1210 Royston Road, Glasgow.

Present: Councillor Ruairi Kelly (Chair), Bailie Sharon Greer and Councillor Maureen Burke, Glasgow City Council; Inspector Gerry Bryceland Police Scotland; Debbie Clark, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Isabella Barnes, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network; and Maureen Ferrie, Garthamlock, Craigend & Gartloch Community Council.

Apologies: Station Commander Barry Cranstoun and Station Commander Russell McKinlay, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, Stephen Orr and Angela Mcintosh, Garthamlock, Craigend & Gartloch Community Council.

Attending: Z Chaudhry (Clerk); K Gannon (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance); and M Lundie and S Ferguson (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods Regeneration and Sustainability).

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

1 The minutes of 14th 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 regarding an update on the membership of this Partnership, advising that Chloe Heyburn had been nominated as the substitute representative for Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership.

Police Scotland ward update noted.

3 There was heard a verbal report by Inspector Gerry Bryceland, Police Scotland, advising the Partnership that

(1) there had been an overall decline in youth anti-social behaviour;

(2) Police Scotland had worked with McDonald’s management to reduce youth disorder in the fast food outlet and a security guard was now in place;

(3) there had been an increase in keyless vehicle theft within the ward;

(4) local residents had been provided with free signal blocker key pouches;

(5) there had been an increase in police patrols in the evening;

(6) due to an increase in house breaks ins, the police had been providing households security awareness home visits and there was also an option to email the police for home security visits;

(7) off-road motorbikes remained a significant problem in certain locations; and

(8) Police Scotland had been working with Fearless and Crimestoppers to stop youth violence.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report; and

(b) raised a number of concerns and questions that were addressed by Inspector Bryceland.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service ward update noted.

4 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, as detailed in the report.

Local Parks and Open Space Improvement Fund update noted.

5 There was submitted an updated report by Scott Ferguson, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, regarding the 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

(1) noted the report; and

(2) raised concerns in relation to the lack of spend within the Garthamlock area.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund 2022/23 update noted - Request to Executive Director of Neighhourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

6 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, regarding the North East 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 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 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; and

(ii) requested that Martin Lundie, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability confirm whether work had started on the £30,000 spent from the previous meeting to repair Easterhouse sports centre car park.

(b) agreed that the Area Partnership would look at potential investment options at the next meeting.

Thriving Places Easterhouse update noted.

7 There was submitted and noted a report by Donna McGill Community Connector, regarding Thriving Places Easterhouse, advising

(1) of various social media platforms utilised to disseminate all revelant information to as many local residents, organisations, and local elected members;

(2) the ongoing engagement undertaken with residents and partners; and

(3) of the ongoing work including the Easterhouse activity brochure.

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

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 North East Area Partnership's Budget allocation for 2023/24 was £88,194.44 and that £77,747.06 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £15,447.38; 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 application 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
*G.E.S.H	Towards the cost of buying a mini-bus	Awarded £3,000
Garthamlock, Craigend & Gartloch Community Council	Towards the cost of funding CCTV camera installation in Redcastle square	Rejected as being considered under neighbourhood infrastructure improvement fund
St Benedict's Primary School	Towards the cost of funding cycling lessons for Primary 1 to Primary 7 pupils	Awarded £2,960
Easterhouse Kinship Carers	Towards the cost of funding 3 days out for children in kinship care	Rejected due to lack of information on group and operation
84th Girls Brigade	Towards the cost of funding a Christmas trip	Rejected as funded previously
Friends of Ashton	Towards the cost of funding a wildlife garden at Ashton Secondary School	Rejected as project is similar to one previously funded by partnership
Connect Community Trust	Towards the cost running a weekly warm place	Rejected as organisation already receives significant council funding
Easterhouse Henosis	Towards the cost of funding start up equipment	Awarded £799 for Projector only

St Georges and St Peters Community Association	Towards the cost of funding members on a bowling day	Awarded £1,138.20
Easterhouse Parish Church	Towards the cost of funding a Christmas event	Awarded £694
St George's and St Peter's Community Association	Towards the cost of funding to run Halloween activities	Awarded £1,270.24
St George's and St Peter's Community Association	Towards the cost of funding a trip to Elfingrove	Awarded £1,325.42 on condition that event goes ahead
St George's and St Peter's Community Association	Towards the cost of funding bus hire for a Christmas trip to Elfingrove	Awarded £350
Glasgow Barons – The platform sessions	Towards the cost of funding 6 free concerts in Platform Theatre	Rejected as the project didn't show community benefit

*Maureen Ferrie declared an interest in this application and took no part in the discussion thereon.