DENNISTOUN AREA PARTNERSHIP.

Item 1
28th June 2022

Minutes of meeting held on 9th February 2022, by video conference.

Present: Councillor Allan Casey (Chair), Councillor Kim Long and Councillor Elaine McDougall, Glasgow City Council; Station Commander Barry Cranstoun, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Ruth Johnston, Dennistoun Community Council; Inspector Stevie Kinvig, Police Scotland; and Kirsteen Marshall, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network.

Apologies: Josephine Donachy, Milnbank Housing Association; and Andy Scott, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership.

Attending: A Croall (Clerk); H McMillan and S Anderson (for the Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities); M Lundie, C Keane and D Frew (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability).

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

1 The minutes of 1st December 2021 were submitted and approved.

Variation in order of business.

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

Police Scotland Ward Update noted.

3 There was heard a report by Inspector Stevie Kinvig, Police Scotland, advising

(1) that during the last quarter there had been no issues in the Ward concerning violent crimes;

(2) that the invaluable funding received from Milnbank Housing Association had allowed foot patrols at peak times to target problematic areas and that this funding would continue into the next financial year;

(3) that enquiries were ongoing into wheelie bins that had been set on fire in Alexandra Park, reports of a male in the area who had followed females had resulted in extra patrols, of the incident that involved a suspicious package at a factory mail processing unit and after enquiries had concluded that the package had been an actual training implement for staff;

(4) that the Omicron variant had impacted on the staffing levels at London Road Police custody office resulting in its closure, however, the office had since reopened; and

(5) after 34 years service Inspector Kinvig would be retiring on 4th March 2022 from Police Scotland and that a replacement had still to be recruited.

After consideration, Partnership

(a) noted the report;

(b) that the incident which had involved females being followed asked if reports of the areas involved be related to the Council for officers to address any issues relating to street lighting and to ensure the safety of the public when traveling alone;

(c) of the speedy response by Police Scotland to the major incident that had involved the suspicious package at the factory mail processing unit and of the work done by partners to facilitate evacuees and secure the area; and

(d) thanked Inspector Kinvig for all his hard work over the years and wished him well in his retirement.

Review of Sector and Area Partnerships – Update noted.

4 With reference to the minutes of 1st December 2021 when the Area Partnership noted the findings of the review of Area and Sector Partnerships, there was submitted a report by the Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities providing information on the outcome of the recommendations approved by the Glasgow Community Planning Partnership Strategic Partnership, advising

(1) of the background to the proposals and key principals agreed by the GCPP Strategic Partnership on 7th December 2021, as detailed in the report;

(2) the next steps for the review, as detailed in the report; and

(3) that the Citizens' Panels would be piloted in 3 Wards in the City and that the Partnership would have the opportunity to provide comments for consideration as part of the operational plan for the panels going forward.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted and thanked Mr S Anderson for the report;

(b) raised a number of questions in relation to future meetings schedules, locations of meetings, the difficulty of attendance at meetings and how to engage with members that were address by Mr S Anderson; and

(c) emphasised the importance of engagement and collaboration needed to be achieved between Council services, Community Councils, Area Partnerships and the proposed Citizens' Panels to make sure alignment is conformed to, particularly with different strategic/operational aims and to continue to support, expand and develop the role of Community Councils and Partnerships.

Your Neighbourhood, Your Place – Update noted.

5 There was heard a verbal report by Mr M Lundie, Mr C Keane and Mr D Frew, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability providing an update on activity across the Ward area and an update on the Roads Investment Strategy, advising

(1) that the cleansing service had returned to normal in the Ward area and that the bulk uplift service that had been suspended at Christmas due to staff absence had resumed on 20th January 2022;

(2) that a refresh of the Glasgow Strategy to deal with litter prevention had involved 35 local hubs - Community Hub Locations with 1 hub based in Hillfoot Street and 1 hub based at Reidvale Street, where litter picking kits were available to Neighbourhood Improvement Volunteers, other individuals and community groups;

(3) of the success of the fly-tipping pilot that had involved officers speaking to local businesses to ensure valid waste disposal contracts were in place had resulted in a number of businesses having been identified as not having a contract in place and that an enforcement notice had been taken to resolve the situation;

(4) that Mr Keane the Neighbourhood Co-ordinator for the Ward had been involved in a number of initiatives to clear litter, dog fouling of pathways, clearing of roads, removal of graffiti, fly-tipping incidents that had involved the location being taped off, the refuse cleared and of 2,500 households being lettered to detect those responsible;

(5) of the forthcoming removal of a retainer wall at Todd Street that was collapsing and that once costs had been established with a contractor the wall would be demolished, the area landscaped;

(6) of the ongoing problem with ad trailers in the area that would involve ongoing discussions with the Council's Legal Service section; and

(7) Mr Frew advised of the roads that had been resurfaced or patched and of the roads that remained outstanding to have work carried out in the Ward, of the development of next years strategy that would involve gathering information from elected members, community councils, public liability claims, public transport operators, the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and Police Scotland.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted and thanked the officers for the report;

(b) highlighted areas of roads within the Ward that required attention, raised questions that were addressed by Mr Frew, and noted that any enquiries or areas that required inspection, including footpaths, should be emailed to Mr Frew; and

(c) raised concerns regarding the dilapidated and unkept state of the Necropolis due to lack of maintenance and the ongoing problem of traders that did not have a licence in the Duke Street area.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service – Ward Update noted.

6 There was submitted a report by Station Commander Barry Cranstoun, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) providing information to the Partnership on the current issues, incidents and work being carried out in the Ward for the period 1st October to 31st December 2021, advising

(1) that 17% of accidental dwelling fires in the Ward area had been caused mainly by human factors however there had been an 88% detection rate of such incidents in households;

(2) that 9% of deliberate fire settings had involved vehicles and refuse however there had been no concerns or hotspots in the Ward area;

(3) that 17% of the unwanted fire alarms (UFAS) in the Ward had been mostly residential care homes or industry, that the consultation in relation to UFAS had been completed and that a new policy would be implemented; and

(4) that the new smoke alarm legislation due to come into effect had caused a high number of calls and that although stocks of these fire alarms were running low, SFRS continued to provide a service to the local community to advise on this matter.

After consideration, the Partnership noted the report, thanked Station Commander Cranstoun for the update.

Area Budget 2021/22 - Applications for funding dealt with etc.

7 With reference to the minutes of the Council of 11th March 2021, when it agreed its budget for 2021/22, with overall funding available for Area Partnerships being maintained at 2020/21 levels, there was submitted a report by the Council's Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities regarding the Area Budget for 2021/22, advising

(1) of the current position in relation to the Area Partnership's budget for 2021/22;

(2) of Dennistoun's Area Partnership's Budget for 2021/22 totalling £65,664.51 and that the Area Partnership had allocated £62,627.51 to date, leaving a balance of £3,236 to be allocated; and

(3) of the applications for funding from the Area Budget for 2021/22.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted

(i) the position regarding the Area Budget Allocations for 2021/22; and

(ii) the application dealt with under delegated functions ad detailed in the report; and

(b) dealt with the applications for funding as follows, the grant awards being subject to the conditions detailed in the report:-

Applicant	*Purpose of application*	*Decision*
Copperworks Housing Association	Towards the cost to host a volunteer event for the community and local organisations to participate to make a film of work carried out in Royston	Awarded £3,236

Area Budget 2022/23 - Applications for funding dealt with etc.

8 With reference to the minutes of the City Administration Committee of 29th August 2019, when the committee approved the proposed budget for the Glasgow Communities Fund for the next 3 financial years, there was submitted a report by the Council's Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities regarding the Area Budget for 2022/23, advising of the current position in relation to the Area Partnership's proposed Area Budget allocation and applications for funding for 2022/23, including information regarding travel passes and playschemes within the Ward area, and that it was anticipated that the Council would set its budget, early in 2022, for the financial year 2022/23.

After consideration, the Partnership

(1) noted

(a) the current Glasgow City Council budget position on the proposed Area Budget allocations;

(b) the 2021/22 end of year arrangements;

(c) the current position on awarding funds from the 2022/23 allocation; and

(d) that time critical awards for up to £500 could be allocated from the 2022/23 budget under existing Delegated Authority arrangements.

(2) dealt with the applications for funding as follows, the grant awards being subject to the conditions detailed in the report:-

Applicant	*Purpose of application*	*Decision*
Citywise Mentoring Ltd	Towards the cost to deliver a character monitoring programme for 12 weeks involving pupils from St Stephen's and St Kevin's Primary Schools in Sighthill	Awarded £1,583

(3) in terms of the Travel Pass Scheme, approved the issue of travel passes to Gingerbread East End and Connect 2 out of school care.

Minutes of North East Sector Community Planning Partnership of 24th November 2021.

9 The minutes of the North East Sector Community Planning Partnership of 24th November 2021 were submitted and noted.