Item 1

15th June 2022

VICTORIA PARK AREA PARTNERSHIP.

Minutes of meeting held on 26th January 2022, by video conference.

Present: Councillor Feargal Dalton (Chair), and Councillor Maggie McTernan, Glasgow City Council; Catherine Benton, Jordanhill Community Council; Elizabeth Brown, Whiteinch Community Council; Station Commander Paul Tyrrell, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; and Inspector Kenneth Robertson, Police Scotland.

Apologies: Bailie Ade Aibinu, Glasgow City Council and Mary Kate Harte, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership.

Attending: P Yule (Clerk); N Chauhdry and F Dickson (for the Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities); L Lovelock, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network; M Neill, A Paterson and F O'Rourke (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability); A Olney, (for the Chief Executive of Glasgow Life) and A McNeaney, The DRC Youth Project.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

1 The minutes of 27th November 2021 were submitted and approved,

Glasgow Community Planning Partnership Governance Framework – Membership noted.

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

(1) Colin McGeoch had replaced Maisie McCrae as the substitute for Whiteinch Community Council;

(2) Gordon Keenan had left Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network (GTSIN), resulting in a vacancy now for both a representative and substitute representative to be nominated by GTSIN;

(3) Station Commander Paul Tyrrell had replaced Station Commander Garry Miller as the representative for Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; and

(4) Sarah Craig had replaced Tricia Mostyn as the representative with Mary Kate Harte as the new substitute for Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership.

Variation in order of business

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

DRC Youth Project – Update noted.

4 There was submitted a report by Mr McNeaney from The Dumbarton Road Corrider Youth Project (DRC Youth Project), advising the Partnership of how the Ward had benifited from the 2021/22 Area Budget funding that had been awarded to the Project, advising that

(1) the DRC Youth Project worked with socially excluded young people in the communities of Yoker, Scotstoun and Whiteinch;

(2) the funding which had been received from this Partnership had helped the Project to fund an initiative to prevent potential anti-social behaviour but would also open access to local facilities, as detailed in the report; and

(3) as COVID-19 restrictions were now being relaxed, this would allow the DRC Youth Project to start planning activities for summer and school holidays and get the young people in the area involved.

After consideration, Partnership noted and thanked Mr McNeaney for the update.

Review of Sector and Area Partnerships – Update noted.

5 With reference to the minutes of 10th November 2020 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 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 a further report would be submitted to the GCPP Strategic Partnership in June 2022.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted and thanked Ms F Dickson for the report;

(b) raised a number of questions and concerns that were addressed by Ms Dickson; and

(c) heard that further information on the pilot areas and subsequent changes would be provided to a future meeting of this Partnership.

Glasgow Life - Update on Whiteinch Library noted.

6 There was submitted and noted a report by the Head of Communities and Libraries, Glasgow Life (GL) providing an update on the re-opening plans for Whiteinch Library, advising that

(1) on November 16th November 2021 GL had been successful in securing funding from the Public Library COVID-19 Relief Fund to re-open a further 5 libraries in the city;

(2) the Whiteinch Library had re-opened on Monday 25th January 2022 and would operate on the same opening hours that were in place pre-COVID-19 restrictions; and

(3) that GL would be working closely with Whiteinch Community Council on the plan to use the Library as a Community Hub.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) note the report;

(b) heard that the Partnership should recognise that the venue was safe to open and that there was a significant repair and refurbishment programme required for it to remain a sustainable public venue in the longer term;

(c) raised questions in relation to the refurbishment and repair programme regarding what the cost and time scale for this would be should the Library remain open and for this information to be circulated to Local residents and local members before a decision was made; and

(d) thanked Mr Olney for the update.

Your Neighbourhood, Your Place – Update noted

7 There was heard a verbal report by Ms F O'Rourke**,** Neighbourhoods, Rengeneration and Sustainability providing an update on activity across the Ward are, advising

(1) that Martin Neill was the new Neighbourhood Co-ordinator who had been in post 3 months, had met some members and was arranging to meet other organisations in the Ward area; and

(2) that the refuse collection service had returned to normal in the Ward and that the bulk uplift service which had been suspended at Christmas due to staff absence had also now returned to normal.

After consideration, the Partnership noted the report and thanked Ms O'Rourke for the update.

Local Parks and Open Space Improvement Fund – Update noted

8 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neibourhoods, Regeneration and Sutainabilty (NRS), regarding an update on the Local Parks and Open Spaces Improvement Fund, advising

(1) of the revised list of options and costings for investment of the Local Parks and Open Space Improvment Fund within the Ward, as detailed in the report;

(2) of the projects listed for consideration by the Partnership with a total spend of £44,000, as detailed in the report; and

(3) of the confirmed breakdown of costs for future work to be carried out within the Ward by contractors, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted and thanked Mr Paterson for the report; and

(b) raised a number of questions that were addressed by Mr Paterson; and

(c) approved the funding of the projects totalling £44,000, as detailed in the appendix to these minutes.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Ward update noted.

9 There was heard a report by Station Commander, Paul Tyrrell, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) advising of the current issues, incidents and work being carried out in the Ward for the period 1st October 2021 to 31st December 2021, advising that

(1) 72 Home safety visits had been carried out;

(2) there had been 134 incidents including 6 accidental dwelling house fires; 5 deliberate fires, 2 non domestic and 18 special services;

(3) in regard to the new legislation concerning the installation of smoke detection alarms SFRS continued to receive high volumes of calls at Fire Stations regarding this and advised that callers were asked to refer to the Scottish Government website where individuals could check their eligibility for the SFRS to fit these alarms and as part of the process individuals would be required to complete a risk based questionnaire.

After consideration, the Partnership noted the update and welcomed Station Commander Tyrrell to the Partnership

Police Scotland – Ward update noted.

10 There was heard and noted an update by Inspector Kenneth Robertson, Police Scotland, advising the Partnership of the current progress that Police Scotland was making within the Ward, advising of

(1) the number of incidents had remained almost static, with a slight rise from 1,264 to 1,266 although the number of public nuisance calls had decreased by 65%, and the number of disturbance calls had also decreased by 21%;

(3) information of crimes of violence with several arrests being made within the Whiteinch area;

(4) the current progress by Police Scotland in relation to drug use within the Ward and that 6 people had been charged with possession of controlled substances and officers would continue to gather intelligence and take appropriate action when required;

(5) the current process by Police Scotland in dealing with anti-social behaviour which continued to be an issue within Victoria Park, Cycle path with a number of calls being made on bonfire night regarding youths causing disorder with setting off fireworks and bonfires between Methil Street and Fore Street which required numerous attention which also required assistance from Scottish Fire and Rescue Service;

(6) that although there had been a decrease in house breakings within the Ward there had been an increase in car theft that had been reported and that bike theft continued to be an issue in the West end with 8 bikes being reported stolen; and

(7) that road safety continued to be an issue regarding speeding around the Crow Road area and Police officers would continue to give extra attention to that area by carrying out speed detection duties and had also linked in with the road traffic department and colleagues in relation to this matter.

After consideration, the Partnership noted the report and thanked Inspector Kenneth Robertson for all the work carried out by Police Scotland in the Ward.

North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network - Update noted.

11 There was submitted a report by Ms Lynn Lovelock, North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network (NWGVSN) providing an update on their work, noting that

(1) the Network thanked the Ward's elected members for working with NWGVSN and working in parternship in helping make changes and to improve the community; and

(2) that the Network, representatives and NWGVSN members would ask that elected members and Area Partnership members to give consideration to

some of the organisation's priorities over the next year, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the Partnership noted thanked Ms Lovelock for the report.

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

12 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 Victoria Park Area Partnership's Budget for 2021/22 totalling £60,057.25, and that funds totalling £324.35, had been carried forward by this Partnership for the 2021/22 financial year;

(3) that the Partnership had committed a total of £45,217.75 to various projects in the Ward, leaving a balance of £14,839.50 and

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

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the area Budget allocation for 2021/22; and

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

Applicant	*Purpose of application*	*Decision*
Whiteinch and Scotstoun Housing Association	To assist with the installation costs and to erect a modular storage for up to 46 bikes and a quarter covered cycle storage	£11,900
*130th Glasgow Company, The Boys' Brigade	To purchase new sports equipment to increase capacity in some activities	£1,200

*The Chair accepted this item of business for consideration, as a matter of urgency, in view of the timescale involved.

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

13 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 three 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

(5) noted

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

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

(e) 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*
*Movement Park	Towards the cost of holding 4 weekly sessions and youth worker sessions within Broomhill, Thornwood and St Paul's Primary School	£5,360

*The Chair accepted this item of business for consideration, as a matter of urgency, in view of the timescales involved.

(4) agreed the playscheme awards for spring and summer holiday periods as follows:-

Playscheme	Venue	Spring 2022	Summer 2022	Total
Buddies Playscheme	South Centre 190 Southbrae Drive	£351	£897	£1,248
Buddies Club Teenscheme	South Centre 190 Southbrae Drive	£351	£897	£1,248

(5) In terms of Travel Pass Scheme, approved the issue of travel passes for use during the school holiday periods Broomhill Out School Care.

Minutes of the North West Sector Partnership noted.

14 There was submitted and noted the mintues of the North West Sector Community Planning of 26th November 2021.

APPENDIX

VICTORIA PARK AREA PARTNERSHIP – LOCAL PARKS AND OPEN SPACES ALLOCATION OF PROJECT FUNDING TOTALLING £44,000 FOR 2021/22

Option Number	*Location*	*Proposal*	*Total Allocation*
1	Victoria Park	750m2 bicycle pump track (with gravel finish) and cycle skills learning area, including allowance for a 5 year technical maintenance period, by specialist contractor	£37,500
2	Victoria Park	Access path to link Option 1 into the surround path network- allowance for a 20m length of 3m wide tarmac path	£3,600
3	Victoria Park	2,416m2 of new wildflower meadow/bulb planting to the plot surrounding the bicycle pump track and cycle skills learning area	£2,900