

CALTON AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Item 1

4th September 2024

Minutes of meeting held on 17th April 2024, City Chambers, Glasgow.

Present: Councillor Greg Hepburn (Chair), Councillor Cecilia O'Lone, Bailie Linda Pike, and Councillor George Redmond, Glasgow City Council; Chief Inspector Nigel Thacker, Police Scotland; Morven Bell, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Lesley Ward, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network; Colin Harkins, Bridgeton and Dalmarnock Community Council; Caitlin Longman, Calton Community Council; John Ferguson, Parkhead Community Council; Margaret Storrie, West of Scotland Housing Association; and Michaela Collins, Possibilities for Each and Every Child (PEEK).

Apology: Station Commander Barry Cranstoun, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

Attending: E Paton (Clerk); H McMillan and D Speirs (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance); G Ferguson and L McDonald (for the Chief Officer, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership); and F O'Rourke (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability).

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

1 The minutes of 7th February 2024 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 providing an update regarding membership of this Partnership, advising that

- (1) Martin Lundie was no longer the co-opted member for Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, leaving this position vacant; and
- (2) Michaela Collins had been nominated as a co-opted member and Tony Stubbs nominated as the substitute co-opted member for Possibilities for Each and Every Child (PEEK).

Safer Drug Consumption Facility Plans - Presentation noted.

3 The Partnership heard a presentation by Lyn McDonald, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership (GCHSCP), regarding plans to establish a Safer Drug Consumption Facility (SDCF) in the city centre advising,

- (1) of the background, expected benefits and of the engagement with SDCF worldwide, that included Europe, Canada and Australia;
- (2) that the SDCF would be a supervised and controlled health care setting that people could consume drugs obtained elsewhere, in the presence of trained health professionals, in a clean and hygienic environment that would reduce the risk of overdose and infectious diseases, whilst providing support along with access to healthcare services;
- (3) that the SDCF implementation plan had been agreed by the GCHSCP Integration Joint Board on 27th September 2023, of the Implementation Board and sub-groups that had been established and of the engagement sessions that had commenced November 2023; and
- (4) of the continued work and consultation with partners to develop a pilot SDCF, the model of operation, hours of operation, would open in 2024 and would be the first SDCF in the United Kingdom.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report;
- (b) raised questions in relation to
 - (i) engagement work with police, local communities and businesses which was responded to by Lyn McDonald, advising of the engagement that had taken place and that was still on-going. Chief Inspector Nigel Thacker reassured the Partnership of the engagement work with Police Scotland;
 - (ii) whether there had been surveys carried out within the local area as to whether this service would be used and beneficial which was responded to by Lyn McDonald; and
 - (iii) the prosecution policy for individuals with possession of drugs outwith the facility, this was responded to by Lyn McDonald and Chief Inspector Nigel Thacker confirmed there would be no change to current procedures.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service ward update noted.

4 There was submitted and noted a report by Station Commander Barry Cranstoun, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS), regarding the current issues, incidents and work being carried out in the ward for Quarter 4, from 1st January to 31st March 2024, advising

- (1) that SFRS had attended 688 incidents in the North East Sector during the fourth quarter, indicating a decrease from last year's Quarter 4 total of 921;

- (2) that the changes to Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals response from 1st July 2023 had seen a significant reduction in the number of false alarm incidents attended by operational crews;
- (3) that there had been 98 deliberate fires, 59 accidental fires, 43 dwelling fires, 11 non-domestic fires and that there had been no fire fatalities this Quarter 4 in the North East area;
- (4) that they had attended 185 special service incidents ranging from flooding and water rescues to animals and that there had been a total of 15 special service casualties; and
- (5) of the prevention and protection activities carried out by SFRS in the local community as detailed in the report.

Police Scotland ward update noted – Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

5 There was heard a report by Chief Inspector Nigel Thacker, Police Scotland, advising

- (1) of the planning for future events in the ward area and to ensure that sufficient resource is allocated;
- (2) of the large-scale incident within the Gallowgate area that involved the recovery of various weapons and issuing of fixed penalty notices;
- (3) of the local initiative to tackle the ongoing concern around E-bikes and E-scooters;
- (4) of the reduction in assaults and house break-ins and that the detection rates reported for house break-ins was at 37.9% which was the highest it had been in 5 years due to community intelligence; and
- (5) that the detection rates for robbery were at 86% and detection rates for minor assaults were at 70%.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report;
- (b) raised questions in relation to
 - (i) the engagement work being carried out with Police Scotland for future footballing events and if the football club and Council had been involved in discussions which was responded to by Chief Inspector Nigel Thacker who confirmed that they had been involved; and

- (ii) whether the statistics for shoplifting were still the same or if there had been a reduction in this which was responded to by Chief Inspector Nigel Thacker; and
- (c) raised concerns regarding safety issues at Westmuir Street in relation to traffic signage; and
- (d) requested Francine O'Rourke, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability to contact the roads team to investigate the issues at Westmuir Street.

Neighbourhood Improvement Fund 2022/23 update noted – Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

6 There was submitted and noted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS), regarding the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund (NIF), advising

- (1) of an update on the progress of the NIF that had been carried out and of the commitments to date;
- (2) that Area Partnerships would still be expected to allocate the full £1m initially awarded and that this funding was capital expenditure therefore could be carried forward to be spent in future financial years;
- (3) of an update and timeslines of the Centre of Civic Innovation community engagement process in the pilot areas of Calton (Ward 9) and Greater Pollok (Ward 3); and
- (4) of an update on the road resurfacing on London Road and that this currently did not meet the criteria and would not be part of business as usual to be completed this year, therefore if this partnership agreed to these works it would need be part of the NIF.

After consideration, the Partnership,

- (a) agreed
 - (i) that it did not wish to fund the road resurfacing and patching on London Road at a cost of £132k as part of the NIF fund; and
 - (ii) to collate ideas from the community through liaising with community councils as to what works they would like to see funded within the ward and send these onto Derek Speirs, Communities Manager; and
- (b) requested
 - (i) that an update report be submitted to the next meeting of this Partnership in relation to the Parks and Open Spaces Fund; and

- (ii) costings for zig zag lines and road signs around Riverside Primary School.

Festive Lighting Programme 2024/25 – Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

7 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS) regarding the 2024/25 Festive Lighting Programme, advising

- (1) that each Area Partnership would be awarded £3,600 central funding to meet the costs of erecting and maintaining festive lighting;
- (2) of the festive lighting locations for the ward delivered as part of the 2023/24 programme, as detailed in the report;
- (3) of the standard pricing schedule for the 2024/25 festive lighting programme, and the cost to repeat the 2023/24 programme in 2024/25 is still to be determined at conclusion of tendering process, which is estimated to be concluded in June 2024, as detailed in the report;
- (4) that the Partnership would be able to nominate additional or alternative festive lighting locations to those delivered as part of the 2023/24 programme, and that should any new location be proposed, NRS required to be notified to allow the feasibility and cost of the new locations to be assessed;
- (5) that the Partnership would be invited to identify locations where a switch on event was proposed to be held for either a Christmas tree or natural tree and that column mounted features would come on at the same time as the street lights on the day of installation; and
- (6) that if the total cost of the delivery of the festive lighting programme selected by the Partnership exceeded the £3,600 central funding, the balance of the funding would require to be met by the Area Partnership from other funds.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report;
- (b) expressed concern in regard to the timescales of the new costings being provided at the next Partnership meeting and approving locations to be part of the 2024/25 festive lighting programme; and
- (c) requested that the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability provide details of the tender process outcome to allow for an additional meeting to take place to consider the proposals.

Review of Community Planning and Community Empowerment Services noted.

8 There was submitted and noted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance, regarding the review of Community Planning and Community Empowerment Services (CES), advising

- (1) of the Glasgow's Local Outcome Improvement Plan 2024-2034 (the Glasgow Community Plan), which had been reviewed and approved by the Glasgow Community Planning Partnership Strategic Partnership on 13th February 2024 and that the Plan had been developed by partners during the latter part of 2023 by the GCPP Executive Board;
- (2) of the Community Empowerment Services Service Reform, the next steps and key priorities, as detailed in the report;
- (3) of the work carried out by the Centre for Civic Innovation Team on 2 pilot areas for the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund, namely Greater Pollok (Ward 3) and Calton (Ward 9), to learn from the prototypes and expand the engagement to other wards across the city;
- (4) of the progress to date following the citizen led pilots with detailed information as detailed at appendix 1 of the report and a breakdown on proposals approved by Greater Pollok and Calton Area Partnerships as detailed in appendix 2 of the report;
- (5) of the city-wide engagement work;
- (6) that the Partnership should consider whether other options for citizen engagement on the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund (NIF) should be explored; and
- (7) that recommendations of NIF proposals would be presented at the next Partnership meeting.

Area Budget 2024/25 – Applications for funding dealt with – Declaration of interest.

9 With reference to the minutes of the Council's City Administration Committee of 21st March 2024, when the committee approved the 2024/25 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 2024/25;
- (2) that the Calton Area Partnership's Area Budget allocation for 2024/25 was £99,512.15, that funding of £8,632 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £90,880.15; and
- (3) of the applications for funding from the Area Budget for 2024/25.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted
- (i) the position regarding the Area Budget allocation for 2024/25;
 - (ii) the ineligible application detailed in the report;
 - (iii) the applications 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
Strange Field	Towards the cost of providing free childcare creative sessions facilitated by Make Play Space alongside a Radical Care Programme for five events in November 2024 – February 2025	Continued consideration to next meeting
Glasgow East Arts Company	Towards the cost of Alexandra Park Family Festival taking place on 20th July 2024	Awarded £800
The Listening Heart	Towards the cost of supporting service users who visit the facility with food, clothing and sleeping bags - this would include people experiencing homelessness, poverty, mental health and bereavement	Awarded £3,000
Bridgeton Family Learning Centre	Towards the cost of new outdoor play equipment for the nursery	Awarded £9,185
Parkhead Youth Project	Towards the cost of operating a pilot homework support element to the Parkhead Youth project	Awarded £3,215
Friends of the Pipe Factory	Towards the cost to run a pilot creative craft project at BCLC, with 16 workshops taking place between May and December 2024	Awarded £4,075

*PEEK	Towards the cost of programmes and materials including Thrive Programme, Play Café, Street Play and National Play Day	Awarded £8,400
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*Michaela Collins declared an interest in this application and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon.

Area Budget 2023/2024 – Final monitoring statement noted.

10 There was submitted and noted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance regarding the Area Budget for 2023/2024, providing a final monitoring statement in relation to projects previously funded, indicating that £99,372 had been allocated to various projects in the Calton ward, representing a 99.86% spend and leaving a balance of £140.15.