

**DENNISTOUN AREA PARTNERSHIP.**

Minutes of meeting held on 28th November 2023, City Chambers, Glasgow.

**Present:** Councillor Allan Casey (Chair), Bailie Anthony Carroll and Councillor Elaine McDougall, Glasgow City Council; Inspector Maxwell Shaw, Police Scotland; Jennifer Johnstone, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Kenny Trainer, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network; Josephine Donachy, Milnbank Housing Association; and Martin Lundie, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

**Attending:** A Croall (Clerk); A Moore (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance); G Ferguson, L MacDonald and S Priyadarshi (for the Chief Officer, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership); R Smith (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability); and J Muirie, Glasgow Food Policy Partnership.

**Minutes of previous meeting approved.**

- 1** The minutes of 19th September 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 providing an update regarding membership of this Partnership, advising that

- (1) Chief Inspector Nigel Thacker had been nominated as the substitute representative and had been replaced by Chief Inspector Greg Robertson for Police Scotland.
- (2) Station Commander Steven Young had been nominated as the representative and had replaced Station Commander Barry Cranstoun for Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; and
- (3) Ceri Cadogan had been nominated as the substitute representative and had replaced Michelle Hunt for Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership.

**Community Planning Partnership – Governance Framework - Register of Interests 2023 noted.**

- 3** There was submitted and noted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration advising the Partnership of the requirements in relation to the Community Planning Partnership Governance Framework regarding the registration and declaration of members' interests and detailing those interests that had been declared by members of the Partnership, as detailed in the report.

## Area Budget 2023/24 – Applications for funding dealt with – Declaration of Interest.

4 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 Dennistoun Area Partnership's Area Budget allocation for 2023/24 was £65,664.51 and a total of £60,888.73 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £5,125.78; 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;
  - (ii) the returned funds of £350 from Whitevale Bowling Club; and
  - (iii) the ineligible applications from The Friends of Glasgow Necropolis and Golfhill Primary School; and
- (b) dealt with applications for funding as follows, the grant award being subject to the conditions detailed in the report:

| <i>Applicant</i>                  | <i>Purpose of application</i>                                                                               | <i>Decision</i>                                  |
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| *Royston Youth Action             | Towards the cost of a mini bus that would comply with LEZ                                                   | Refused due to Area Budget being over subscribed |
| Dennistoun Community Charity Shop | Towards the cost of a trip to the pantomime and bus hire on 3rd December 2023                               | Awarded £500                                     |
| Royston Primary School            | Towards the cost of a trip to Dalguise Outdoor Centre from 15th March – 17th March 2024                     | Awarded £1,000                                   |
| Haghill Park Primary School       | Towards the cost of providing P7 pupils with experience in the Enterprise Café in Parkhill Secondary School | Withdrawn by applicant                           |

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| Haghill Park Nursery Class | Towards the cost of providing children, staff and parents with a trip to the pantomime and Christmas eve boxes | Awarded £1,000         |
| Alfreshe                   | Towards the cost of a Christmas party in Grovepark Hall, Maryhill Central Hall                                 | Withdrawn by applicant |

\*Councillor Casey declared an interest in this application and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon and Baillie Carroll assumed the Chair for this item only.

### **Variation in order of business noted.**

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

### **Safer Drug Consumption Facility Plans - Presentation noted.**

6 The Partnership heard a presentation by Saket Priyadarshi, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership (GCHSCP), regarding the 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 healthcare 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 support would be offered 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 subgroups 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 engagement work with SDCF worldwide and of the impact on local communities and businesses which was responded to by

Saket Priyadarshi, advising of the engagement that had taken place with other managers of other sites that were comparable to Glasgow;

- (c) raised further questions with regard to current data on HIV and if monitoring of the data had continued since 2020 which was responded to by Saket Priyadarshi, advising that the Needle Exchange Surveillance Initiative (NESI) would provide up to date figures;
- (d) raised concerns to the inclusion of Milnbank Housing Association and wider community to be part of the consultation process which Gillian Ferguson responded to, who advised of the SDCF engagement session on the 6th December 2023 and that Milnbank Housing Association had been invited; and
- (e) advised the Partnership if they had any further questions these could be emailed to [GCHSCP\\_Communications@glasgow.gov.uk](mailto:GCHSCP_Communications@glasgow.gov.uk) .

### **Police Scotland ward update noted.**

**7** There was heard and noted report by Inspector Maxwell Shaw, Police Scotland, advising

- (1) of the increase in possession charges however there had been a decrease in supply charges due to lack of intelligence and stressed the importance of the public to continue to report any incidents by telephone, Police Scotland website or Crimestoppers;
- (2) of the decrease of calls related to anti-social behaviour and that continued resources would remain in place;
- (3) of the focus on road safety this quarter including dangerous driving/drink driving and the road traffic action plan that would continue into the new year;
- (4) of the increase in house and motor vehicle break ins, most of which had involved unsecured properties and significant resources would continue;
- (5) of the success of the Moonbeam Operation that involved joint work across the city with partners and had reduced the number of incidents in relation to bonfire and firework activities; and
- (6) that the main focus would now be the festive action plan that would include retail crime, violence against woman and vulnerable groups.

### **Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund update noted – Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.**

**8** There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS), advising

- (1) of an update on the progress of the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund 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 timelines of the community engagement process in the pilot areas Calton and Greater Pollok;
- (4) that the 2 CCTV locations had still to be identified and they would cost between £4k-£8k to fully implement and of the flytipping hotspots in the area as detailed in the appendix to this report; and
- (5) of the costings of traffic signals at Junction 15 for consideration.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report;
- (b) approved 2 locations for the CCTV to be installed on a trial basis at Alexandra Park Street/Onslow Drive and Birkenshaw Street/Cumbernauld Road and approved a further CCTV to be installed on a trial basis at the location at Wellpark/Ark Lane; and
- (c) requested that the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability schedule a meeting with officers from Liveable Neighbourhoods and Greenspace and Biodiversity Teams, to discuss other potential projects and other funding options for the traffic signals at junction 15 prior to the next meeting.

#### **Winter Maintenance Plan 2023/24 update noted.**

**9** There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding an update on the Winter Maintenance Plan for 2023/24, advising

- (1) of the Council's aim to provide an effective and efficient winter maintenance service to minimise delays due to winter weather and ensure operations would be undertaken safely;
- (2) that the Winter Maintenance Plan submitted to the Environment and Liveable Neighbourhoods City Policy Committee could be viewed at:  
<https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/councillorsandcommittees/submissiondocuments.asp?submissionid=110582>
- (3) of the arrangements and resources in place for the winter period, including available vehicles and plant, treatment priorities, the decision-making process, arrangements for salting and grit bins and the communication strategy developed to provide severe weather information;

- (4) that general advice and information for the public concerning the Winter Maintenance Service would be available via the Glasgow City Council web page and that an Interactive Winter Gritting Story Map could be viewed at: <https://glasgowgis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapJournal/index.html?appid=d383df28e39d48b294e66826d2c1456d> ; and
- (5) QR codes had been provided on all grit bins to request a refill or to replace a damaged grit bin.

After consideration, that Partnership,

- (a) noted the report; and
- (b) raised concerns regarding the lack of gritting at Hanson Street/Craigpark and of the new development of housing, including the newly opened pathways in Sighthill to be included in the gritting programme.

**Bonfire de-brief noted.**

**10** There was submitted and noted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding the bonfire debrief, advising

- (1) that from 2022 a closer partnership approach had been identified, specifically in relation to the removal of unauthorised bonfires and to ensure partners worked together to establish an improved efficiency of delivery;
- (2) that a Multi-Agency Control Centre (MACC) was established, which allowed unauthorised bonfires to be risk assessed remotely;
- (3) that MACC operated within Glasgow City Council's Eastgate Building and included representation from Glasgow City Council, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) and Police Scotland, which ensured a responsive co-ordinated approach;
- (4) of the dedicated phone lines that had been set-up within MACC, to record key details of the structures including location, proximity to buildings and power supplies and access to sites, which would be shared with all partners within the MACC and added to a prioritised list for removal;
- (5) that unauthorised bonfires would be prioritised based on a risk assessment by SFRS, with their removal attended jointly with Police Scotland to protect staff and maintain public order;
- (6) that members of the public were encouraged to report unauthorised and potentially dangerous bonfires to Glasgow City Council by contacting the Council's Cleansing line on 0141 287 9700;

- (7) that to ensure intelligence was captured, in advance of bonfire night, community partners including housing associations, third sector partners, Police Scotland staff and SFRS staff would be provided with contact details of the Neighbourhood Liaison Co-ordinator who would ensure vital information was passed to operations for removal; and
- (8) that unauthorised bonfires could cause significant alarm and distress to individuals and other issues including potential risk of personal injury, damage to property and increased antisocial behaviour therefore by deploying staff to locations, it would promote public reassurance and give confidence to communities.

After consideration, the Partnership,

- (a) noted the report; and
- (b) raised questions in relation to the new legislation regarding the sale, usage and enforcement of fireworks which Martin Lundie responded to.

**Local Parks and Open Space Improvement Fund update noted – Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.**

**11** With reference to the minutes of 19th September 2023 when the Area Partnership requested an update of the costings for the proposals at Alexandra Park, Coll Place and delivery dates for all projects, there was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS), regarding the Local Parks and Open Space Improvement Fund, advising of an update on projects withing the ward for years 2021/22 and 2022/23, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (1) noted the report and raised concerns regarding the lack of progress of work and of the timescale of planned works of the projects and to expedite the delivery of all the projects;
- (2) highlighted the importance of aligning projects, particularly at Coll Place and the greenspace at Rymer Street with the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund and Liveable Neighbourhood projects for potential additional funding; and
- (3) requested that the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability provide the Partnership with the updated costing element of the potential repair to the park swings and instalment of picnic benches in Alexandra Park prior to the next meeting.

### **Glasgow's Food Plan – Presentation by Glasgow Food Partnership noted.**

**12** The Partnership heard and noted a presentation by Ms Jill Muirie, Glasgow Centre for Population Health regarding Glasgow's Food Plan, advising

- (1) that the vision for Glasgow was to be recognised for its good food and as a city where tasty, healthy, affordable food was accessible to everyone;
- (2) of the Glasgow Food Policy Partnership partners and how the Plan had been collaboratively developed over 2 years; and
- (3) of the evolving plan together with the long term outcomes of the plan and of the continued partnership working with other organisations both public and private.

After consideration, the Partnership thanked Ms Muirie for her presentation.

### **Scottish Fire and Rescue Service ward update noted.**

**13** There was submitted and noted a report by Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS), regarding the current issues, incidents and work being carried out in the ward for Quarter 2, from 1st July to 30th September 2023, advising

- (1) that the Service had attended 821 incidents in the North East Sector during the second quarter of 2023 that had decreased from last year's Quarter 2 by 431 and that the most significant decrease had come from outdoor fires attended by crews;
- (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 139 deliberate fires, 106 accidental fires, 51 dwelling fires, 14 non-domestic fires and that there had been no fire fatalities this Quarter 2 in the North East area; and
- (4) of the prevention and protection activities carried out by SFRS in the local community as detailed in the report.

### **Minutes of North East Sector Community Planning Partnership noted.**

**14** The minutes of the North East Sector Community Planning Partnership of 11th October 2023 were submitted and noted.

**15** The Partnership noted that the next scheduled meetings for 2024 are:

- (1) Tuesday 20th February 2024 at 1400 hours;

- (2) Tuesday 30th April 2024 at 1400 hours;
- (3) Tuesday 17th September 2024 at 1400 hours; and
- (4) Tuesday 26th November 2024 at 1400 hours.