

HILLHEAD AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Minutes of meeting held on 27th August 2024, Hybrid meeting.

Present: Bailie Martha Wardrop (Chair), Councillor Ken Andrew and Bailie Seonad Hoy, Glasgow City Council; Inspector Iain Sibbald, Police Scotland; Station Commander Graeme Morrow, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Mary Kate Hart, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Anna Dyer, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network; Angelica Wilson, Students' Representative Council, University of Glasgow; Stewart Leighton, Woodlands and Park Community Council; James Findlay, Woodside Community Council; and Ross MacPhail, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Apologies: Jean Charsley, Hillhead Community Council; and Louise MacKenzie, North Kelvin Community Council.

Attending: E Miller (Clerk); R O'Sullivan and I Singh (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance); C Burrows and K McCormick (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability); and J Howes, G Maguire, P Park and K Smith (for the Chief Executive, Glasgow Life).

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

1 The minutes of 9th April 2024 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 regarding membership of this Partnership, advising that

- (1) Inspector Iain Sibbald had been nominated as the representative for Police Scotland replacing Inspector Mhairi Crawford;
- (2) Station Commander Ben Adams had been nominated as the substitute representative for Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and had replaced Station Commander Kenneth McCartney;
- (3) Angelica Wilson had been nominated as the representative and Pablo Moran Ruiz as the substitute representative for Students' Representative Council – University of Glasgow and had replaced Mariama Bah and Hailie Pentleton-Owens; and

- (4) Ross MacPhail had been nominated as the co-opted member for Neighbourhoods Regeneration and Sustainability and had replaced Lisé Fisher.

Police Scotland ward update noted.

3 There was heard a report by Inspector Iain Sibbald, Police Scotland, advising the Partnership

- (1) of the body worn cameras to be phased in for use by officers, with the evidence to be used to support evidence by victims, witnesses etc in court cases;
- (2) that statistics for reports of incidents had decreased, however the number of crimes recorded had increased due to an increase in shoplifting;
- (3) of the proactive enforcement of seizing illegal electric bikes which were recorded as a crime due to associated offences such as no insurance etc;
- (4) that there had been no increased reports of racial violence or threats in the ward, following the recent riots across England and Northern Ireland;
- (5) that reports of all suspicious activity should be reported to Police Scotland by calling 101 or via Crimestoppers at 0800 555111;
- (6) of road safety issues within the Car Free School Zone areas that continued to be monitored;
- (7) of the recent arrests following a spate of shoplifting; and
- (8) that there had been additional patrols attending Kelvingrove Park with no major incidents reported.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report and thanked Inspector Sibbald for the update and all the work carried out by Police Scotland within the ward; and
- (b) highlighted concerns and issues that were addressed by Inspector Sibbald.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service ward update noted – Request to Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

4 There was heard a report by Station Commander Graeme Morrow, 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 2024, advising the Partnership

- (1) that the Service had attended 1,051 incidents in the North West area of which 151 were in the ward, 44 fires, 36 Special Services, with no fatalities and 422 home fire safety visits;
- (2) of the work carried out by SFRS to educate youths and raise continued awareness on water safety and the introduction of QR codes, which provided safety information;
- (3) of the work carried out by the community safety team who delivered leaflets and visited schools in the ward to provide information and carried out courses on fire safety; and
- (4) that the Service had attended 71 false alarms in the Hillhead ward.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report and thanked Station Commander Morrow for the work carried out by the service;
- (b) requested that SFRS contact University of Glasgow students regarding safety information; and
- (c) noted that Ross MacPhail, Neighbourhood Liaison Manager, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability would provide information on who installed and supported safety equipment at River Kelvin and Forth and Clyde Canal, given the recent rainfall and rise in the rivers and canals.

Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network update noted.

5 There was heard a report by Ms Anna Dyer, North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network (NWGVSN) providing an update on its work, advising

- (1) of the continued IT recycling project “Plugged In” and that information could be accessed via <https://nwgvsn.org.uk/plugged-in-it-project/> who would accept any old IT equipment to be refurbished;
- (2) of the continued concerns with regards to the cost of living crisis, the increased demand on services and that some members would be considering fund raising and crowd funding to keep facilities open or to offer additional services;
- (3) of the published blog carried out by NWGVSN and Strathclyde University on the cost of living and Glasgow Third Sector, which could be found at <https://gcvs.org.uk/its-the-knock-on-effect/>;
- (4) of the concerns regarding the recent racist riots which took place in England and Northern Ireland and that although no incidents had occurred in Scotland, members had reported that BME and asylum seekers etc had experienced a

feeling of unease and that the network hoped to share practical advice and information to keep the community as a whole safe;

- (5) that a safety device would be introduced to be carried by staff and linked to a call centre should they fall into danger;
- (6) of the work carried out by Community Central Halls and a planned expansion to allow a café service and a money adviser to support its users;
- (7) that Woodside Halls had now opened with additional space which would allow wellbeing events to be developed;
- (8) of the effect on pensioners, particularly elderly women, due to the removal of winter fuel payments by the UK Government, as detailed in the report;
- (9) that the Partnership should give considering going forward on whether the report provided by the network for each meeting should be based around the Hillhead Ward only, with links to relevant information included.

After consideration, the partnership noted

- (a) the report and thanked Ms Dyer for the update;
- (b) that information on the safety device be circulated to the Partnership members for information; and
- (c) that Police Scotland would attend future meetings held by the network.

Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership – Consideration continued.

6 The Partnership agreed to continue consideration to a future meeting a report by Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership on the following subjects,

- (1) health and lifestyle and how this had reduced life expectancy and whether drug misuse had affected the statistics and if so, a separate analysis to exclude those figures, if possible;
- (2) social care within the ward; and
- (3) drug consumption, including drug injecting issues with discarded syringes.

Byres Road Public Realm Project Phase 2 noted – Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

7 With reference to the minutes of 30th August 2022 noting the Byres Road Public Realm Project, there was heard a presentation by Chris Burrows, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS) regarding phase 2 of the Byres Road Public Realm Project, advising

- (1) of the Byres Road Placemaking report that outlined the creation of new civic spaces, the enhancement of the pedestrian experience, the street aesthetic and climate resilience and reduction of vehicles and improved accessibility of the streets;
- (2) of the positive feedback received following completion of phase 1, in particular around improvements to footpaths; and
- (3) that NRS would award contracts in January 2025, with phase 2 to start Spring 2025 and scheduled for completion by December 2025.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted and thanked Chris Burrows for the report;
- (b) requested information regarding
 - (i) public transport and any progress on proposals; and
 - (ii) information on Byres Road project to be circulated to the Partnership; and
- (c) raised concerns at the footfall by University of Glasgow students, who numbered around 43,000 and highlighted that the university could contribute more to the improvements around Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum etc.

Local Parks and Open Spaces update noted – Funding approved – Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability – Declaration of interest.

8 With reference to the minutes of 7th November 2023, there was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS), 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 and an update on work carried out within the greenspace at Napierhall Street and lighting within Kelvingrove Park, as detailed in the report and the appendices to the report.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (1) noted the report;
- (2) approved funding of £5,000 towards surface water management at Gibson Street/Eldon Street and £6,000 towards 2 entrance signs at the greenspace, Napierhall Street, totalling £11,000 from the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund; and
- (3) requested the Executive Director NRS to provide information regarding

- (a) park lighting and noted it was still open to engagement on where column lighting, costing £3,000 per unit, could be placed;
- (b) the progress on the Stewart Memorial to be provided to a future meeting of this Partnership; and
- (c) the use of glyphosate in the park and the scale of its use.

Councillor Wardrop declared an interest in this item of business and took no part in the discussion thereon and Councillor Andrew assumed the Chair for this item.

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

9 With reference to the minutes of 9th April 2024, there was submitted and noted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS), regarding the Hillhead Infrastructure Fund, advising of the progress in relation to the process to support the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund including a summary of commitments to date, as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (1) noted the report; and
- (2) requested that
 - (a) the Executive Director NRS arrange a site visit for clarification on the proposal regarding Great Western Road/Ruskin Terrace traffic signal proposal;
 - (b) the Executive Director NRS arrange a special meeting to discuss and agree proposals from community groups and representatives across the ward on how the final £180,000 remaining funds should be allocated, with a list of proposals to be brought forward for final costings by NRS to a future meeting of this Partnership; and
 - (c) an updated report be provided by Connecting Woodside regarding the work on St George's statue.

Festive Lighting 2024/25 update noted – Delegated authority approved.

10 With reference to the minutes of 9th April 2024, there was submitted and noted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS), regarding Festive Lighting within the Ward, advising of the central funding of £3,600 available to meet the costs of erecting and maintaining festive lighting and the proposed costs and locations advising

- (1) of the 2023/24 festive displays and switch-on events and asking the Partnership to confirm whether these should be included in the 2024/25 programme;
- (2) that the Partnership should notify NRS of any proposed new locations for assessment by NRS to determine the feasibility;
- (3) that members should approve the necessary funding for any additional costs over and above the central funding, which could be approved by delegated authority to the Director of Communication and Corporate Governance in consultation with the Chair during October 2024, following receipt of the updated pricing table; and
- (4) that approved funding in excess of the central funding would be deducted from the Hillhead Area Partnership 2024/25 Area Budget allocation.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted
 - (i) the report; and
 - (ii) that the Christmas lights switch-on event, to be held by Woodside Community Council on Tuesday, 3rd December 2024 at 4pm, would require a police presence due to the number of children in attendance and requested the presence of Bailie Wardrop who agreed to carry out the switch-on event;
- (b) approved funding towards lighting installation of 5 trees at the Church Street/Byres Road triangle, with costs to be shared with Partick East/Kelvindale Area Partnership;
- (c) agreed festive lighting funding up to a total of £5,000, including central funding of £3,600; and
- (d) delegated authority to the Director of Communication and Corporate Governance and the Chair, in conjunction with Councillor Andrew and Bailie Hoy to approve additional lighting within the ward, to be deducted from the Area Budget fund, after final updated prices had been confirmed during October 2024.

Glasgow Life - Ward 11 service delivery noted.

11 There was submitted a report by Chief Executive, Glasgow Life, regarding service delivery within the ward, advising of

- (1) an update on Glasgow Life's service delivery with regard to youth service, library service, Glasgow Club Woodside sauna provision and Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum scaffolding;

- (2) the savings to be made by Glasgow Life, which had resulted in reduced facilities, however health suite facilities remained closed;
- (3) the progress regarding restoration work at Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum as detailed in the report and that further information could be provided by Laura Duffy Special Projects Officer at laura.duffy@glasgowlife.org.uk;
- (4) the Byres Road Book Festival to be held between 26th and 29th September 2024; and
- (5) the invitation to unveil the Suffragette Window to be held at Woodside Library on Thursday 5th September 2024 from 3.30pm to 5.00pm.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report; and
- (b) highlighted its disappointment that the Woodside sauna would remain closed.

Glasgow Life – Youth and Community Team - Presentation noted.

12 The Partnership heard a presentation by Patricia Park, Glasgow Life regarding Glasgow Life's new Youth and Community Team, advising

- (1) that youth and community development was a key priority for Glasgow's Community Learning and Development plan and its purpose was to support people within communities and volunteers to be involved in decisions which might affect them and the area they lived in;
- (2) that the Youth and Community Team was part of Glasgow Life, Libraries and Communities;
- (3) that each ward had an assigned officer from both the Youth Team and the Community Team who could be contacted if required;
- (4) of the role of the Youth and Community Team within communities and current projects;
- (5) of the upcoming Twilight at the Museum event to be held on Thursday 7th November 2024 between 6.00pm and 9.00pm; and
- (6) of contact details for both officers assigned to the area.

After consideration, the Partnership noted

- (a) the presentation and thanked Patricia Park for the information; and
- (b) raised questions which were addressed by Ms Park.

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

13 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 Hillhead Area Partnership's Budget allocation for 2024/25 was £61,838.56 and that £37,212.96 had been allocated to date, including £660 under the scheme of delegated functions, leaving a balance of £24,625.60; 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; and
 - (ii) the applications dealt with under delegated functions, as detailed in the report; and
- (b) dealt with applications for funding as follows, the grant awards being subject to the conditions detailed in the report:

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Purpose of application</i>	<i>Decision</i>
SENSORIAL – Exploring Arts and Nature: A Sensory Workshop Series for the Visually Impaired	Towards the cost of providing an immersive and enriching artistic experience over the course of eight sessions, where participants will engage in a variety of sensory activities	Awarded £2,470
*Woodlands Community Development Trust – Winter Veg Box Giveaway	Towards the cost of a project in which they will distribute 360 season fruit and vegetable boxes to households experiencing hardship between December 2024 and February 2025	Awarded £3,600
*Belgrave Community Garden – Asbestos	Towards the cost of the urgent removal of asbestos from a small	Awarded £1,140

Removal from Green
Space used by Local
Community

brick building that was discovered
in a corner of this green space

*Bailie Wardrop declared an interest in these items of business and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon and Councillor Andrew assumed the Chair for these items.

Hillhead Area Partnership workplan update noted.

14 There was submitted and noted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance regarding the Partnership Workplan and the frequency of standard agenda items and additional agenda points that it wished to be included at future meetings, as detailed in the report.