

CANAL AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Minutes of meeting held on 6th September 2024, Saracen House, Glasgow.

Present: Councillor Allan Gow (Chair), Councillor Fiona Higgins and Councillor Robert Mooney, Glasgow City Council; Inspector Colin MacLucas, Police Scotland; Station Commander Graeme Morrow, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Mhairi Shepard, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Jill Mackay, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network; Anne Marie Ewing, Milton Community Council; Sadie Gordon, Possilpark Community Council; Anne McGinley, Ruchill Community Council and Ross MacPhail, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Apologies: Lord Provost Jacqueline McLaren, Glasgow City Council.

Attending: P Yule (Clerk); K Gannon (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance); K Jackson (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability) and M Costello, Third Sector Interface Network.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

1 The minutes of 19th April 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) Station Commander Ben Adams had been nominated as the new representative for Scottish Fire Rescue Service replacing Station Commander Kenny McCartney;
- (2) Kenna Campbell had been nominated as the new substitute representative for Glasgow City Health and Social Care replacing Eric Duncan;
- (3) Sadie Gordon had been nominated as the new representative for Possilpark Community Council and Brian Land had been nominated as the new substitute representative; and
- (4) Ross MacPhail had been nominated as the new co-opted member for Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Police Scotland ward update noted.

3 There was heard a report by Inspector Colin MacLucas, Police Scotland, advising the Partnership

- (1) of the current progress that Police Scotland was making within the ward including the positive engagement work that had been carried out;
- (2) of the positive work undertaken as a result of reported crimes, whilst encouraging Members and the public to continue to report any incidents to Police Scotland; and
- (3) that there had been no increased reports of racial violence or threats in the ward following the recent unrest across England and Northern Ireland.

After consideration, the Partnership noted the report and thanked Inspector MacLucas for the update and all the work carried out by Police Scotland within the ward.

Variation in order of business noted.

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

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service ward update noted.

5 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 1, from 1st April to 30th June 2024, advising

- (1) that the Service had attended 1,697 incidents in the North West area of which 121 were in the ward, 44 fires, 29 Special Services and 1 fatality;
- (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; and
- (3) that 422 Home Fire Safety Visits had been carried out in the North West area.

After consideration, the Partnership noted the report and thanked Station Commander Graeme Morrow for the update and all the work carried out by Scottish Fire Rescue Services.

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

6 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 Canal Area Partnership's Budget allocation for 2024/25 was £108,959.02 and that £31,133.53 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £77,825.49; 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 3 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>
North Glasgow Community	Towards the costs of supporting 6 blocks of 4-week introductory course on sewing and mending	Consideration continued
Milton Arts Project	Towards the costs of free weekly musical workshops to record an album with each participant writing and recording a song	Awarded £3,880
Make it Glasgow	Towards the costs of delivering a community and volunteering programme based in Stockingfield Bridge Art Park and Maryhill Burgh Halls	Awarded £4,528

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund update noted.

7 With reference to the minutes of 19th April 2024, there was submitted and noted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS), regarding the Canal 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.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund - Community engagement – Update noted.

8 There was submitted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance regarding an update in relation to the process for engaging communities in relation to the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund (NIF), advising that

- (1) the next agreed ward for community engagement was Drumchapel/ Anniesland to start in Autumn 2024 and the kind of 'people' resource that was needed, had been identified at this stage to be predominantly co-ordination, survey creation, people who could do community engagement with people in the area, and data analysis; and
- (2) the Communities Team would still carry out much of the 'feet on the ground' engagement, with additional support from Glasgow Life and colleagues across different services from Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report; and
- (b) welcomed Councillor Mooney's suggestion that the Communities team officers should attend Community Councils meetings within the ward to assist with community engagement.

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

9 With reference to the minutes of 19th April 2024, there was submitted and noted a report by 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 it 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 Canal Area Partnership 2024/25 Area Budget allocation.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report; and
- (b) delegated authority to the Director of Communication and Corporate Governance in consultation with the Chair, Councillor Gow to approve additional costings within the ward, to be deducted from the Area Budget fund after final updated prices had been confirmed during October 2024.

North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network - Update noted.

10 There was submitted and noted a report by North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network (NWGVSN) providing an update of activity undertaken, and local issues identified, as detailed in the report.

Ash dieback – Presentation noted.

11 The Partnership heard and noted a presentation by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS) providing an update on the actions to address and mitigate Ash dieback affecting trees across Glasgow, advising

- (1) of the background to Ash dieback, which was caused by the fungus *hymenoscyphus fraxineus* which was first detected in the United Kingdom in 2012 and had steadily spread north since then;
- (2) that there was approximately 250,000 ash trees across Glasgow, under both Council and private ownership and approximately 125,000 (50%) were on Council owned land;
- (3) that the effects of the disease were more visible when ash trees were in leaf, typically between June to September, although this was dependent on environmental conditions;
- (4) of the high and medium risk target areas across the city, as detailed in the report; and
- (5) that as part of the ash tree inspection programme, NRS Tree Officers had assessed 2,301 ash trees between January 2021 and July 2024 with areas of high footfall prioritised.