

**CALTON AREA PARTNERSHIP.**

Minutes of the meeting held on 27th January 2021 by video conference.

**Present:** Councillor Greg Hepburn (Chair), Councillor Robert Connelly, and Councillor Cecilia O'Lone, Glasgow City Council; Susie Heywood, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Inspector Stevie Kinvig, Police Scotland; and Margaret Storrie, West of Scotland Housing Association.

**Apologies:** Councillor Jennifer Layden, Glasgow City Council; John Ferguson, Parkhead Community Council; Station Commander Chris Firth, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Mary MacPherson, Calton Area Association; and Lesley Ward, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network.

**Attending:** A Croall (Clerk); and A McMillan (for the Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities).

**Minutes of previous meeting approved.**

**1** The minutes of 18th November 2020 were submitted and approved.

**Glasgow Community Planning Partnership Governance Framework – Membership Update noted.**

**2** There was submitted and noted a report by the Council's Director of Governance and Solicitor to the Council regarding the membership of this Partnership, advising that

- (1) Calton Area Association had filled the vacant community resident position, with Mary MacPherson as lead representative and Betty Cosgrove as substitute representative;
- (2) Station Commander Chris Firth had replaced Paul Tyrrell as the new representative for Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; and
- (3) Station Commander Douglas Millar had replaced Christ Firth as the new substitute representative for Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

**Police Scotland Ward Update noted etc.**

**3** There was heard a verbal update by Inspector Stevie Kinvig, Police Scotland, advising the Partnership of the current activity within the Ward, advising that

- (1) COVID-19 had impacted on the number of staff absences and that resources from other areas had been used for staff to move around to cover shifts in this Ward;
- (2) there had been no tension or repercussions in the Barrowfield area after the conclusion of a recent murder trial and that St Andrew's Square would continue to be monitored, with the focus being on drug dealing and anti-social behaviour;
- (3) youth disorder calls had plummeted and had been relatively quiet around the Community Learning Centre however policing, would continue to monitor the area;
- (4) during the Tier 4 restrictions police responses had remained pro-active in terms of criminal activities, but COVID-19 had led to a massive impact on late and night shift staff in relation to house parties that had been broken up by officers and had led to 34 fixed penalty tickets being issued in the Ward area;
- (5) assistance of the Divisional Violence Reduction Unit (DVRU) had been secured for the coming week for additional policing in the Cranhill, Haghill and Calton areas and that the DVRU could be used for areas that needed additional policing in terms of disorder or crimes that had caused concern in communities; and
- (6) the renovation work at London Road Police station continued and the public bar would re-open in late March 2021.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted and thanked Inspector Kinvig for the update;
- (b) raised concerns concerning people 'trying' the doors of elderly and vulnerable residents in Millroad Drive, sometimes posing as workmen or utility staff and the issue of signage that identifies the area as being one for vulnerable residents and whether this encouraged people to target the area; and
- (c) raised questions that were answered by Inspector Kinvig relating to the level of drug trafficking from abroad with the borders being closed due to COVID-19 and whether there been any decrease in the number of drug deaths.

#### **Scottish Fire and Rescue Service – Ward Update noted.**

4 There was submitted and noted a report by Station Commander Chris Firth, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) providing information to the Partnership on the current issues, incidents and work being carried out in the Ward for the period 1st October to 31st December 2020, advising

- (1) of 3 accidental dwelling fires, 71 deliberate fire settings and 50 unwanted fire alarm signals;

- (2) that 653 home fire safety visits had been carried out with 63 being in the Ward area;
- (3) that new legislation in relation to smoke detector alarms would not come into force until February 2022 and the following link to the Scottish Government website provided guidance - <https://www.gov.scot/publications/fire-and-smoke-alarms-in-scottish-homes/>;
- (4) the new linked alarms would be fitted free by SFRS to owner occupied properties that had been identified as having a high risk rating; and
- (5) SFRS would continue with the planned roll out of new detection equipment from early this year once appropriate training and ancillary equipment had been delivered to each service delivery area.

After discussion, the Partnership suggested that the new linked alarms fitted free by SFRS could be circulated by the members to the public about this service.

#### **Area Budget 2020/21 – Current Position and Applications for funding dealt with etc.**

5 There was submitted a report by the Council's Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities regarding the Area Budget for 2020/21, advising

- (1) that the Calton Area Partnership's Area Budget allocation for 2020/21 was £99,512.15; and
- (2) of the Area Partnership's current budget position for 2020/21 and returned funds to date, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted
  - (i) the returned funds of £100.00 from Glasgow Youth Council, as detailed in the report; and
  - (ii) that to date, £99,412.15 (99.9%) had been allocated to various projects in the Ward, leaving £100.00 (0.10%) unallocated.

#### **Area Budget 2021/22 – Applications for Funding dealt with etc.**

6 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 2021/22, advising of the current position in relation to the proposed

Area Budget allocation and applications for funding for 2021/22, 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 2021, for the financial year 2021/22.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (1) noted
  - (a) the current Glasgow City Council budget position in relation to the proposed Area Budget allocations for 2021/22;
  - (b) the current position on awarding funds from the 2021/22 allocation;
  - (c) that time critical awards for up to £500 could be allocated from the 2021/22 budget under existing Delegated Authority arrangements;
  - (d) that proposals for the allocation of playscheme funding for summer and October 2021 would be submitted to the next meeting of the Area Partnership for approval and the changes to the travel pass scheme for 2021.
- (2) approved the proposal for awards to playschemes for the spring break to be considered in March 2021 under Delegated Functions to enable funding to be released prior to the next meeting of the Area Partnership;
- (3) dealt with the application 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>
Bridgeton Community Learning Campus	Towards costs to repair and replace sections of their community garden fence	Awarded £2,690

### **Minutes of North East Sector Community Planning Partnership of 25th November 2020 noted.**

7 The minutes of the North East Sector Community Planning Partnership of 25th November 2020 were submitted and noted.