

EAST CENTRE AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Minutes of meeting held on 6th November 2024, St Maria Goretti, Chapel Hall, Glasgow.

Present: Councillor Declan Blench (Chair); Bailie Annette Christie and Councillor Kieran Turner, Glasgow City Council; Inspector Max Shaw, Police Scotland; Mairi McLachlan, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; James Smith, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network; Paul Conroy, Springboig and Barlanark Community Council, Sharon Baldwin, Fuse Youth Café; and Ross MacPhail, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Apologies: Bailie Ann Jenkins, Glasgow City Council, Inspector Nigel Thacker, Police Scotland and Station Commander Russell McKinlay, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

Attending: J Crawford (Clerk); A Moore and Derek Speirs (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance); Maire McCairns, Cranhill Community Council and Edward Andrews, Gartcraig Community Council.

Appointment of substitute approved.

1 In terms of paragraph 6.10 of the Governance Framework, the Partnership noted that in the absence of the representative and the substitute representative from Gartcraig Community Council, the Chair had approved the attendance of Edward Andrews.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

2 The minutes of 28th August 2024 were submitted and approved.

Glasgow Community Planning Partnership Governance Framework - Membership update noted.

3 There was submitted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration providing an update regarding membership of this Partnership.

After consideration, the partnership

- (1) noted that Fuse Youth Cafe would continue as co-opted members; and
- (2) agreed to canvass for replacement co-opted membership previously held by the Baba Yangu Foundation up until March 2024.

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

4 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 which had been declared by members of the Partnership, as detailed in the report.

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

6 With reference to the minutes of 28th August 2024, there was heard a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS), regarding the process to support the East Centre Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund (NIF), including a summary of commitments to date.

After consideration, the Partnership requested that quotes be provided for the undernoted:-

- (1) installation of CCTV at Fastnet Street;
- (2) regarding the feasibility of speed bumps at Riddrie Knowes, Gartcraig Road at the Junction of the NRS depot and Longstone Road; and
- (3) for fencing to be installed in the green space areas listed below, that had been subject to regular flytipping,
 - (a) St Maria Gorettis/Bellrock Street;
 - (b) Burlington Court Care Home entrance; and
 - (c) Gadie Street, Riddrie; and
- (4) fencing at Springboig Road (left side, heading towards Edinburgh Road on the west side).

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund - Community Engagement report noted.

7 There was heard 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/Annie'sland which started 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;

- (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 in NRS; and
- (3) the Communities Team was developing a programme of community engagement for 2025 and an update would be provided.

After consideration, the Partnership noted

- (a) the report;
- (b) that a survey be generated for ideas for the NIF funding for the next Area Partnership meeting; and
- (c) that an informal meeting would be held to prioritise projects to be funded from NIF.

Police Scotland ward update noted.

5 There was heard a report by Inspector Max Shaw, Police Scotland, advising the Partnership that

- (1) driving and motoring offences had decreased;
- (2) drug possession levels had decreased, although drug driving offences had increased;
- (3) anti-social behaviour, thefts and vandalism had decreased, with thefts down nearly 50% possibly due to bad weather;
- (4) bonfire night had been a success with few incidents in the ward;
- (5) Barlinnie Prison had installed a new anti-drug drone to help in reducing illegal drugs getting into the prison; and
- (6) the drink driving campaign had started for the festive season.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report;
- (b) highlighted areas of concern regarding cars parked around the Longstone high-rise flats; and
- (c) highlighted the unauthorised firework display in the Almond Street area.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service ward update noted.

8 There was submitted and noted a report by the 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 2024, advising the Partnership that

- (1) the Service had attended 766 incidents in the North East area, these being 227 fires, 157 special services and 382 false alarms;
- (2) the changes to Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS) response from 1st July 2023 had seen an 11% decrease in the number of false alarm incidents attended by operation crews; and
- (3) the figure of 181 UFAS for Quarter 2 2024/25 showed a significant decrease of nearly 20% UFAS incidents from the same period last year.

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

8 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 Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities, advising

- (1) of the current position in relation to the Area Partnership’s budget for 2024/25;
- (2) that the East Centre Area Partnership’s Area Budget allocation for 2024/25 was £114,591.36 and that £68,838.69 had been allocated to date;
- (3) of the applications for funding from the Area Budget for 2024/25; and
- (4) of the applications dealt with under delegated authority.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the position regarding the Area Budget allocation for 2024/25; 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>
Cranhill Arts Project	Towards funding a series of skills building, multimedia arts and crafts, digital photography and introductory computer/IT skills workshops for local vulnerable adults	Awarded £3,060

Message Trust	Towards the funding of the NO More Knives tour to visit 4 schools in the east end, teaching secondary children the dangers of knife crime	Refused
Christ Healing Evangelical Chapel	To fund a range of programmes focused on health education, physical activities and mental health support	Refused
Buddies Out of School Care	To renew and replace toys and equipment for the children who attend the out of school care	Awarded £8,463
Project 31	For a pilot project in Greyfriars Church, Barlanark to provide 16 participants with an opportunity to engage in a variety of activities tackling social isolation and loneliness	Awarded £7,010
*Cranhill Community Council	To refurbish and upgrade facilities within the St Maria Goretti hall which hosts a number of activities for the community which include Halloween, Christmas and Burns Supper Events for all participants within the Ward	Awarded £11,180
Sandaig Primary School	For an outdoor classroom to help improve health and wellbeing for the pupils of Sandaig Primary School	Awarded £9,945
Sandaig Primary School Parent Council	For outdoor equipment and sound equipment for the pupils of Sandaig Primary School	Continued to next meeting
Easterhouse Football Association	For a Christmas day out in December 2024 for the participants who attend the sports club	Awarded £1,416
High Carntyne Allotments	Funding is requested to replace wooden sheds that are no longer fit for purpose.	Refused as no benefit to wider community

*Marie McCairns and Gwen McCann declared an interest in this application and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon.