

**VICTORIA PARK AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.**

Minutes of meeting held on 16th April 2025, City Chambers, Glasgow.

- Present:** Councillor Lana Reid-McConnell (Chair) and Councillor Eunis Jassemi, Glasgow City Council; Inspector Iain Sibbald, Police Scotland; Station Commander, Ben Adams, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Mhairi Shepard, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; David Rennie, Broomhill Community Council; Dr Catherine Benton, Jordanhill Community Council; Séamus-Pádraic Gallagher, Thornwood Community Council; Elizabeth Brown, Whiteinch Community Council; and Fran Lundie, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.
- Apologies:** Councillor Feargal Dalton, Glasgow City Council and Robert McKay, Jordanhill Community Council.
- Attending:** P Yule (Clerk); T Monaghan (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance); G Morrison and M Wright, Glasgow Life; and L Lovelock, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network.

**Minutes of previous meeting approved etc -**

**1** The minutes of 12th February 2025 were submitted and approved, subject to noting that Item 8(e)(ii) should be amended to read that both Councillor Dalton and Councillor Jassemi were supportive of the NIIF money being split 4 ways between the community councils.

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

**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 Elaine Hindle had been nominated as the new substitute for Broomhill Community Council.

**Police Scotland ward update noted.**

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

- (1) of the current progress that Police Scotland was making within the ward and of the current statistics in relation to incidents in the ward including the positive engagement work that had been carried out;
- (2) that road safety engagement within Car Free School Zone areas continued and illegal parking monitored around school premises;

- (3) that enforcement action against illegal bikes continued;
- (4) that officers would meet with community council Chairs to provide updates to take forward to their meetings; and
- (5) that reports of all suspicious activity should be reported to Police Scotland by calling 101 or via Crimestoppers at 0800 555111.

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

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

**4** There was heard a report by Station Commander, Ben Adams, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service regarding the current issues, incidents and work being carried out in the ward for Quarter 4, advising the Partnership

- (1) that there were 5 dwelling fires with 4 of them being in the Victoria Park Ward, however this was below average and the main cause of the fires were in relation to cooking;
- (2) that for the current quarter for the North West area of the city, there had been 182 deliberate fires, with 10 in the Victoria Park Ward in which had mainly been as a result of refuse being set on fire;
- (3) of the Strategic Service Review and options for service delivery of modernisation of the fire service;
- (4) that the next phase of the public consultation would start around June 2025, and urged members to complete it; and
- (5) that the first Police, Ambulance and Fire Service initiative aimed at youth engagement had been held in the Calton Ward with the next one being held in Easterhouse and the collaborative engagement work undertaken.

#### **Victoria Park Netball/Basketball Courts – Update noted.**

**5** There was submitted a report by Grant Morrison and Martin Wright, Glasgow Life, regarding the Victoria Park netball and basketball courts, advising

- (1) of the Steering Group that comprised representatives from the Victoria Park Community Trust, Glasgow City Council (NRS), Basketball Scotland and Glasgow Netball Association;
- (2) that over the past 12 months Glasgow Life had provided support and assistance to the Steering Group to explore and scope out options for the development of the Victoria Park facility, and to act as the applicant in seeking

to secure capital funding contributions from external agencies Sport Scotland and FCC Communities;

- (3) that the new courts would enhance and improve the provision of free and accessible sport and recreation facilities in Victoria Park, contributing to the health and wellbeing of the local community and would also act as the focus for the delivery of a programme of activities from local partners, including clubs affiliated to the Glasgow Netball Association and Basketball Scotland;
- (4) that the Area Partnership had been invited to support the allocation of £48,984 of ENV2/IPG12 receipts towards the upgrading, extension and ongoing maintenance of existing tennis courts in Victoria Park;
- (5) that the Area Partnership had been invited to support the allocation of £18,160 of ENV2/IPG12 Informal Sport receipts towards the provision and ongoing maintenance of a new, free play, mini-basketball court within the grounds of the Riverside Museum; and
- (6) of the design proposals, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report;
- (b) raised questions that were addressed by Grant Morrison and Martin Wright and welcomed the projects

### **Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network update noted – Request to the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance.**

**6** There was heard a report by Ms Lynn Lovelock, 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 and the increased demand on services;
- (3) of the tragic loss of life of a teenager who had attended Kingsway Community Connections;
- (4) that DRC continued to work closely with Workingrite on the Pathfinder holistic employability support service open to young people aged 16-24 and for more information to contact: [gerard@drcyouthproject.co.uk](mailto:gerard@drcyouthproject.co.uk) ;

- (5) that the cuts to funding and services for young people had led to a reduction in support and opportunities for young people leaving school without qualifications; and
- (6) of activity undertaken and local issues identified, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report;
- (b) raised questions and concerns regarding the ward priorities and Local Place Plans; and
- (c) requested that the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance provide an update on the Local Place Plan and ward priorities to a future meeting of this Partnership.

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

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

#### **Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund (NIIF) update noted etc.**

8 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS) providing an update on the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund (NIIF) programme, advising

- (1) of the background to the £1m NIIF programme;
- (2) that in December 2024, a small team of staff were tasked with reviewing the current process for NIIF and the backlog of requests already received, as well as devising clear guidance and processes for its management going forward;
- (3) that a review of information held within Area Partnership minutes, NRS services and across council departments had been carried out to allow a full breakdown of current committed spend, new proposals still to be costed and spend to date to be collated;
- (4) that some proposals previously discussed at Partnership meetings had been included in the report but had yet to be progressed to NRS for estimated costs and requested that the Partnership reviewed the information and confirmed that projects had been approved and should now be referred to NRS;
- (5) of the criteria for the fund, as detailed in appendix 1 to the report, and that all NIIF proposals must be approved at an Area Partnership meeting before being passed to NRS to be costed;

- (6) that NRS Neighbourhood Liaison Managers would attend each meeting to present the report produced by NRS and record all approved new proposals on an agreed template to be used internally by NRS;
- (7) that general enquiries, but not proposals, could be emailed to the NIIF mailbox at [NIIFEnquiries@glasgow.gov.uk](mailto:NIIFEnquiries@glasgow.gov.uk); and
- (8) of the NIIF proposals to date, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report;
- (b) highlighted that the 3 proposals for installation for CCTV ref 12-005, 12-006 and 12-007 should be mobile CCTV and not fixed as detailed in the report; and
- (c) agreed and approved the proposals and spend to date, as detailed in the report.

**Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund (NIIF) – Community engagement update noted etc.**

**9** With reference to the minutes of 12th February 2025 noting an update regarding the next stages for community engagement on the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund (NIIF) and agreeing various action, there was submitted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance providing a further update regarding the matter, advising

- (1) that the purpose of the report was to bring ideas for spending the NIIF that had been generated by communities to the Partnership for consideration;
- (2) that those ideas that the Partnership wished to go forward to the next stage would be assessed and costed by Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS) and brought to a future meeting when the Partnership would be asked to allocate funding;
- (3) of the next stages of the NIIF, as detailed in the report;
- (4) that community representatives had been gathering ideas for costing using a template based on the detail that NRS required and that when read alongside the previous agenda item on a progress update on the NIIF, the Partnership was able to see these ideas alongside any ideas that had already been costed, or costed and approved;
- (5) of all the ideas that had been gathered so far for this ward, as detailed in an appendix to the report, which had come from local community councils, other community organisations, Local Place Plans and Liveable Neighbourhoods;
- (6) that if the ideas list was fairly short and covered the ward well, the Partnership could agree to submit those ideas for costing, however, if the list was quite

lengthy and the Partnership was unable to shortlist it, it could be followed up with an informal meeting to prioritise ideas to get the list to a manageable size in advance of the next Partnership meeting; and

- (7) that the Partnership also needed to consider how it intended to make decisions about what to fund and choose one of the options, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report;
- (b) agreed
  - (i) that the resurfacing work on Weatland Drive should be removed as work had already been completed; and
  - (ii) that all other projects should go forward to the next stage to be assessed and costed by NRS.

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

**10** 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) of the returned funds of £5,000 that had been awarded to the Glasgow Community Food at the meeting on 11th September 2024 for providing residents with a food voucher to be used at Whiteinch Community Food Market; and
- (3) that the Victoria Park Area Partnership's Budget allocation for 2024/25 was £59,732.90 and that £54,131.81 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £5,601

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the position regarding the Area Budget allocation for 2024/25; and
- (b) the 13 applications dealt with under delegated functions, as detailed in the report

#### **Area Budget 2024/2025 - Final monitoring statement noted.**

**11** There was submitted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance regarding the Area Budget for 2024/2025, providing a final monitoring statement in relation to projects previously funded, confirming that £59,732.90 had been allocated to various projects in the Victoria Park Ward, representing a 100% spend.

**Area Budget 2025/26 – Applications for funding dealt with etc – Declaration of interest.**

**12** With reference to the minutes of the Council's City Administration Committee of 13th March 2025, when the committee approved the 2025/26 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 2025/26;
- (2) that the Victoria Park Area Partnership's Budget allocation for 2025/26 was £59,733 and that £10,735 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £48,998; and
- (3) of the applications for funding from the Area Budget for 2025/26.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted
  - (i) the position regarding the Area Budget allocation for 2025/26; and
  - (ii) the 1 application 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>
Glasgow Clyde College	Towards the costs of a 36-week programme running on a Thursday evening between 5pm and 7pm	Awarded £1,125
WestFest Ltd	Towards the costs of a community led, free cultural festival with over 100 Glasgow based organisations, community groups and local artists delivering a mixture of events, activities and projects	Refused £3,075 as it was not deemed value for money and that other events were happening already and that there was no community engagement

130th Glasgow Boys Brigade Company	Towards the costs of a residential trip to Sir Aurthur Grant Outdoor Centre, Aberdeenshire from 8th to 11th August 2025	Awarded £1,000
*Broomhill Community Council	To purchase and install a community notice board in Marlborough Oval public green space in Broomhill	Awarded £2,631
*Broomhill Community Council	To purchase and install a notice board outside Broomhill Primary School on Woodcroft Avenue	Awarded £2,744

\* David Rennie declared an interest in the applications and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon.