

SPRINGBURN/ROBROYSTON AREA PARTNERSHIP.

Minutes of meeting held on 23rd April 2025, by video conference.

Present: Councillor Graham Campbell (Chair), Councillor Christina Cannon, Councillor Audrey Dempsey and Councillor Thomas Rannachan, Glasgow City Council; Inspector Lynn Edwards, Police Scotland; Station Commander John Allan, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Joan McDonald, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Carole Phillip, Robroyston Community Council; John Thorburn, NG Homes; Nicola Thomas, Barmulloch Community Development Company and Mala Jayhindaran, Springburn Unity Network.

Apologies: Helen Carroll, Springburn Community Council; Kimberely Duff, Wallacewell Community Council and Jenny Reeve, Beatroute Arts.

Attending: D Brand (Clerk); A Martin (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance); and F Lundie (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability).

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

- 1** The minutes of 12th February 2025 were submitted and approved.

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) Inspector Lynn Edwards had been nominated as the representative and Chief Inspector Declan Todd as the substitute representative for Police Scotland, replacing Sergeant Alan Freeland;
- (2) Anthony Brooke had been nominated as the substitute representative for Robroyston Community Council; and
- (3) Daniella Kidd was no longer the substitute co-opted member representing Beatroute Arts leaving this position vacant.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund (NIIF) update noted etc.

- 3** There was submitted and noted 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 was 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 their report and would record all approved new proposals on an agreed template to be used internally by the service;
- (7) that general enquiries but not proposals could be emailed to the NIIF mailbox at NIIFEnquiries@glasgow.gov.uk; and
- (8) of the NIIF proposals to date, as detailed in the report.

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

4 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 where 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 the Springburn/Robroyston ward, as detailed in the 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 they 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 those proposals marked as priority within the report be costed.

Police Scotland ward update noted.

5 There was heard and noted a report by Inspector Lynn Edwards, Police Scotland regarding the priorities within the Ward, advising that

- (1) an action plan, and increased patrols had been set up in priority areas to address youth disorder, resulting in referral pathways for offenders being utilised and that drop in sessions to discuss this approach being provided if requested;
- (2) Police presence was more visible within priority locations in order to tackle drug mis-use and dealing;
- (3) road safety campaigns and action plans had been set up to tackle the ongoing issues relating to quad-bikes and e-bikes; and
- (4) increased patrols had been set up for targeted locations in relation to ongoing issues related to organised crime groups.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) raised a number of questions and concerns that were addressed by Inspector Edwards; and
- (b) noted that moving forward, the visibility of community officers and drop-in sessions were a priority.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service ward update noted.

6 There was heard and noted a report by Station Commander John Allan, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, regarding the current issues, incidents and work being carried out in the ward for Quarter 4, from 1st January to 31st March 2025, advising that

- (1) there had been a reduction in dwelling fires, non-fire casualties, deliberate fires, road traffic accidents and unwanted fire alarm signals compared to Quarter 3
- (2) in relation to unwanted fire alarm signals, the main offenders were hospitals in the Ward and the Service were working closely with them to alleviate this issue;
- (3) the priorities with the Community Action Team were in relation to wildfires and water safety promotion;
- (4) the Service were working in close partnership with Police Scotland in relation to the recent incidents relating to organised crime;
- (5) a review of the delivery of the Service was currently being undertaken and any proposals put forward would be part of a public consultation process in May; and
- (6) the Service would be recruiting in the summer and encouraged all partners to promote this with any youth groups they were involved with.

Area Budget 2025/26 – Application for funding dealt with etc.

7 With reference to the minutes of the Council's City Administration Committee of 13th March 2025 (Print 7, page 31), 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 Springburn/Robroyston Area Partnership's budget allocation for 2025/26 was £100,320 and a total of £1,000 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £99,320; and
- (3) of the applications for funding from the Area Budget 2025/26.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted
 - (i) the position regarding the Area Budget allocation for 2025/26; and
 - (ii) that an application had been received from Create your Dream which was ineligible for funding, 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, whilst requesting any promotional material be distributed for any community events:

| <i>Applicant</i> | <i>Purpose of application</i> | <i>Decision</i> |
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| Early Years Scotland | Towards the cost of a pilot project entitled 'Creating Caring Connection' to address a gap in services for families with neurodiverse children in Barmulloch and surrounding areas | Awarded £8,546 |
| Toonspeak Young Peoples' Theatre | Towards the cost of running summer workshops to engage young people and children across the ward through outdoor theatre performances | Awarded £6,950 |
| Springburn Parish Church | Towards the cost of supporting and developing activity classes for pupils of Elmvale Primary School who had been identified as potentially benefiting from additional support. | Awarded £5,000 |
| *Spirit of Springburn | Towards the cost of supporting various community events within the Springburn area | Awarded £8,200 |
| **Barmulloch Community Development Company | Towards the cost of supporting the 'Community in the Park' event at Robroyston Park | Awarded £8,000 on condition that all rides were free of charge and that guidance on funding community events would be implemented in future applications |

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| Springburn Auditorium CIC | Towards the cost of supporting a 2-day weekend Springburn Art Jam Event to be held during summer 2025, which would build on the success of previous art jam events | Awarded £2,382 |
| Democratic Republic Congolese Dispora in Scotland | Towards the cost of hosting a cultural event to celebrate Congolese culture through a variety of activities, including music, dance, poetry and comedy | Awarded £3,000 on condition that guidance on funding bus hire would be implemented in future applications |
| Musical Memories Springburn | Towards the cost of a steam train outing and lunch for 40 to 45 people with dementia and carers | Awarded £1,650 on condition that guidance on funding bus hire would be implemented on future applications |
| ***Springburn Unity Network | Towards the cost of a community litter project | Awarded £2,000 |
| Beatroute Arts | Towards the cost of short-term support for the Beatroute Allsorts: Create Project due to recent cuts in government funding | Awarded £4,000 |
| ***Springburn Unity Network | Towards the cost of a organising a celebration festival in May 2025 at Springburn Park | Awarded £1,500 |

*John Thorburn declared an interest in this application and left the room during its consideration.

**Nicola Thomas and Carole Phillip declared an interest in this application and left the room during its consideration.

***Mala Jayhindaran declared an interest in this application and left the room during its consideration.