

CALTON AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Minutes of the meeting held on 6th September 2023,
Calton Heritage Learning Centre, Glasgow.

- Present:** Councillor Greg Hepburn (Chair), Bailie Linda Pike and Councillor George Redmond, Glasgow City Council; Inspector Max Shaw, Police Scotland; Station Commander Barry Cranstoun, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Morven Bell, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Lesley Ward, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network; Colin Harkins, Bridgeton and Dalmarnock Community Council; Caitlin Longman, Calton Community Council; Margaret Storrie, West of Scotland Housing Association; and Martin Lundie, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability
- Apologies:** Councillor Cecilia O'Lone, Glasgow City Council; and Mary MacPherson, Calton Area Association.
- Attending:** A Croall (Clerk); H McMillan (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance); S Blanchflower and T Samuel (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability); and Chief Inspector G Robertson, Police Scotland.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

- 1 The minutes of 19th April 2023 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 Inspector Maxwell Shaw had been nominated as representative and Chief inspector Greg Robertson as the substitute representative for Police Scotland.

Thriving Places Parkhead, Dalmarnock and Camlachie - Update noted.

- 3 There was submitted and noted a report by Thriving Places providing an update to the Partnership regarding the progress of the work of Thriving Places Parkhead, Dalmarnock and Camlachie for the period from 1st April to 31st August 2023, advising

- (1) that the Thriving Places team consistently shared information on services, support and activities in the local area and had been involved in planning, delivering and supporting various community events in the last quarter;

- (2) as well as signposting and referrals the Thriving Places team had distributed £15,000 worth of Rose Vouchers to 72 families;
- (3) of the collaborative work with local partners that had taken place including a Free Pipe Factory visit for community members on 10th May 2023 and Cycle for Sustainability event on 11th August 2023;
- (4) of the support provided by Thriving Places for community involvement in decision-making; and
- (5) that a total of £3,835.44 had been spent catering for weekly groups.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund 2022/23 update noted.

4 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS), regarding the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund, advising

- (1) of an update on the progress of the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund that had been carried out and of the commitments to date that included footway improvements in the Bridgeton area that totalled £11,000;
- (2) of the community engagement process to inform the decision making process for the fund and a pilot programme of work, led by the Council's Centre of Civic Innovation, to research existing systems etc and would be working with the City Policy and Corporate Governance Team to run the system in a live testing environment, as detailed in the report;
- (3) of redirected funding totalling £6m to be topped up in future budget years for road repairs, with details relating to the ward confirmed within the appendices to this report; and
- (4) that Area Partnerships would still be expected to allocate the full £1m initially awarded.

Festive Lighting update noted – Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

5 With reference to the minutes of 19th April 2023 when the Area Partnership requested a breakdown of individual costs of festive lighting to investigate the potential for community groups to secure procurement of Christmas trees for the future festive lighting programme and if community groups could decorate the sited Christmas tree, there was heard a report by Mr Stephen Blanchflower, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS) advising

- (1) that he had recently taken over the role from David Hay (NRS);
- (2) of the difficulty to breakdown individual costs and that going forward lighting that had previously been hired at a cost would now be purchased and

provided by own teams, with a change to LED lighting that would mean there would be no longer a requirement for a safety barrier around the Christmas trees; and

- (3) that a breakdown of future costings would be required due to a new pricing regime across the city and agreed that costs would be presented January 2024.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report and raised questions in relation to information, guidance, and of the processes that would be available to community groups and of the expenses that would be involved;
- (b) highlighted concerns and disappointment that the requested information from the previous Partnership meeting of 19th April 2023 had not been provided by (NRS) to provide a breakdown of individual costs of festive lighting; and
- (c) requested that the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability provide a report to detail a breakdown of costs for Festive Lights and Christmas trees and to be circulated to all members of the Partnership as soon as possible.

Local Parks and Open Space Improvement Fund update noted – Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

6 There was submitted a report by Mr Thomas Samuel, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, regarding the Local Parks and Open Space Improvement Fund providing an update on projects allocated within the ward for years 2021/22 and 2022/23, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the Partnership noted the report and raised concerns in relation to the safety and condition of play areas within the ward and requested more details to be shared to the Partnership, particularly Scottish Government funding that would be applicable to play areas.

Police Scotland ward update noted.

7 There was heard and noted a report by Chief Inspector Greg Robertson, Police Scotland, advising

- (1) that Inspector Maxwell Shaw had taken up the post of Area Inspector at London Road and of his involvement with the community policing team and school campus officers;
- (2) of the concerns in relation to drug misuse and prostitution in the area that would continue to be policed to safeguard women and of the continued work

to target drug supply and misuse in the ward and encouraged the public to continue to report any incidents;

- (3) of the continued work with Glasgow Life in the Parkhead area regarding diversionary activities to reduce youth disorder and of the future plans to work with partners regarding divisional and local plans for Bonfire night; and
- (4) of the difficult challenges regarding parking due to the football season and of the budget constraints that Police Scotland would be facing however front line services would be protected.

After consideration, the Partnership noted

- (a) the report and raised questions in relation to the number of road traffic accidents in the area that were addressed by Chief Inspector Robertson; and
- (b) of the concerns regarding drug misuse around Havannah Street particularly during the time that events were held in the city and of the recent football celebrations at the Tollbooth area.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service ward update noted.

8 There was submitted a report by Station Commander Barry Cranstoun, 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 2023, advising

- (1) that the Service had attended 1103 fires in the North East Sector during the first quarter of 2023 that had decreased from last year's Quarter 1 by 40 and that the only increase had come from false alarms with a small rise of 19;
- (2) that the changes to Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals response from 1st July 2023 would see a significant reduction in the number of false alarm incidents attended by operational crews;
- (3) there had been 144 deliberate fires, 162 accidental fires, 59 dwelling fires, 23 non-domestic fires, 325 home safety fire visits and that there had been no fire fatalities this Quarter 1 in the North East area; and
- (4) of the prevention and protection activities carried out by SFRS in the local community as detailed in the report particularly the engagement regarding automated external defibrillators and of the training on how to use the equipment.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report and thanked Station Commander Barry Cranstoun for the update; and

- (b) raised questions in relation to the water response team and of any Bonfire night plans that would be put in place as there would be no event at Glasgow Green this year, which Station Commander Barry Cranstoun responded to.

Area Budget 2023/24 – Applications for funding dealt with - Declaration of Interests.

9 With reference to the minutes of the Council’s City Administration Committee of 23rd March 2023 (Print 1, page 41), when the committee approved the 2023/24 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 2023/24;
- (2) that the Calton Area Partnership’s Area Budget allocation for 2023/24 was £99,512.15 and a total of £69,773 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £29,739; and
- (3) of the applications for funding from the Area Budget for 2023/24.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted
 - (i) the position regarding the Area Budget allocation for 2023/24;
 - (ii) the ineligible application received from People without Labels; and
 - (iii) the applications dealt with under delegated functions as detailed in the report; 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>
GEEZA BREAK	Towards the cost to purchase 10 new Dell Optiplex PCs including delivery, installation, wiping of data from old PCs, removal of old equipment and restoring data to new PCs	Continued consideration to next meeting
Distinctive Dance Academy	Towards the cost to purchase volunteer uniforms	Awarded £220
*Parkhead Housing Association	Towards the costs to provide fortnightly community meals at Parkhead Schoolhouse to 55	Awarded £4,298

	people over 22 weeks, followed by bingo and a quiz	
*Parkhead Housing Association	Toward the cost to host Christmas events in the Parkhead Schoolhouse to provide over 50s a dinner, breakfast with Santa and a kids Christmas party	Awarded £2,090
*Parkhead Registered Tenants Organisation	Towards the cost to provide an over 50s event for Parkhead Housing Association tenants and RTO members in the Helenslea Hall	Awarded £1,020
Common Wheel	Towards the cost to fund a pilot on “how to look after your bike” sessions in Bridgeton Bus Garage	Awarded £360
*Bridgeton Community **Learning Campus	Towards the costs to refurbish the facility within 4 areas, reception needs redesigned to accommodate mobility scooter users and wheelchair users, purchase new carpets, improvements to new garden and supplies for new Men’s group	Awarded £6,255

*Baillie Pike declared an interest in these applications and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon.

**Councillor George Redmond and Lesley Ward declared an interest in this application and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon.

Area Budget Annual Report 2022/23 noted.

10 There was submitted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance regarding the Area Budget for 2022/23, in relation to projects previously funded in 2022/23, of which £99,512 had been allocated in the Calton ward, had 10% of projects funded selected as part of the Area Budget monitoring and evaluation process.