Community reports – Updates by Partnership members – Request to the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

5 There was heard verbal reports from members of this Partnership on various matters regarding the Pollokshields Ward as follows:-

(1) Strathbungo Society – Kevin Kane advised

(a) that the insufficient crossing time of 5 to 6 seconds for safe crossing by pedestrians at the pedestrian crossing at Nithsdale Road and Darnley Street had not yet been addressed;

(b) that flooding at Regent Park Square and Pollokshaws Road junction had not yet been addressed as the gutter did not drain away the water and would request a site visit by Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS) to inspect the area and to propose a remedy;

(c) that NRS had confirmed the Society would be eligible to apply for a second application to the Council's Back Lanes Fund;

(d) of the continued issues at Nithsdale Road and Pollokshaws Road with a number of large, badly sited and unused on-street bins, cycle parking and a large parked air quality monitoring unit and would request that the unit be relocated to Torrisdale Street, a relocation of tenemental bins from on-pavement to on-street and a relocation of cycle infrastructure, which could be part of a comprehensive redesign of Nithsdale Road as an active travel route. The Society had been advised by NRS that Nithsdale Road would become an "active travel route" linking South City Way and St Andrew's Drive and would request progress on this project and if the highlighted issues could be part of any redesign work; and

(e) that following concerns raised by residents regarding Strathbungo's narrow roadways, a site visit had been arranged by the Strathbungo Society and Karen Venables to discuss how the Council would administer its forthcoming pavement parking policy, including exemptions.

The Partnership noted

(i) the update; and

(ii) that Karen Venables would forward the points raised by Kevin Kane and direct the issues to the correct NRS Departments for action.

(2) Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network – Bill Lawns advised

(a) that flooding on St Andrew's Drive had been reported to Amey, who had attended the area;

(b) that he required guidance on Sustain Pollokshields breakfast to clarify if they would be business meetings or informal breakfasts and discussions and that Bill would be happy to calendar breakfast clubs; and

(c) that the issues around cyclist failing to dismount at Shields Road continued, that signs showing cyclists could use the footway had not been removed, as previously requested, and offered an alternative to the current signage being displayed.

The Partnership noted

(i) the update; and

(ii) that Karen Venables would discuss signage with NRS Management Team.

(3) Dumbreck Community Council – Ruth Maltman advised

(a) of the concerns at the lack of progress with the parking scheme on and around Ibrox on football match days;

(b) of the general state of repair on roads and the number of bottles on side streets;

(c) of the concerns of the layout of the junction at Dumbreck Street that required to be reviewed; and

(d) that a traffic calming measure using a cardboard cut-out of a police officer should be considered at Nithsdale Road.

The Partnership noted

(i) the update; and

(ii) that Karen Venables would be happy to have a walkabout with the Council's Roads Department, that the Partnership could consider any costs for changing the layout under the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund and would speak to Police Scotland regarding the cut-out.

(4) Craigton Community Council – Mary Williamson advised

(a) that she was in agreement that match day parking, as highlighted by Ruth Maltman, was dreadful;

(b) that railings at Bellahouston Drive had been completed and that 3 benches were in place at Minto Crescent;

(c) that replacement of fencing in Bellahouston Park and other works were still outstanding;

(d) that Friends of Bellahouston Park would be closing as they could no longer continue its endless struggles with NRS issues or afford the insurance costs; and

(e) that the agenda papers were too large, with too much reading in the paperwork.

(5) Shawlands and Strathbungo Community Council – John Smith advised

(a) that the Community Council had started work on the local place plan, with a consultant appointed, a steering group formed and would invite local stakeholders to participate;

(b) that concerns had been raised by Friends of Queens Park

(i) regarding the lighting in Queens Park on why it had been deemed necessary to install lighting around most of the large pond and considered that there was sufficient lighting from streetlamps on Pollokshaws Road;

(ii) requested if new lighting columns would be installed from Balvicar Drive to Victoria Road gates and down to Langside Road; and

(iii) querying that if a specialist survey had been carried out for the area, would lighting impact assessments be carried out before the installation commenced, could lighting around the large pond be reconsidered and could Friends of Queens Park be consulted at every step of the process for the lighting upgrade;

(c) that the public toilets on Pollokshaws Road at Hugs and Mugs had been out of operation for a considerable period and the Community Council would like to know the conditions of the lease between the Council and Healthmatic and what steps the Council would take where the company breached the conditions of this lease and failed to provide an operational toilet;

(d) of a noticeable increase in graffiti in and around the Shawlands area and residents had suggested designated graffiti walls to help deter vandals and that bushes be planted adjacent to the gable wall at Grantley Street, with a check on who owned the land to be carried out first; and

(e) that the timing of the crossing at Darnley Street and Nithsdale Road had been recently visited by a Council officer who found the timing of the crossing to be satisfactory and that traffic signals in the United Kingdom were designed and timed for pedestrians to cross the carriageway at the designated crossing points and not diagonally.

(6) Pollokshields Heritage – Ann Laing advised

(a) that the upcoming Heritage AGM would result in a new chairperson and secretary;

(b) that a planning conveyor had been invited to attend the Planning Applications Committee; and

(c) of the complaints regarding parking on both sides of the road at Sherbrook Hotel, which made it impossible to drive through, which would be a concern should Scottish Fire and Rescue Service require access and requested one side of the road be coned off.

(7) Pollokshields Community Council - Tabassum Niamat advised

(a) of the overflowing bins and missing bin lids at McCulloch Street;

(b) of the anti-social behaviour issues that the Community Council were trying to address;

(c) that Tabassum would like to be more involved with “Polish the Shields”, to help clean-up the area, which could also help tackle anti-social behaviour; and

(d) of the potholes at Albert Drive and timing of the lights at Darnley Street, which only allowed 3 to 4 cars through before changing.

(8) Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability – Karen Venables advised that she was aware of the issues with bin hubs, graffiti and potholes and would be available to meet with the Community Council to help tackle anti-social behaviour and would provide an update at the next meeting of the Partnership.