Item 1

13th February 2024

POLLOKSHIELDS AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Minutes of meeting held on 21st November 2023, City Chambers, Glasgow.

Present: Councillor Jon Molyneux (Chair), Councillor Zen Ghani, Bailie Norman MacLeod and Bailie Hanif Raja, Glasgow City Council; Inspector Ian Scott, Police Scotland; Station Commander Douglas Millar, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Bill Lawns, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network; Mary Williamson, Craigton Community Council; Tabassum Niamat, Pollokshields Community Council; Ann Laing, Pollokshields Heritage; John Smith, Shawlands and Strathbungo Community Council; and Karen Venables, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Apologies: Allison McKenna-Breen, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Ruth Maltman, Dumbreck Community Council; Kevin Kane, Strathbungo Society; and Shahnaz Ahmed Shakoor and Pauline Fletcher, Southside Housing Association.

Attending: E Miller (Clerk); D Speirs (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance); and K McCormick (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability).

Minutes of previous meeting approved etc – Requests to Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability and Councillor Molyneux.

1 The minutes of 12th September 2023 were submitted and approved, subject to noting the following

(1) a few minor alterations that the clerk would amend online accordingly;

(2) Item 1(2), regarding potential new co-opted membership that;

(a) Councillor Molyneux had contacted and met with organisations to discuss joining the Partnership as co-opted members;

(b) Derek Speirs, Principal Officer, City Policy and Corporate Governance Team indicated that South East Integration Network had requested to join the Partnership;

(c) that Councillor Molyneux agreed to meet with the Network, with all organisations to be reviewed and interest confirmed, with a view to attending the Partnership as co-opted members in the future; and

(d) Bailie Raja expressed a view that representatives from black and ethnic minority organisations should be considered.

(3) Item 1(4), Ann Laing was a co-opted member of the East Pollokshields Renaissance Forum;

(4) Item 1(5) that a report by Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS) on environmental issues within the ward had been previously requested but to date had still not been submitted for consideration, which the partnership deemed unacceptable, and as a result Councillor Molyneux had arranged a meeting with NRS to discuss the issues highlighted by the Partnership and if NRS failed to provide the requested reports, the matter would be taken further to the Executive Director of NRS;

(5) Item 2, regarding Membership, that substitute nominees Iffat Ahmed, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network and Amy Smyth NRS had been confirmed pending completed nomination paperwork, therefore a membership update would be provided at the next meeting of the Partnership;

(6) Item 4(1)(c) irresponsible parking at bin hubs, Karen Venables would confirm if enforcement action had been put in place and provide an update to the next meeting of the Partnership;

(7) Item 4(3)(b) regarding irresponsible cyclists who fail to dismount at the Shields Road bridge works, it was noted that

(a) Bill Lawns and elected members had met with Network Rail, Police Scotland and NRS regarding the issue;

(b) discussions had not been successful as cyclists were still failing to dismount on the narrow footpath;

(c) the responsibility of the path lay with Network Rail and that Police Scotland officers were seeking advice from their legal services division but currently there was no recourse to legislation that would allow enforcement action to be taken; and

(d) the Partnership thanked Bill Lawns for the work undertaken and agreed that Councillor Molyneux would write to Network Rail and Glasgow City Council, on behalf of the Partnership to raise the ongoing concerns at the safety of pedestrians who shared the footpath with cyclists; and

(8) Item 5(3) regarding ENV2 funding, that information had been circulated to members and would be re-sent to Bailie MacLeod for reference.

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 on the membership of this Partnership advising that

(1) John Harkins had replaced Melih Caner Inancli as the substitute representative for Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; and

(2) Station Commander Andrew Crawford had replaced Station Commander George Winters as the substitute representative for Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

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

3 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.

Area Budget 2023/24 – Applications for funding dealt with etc.

4 With reference to the minutes of the Council's City Administration Committee of 23rd March 2023, 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 Pollokshields Area Partnership's Area Budget allocation for 2023/24 was £62,408.19 and a total of £54,858 had been allocated to date leaving a balance of £7,550.19; and

(3) of the applications for funding from the Area Budget for 2023/24.

After consideration, the partnership

(a) noted the position regarding the Area Budget allocations for 2023/24; and

(b) dealt with applications for funding as follows, the grant award being subject to the conditions detailed in the report:

Applicant	*Purpose of application*	*Decision*
Pollokshields Trust	Towards the cost purchasing planters to make the Albert Cross/Kenmure Street pavement area more attractive	Consideration continued for further information
YoMo Young Movers	Towards the cost of short-term funding to address the increasing demand for the service and to allow	Awarded £1,109

	the organisation to find a longer term solution/funding for the project going forward	
East Pollokshields Quad	Towards the cost of creating a programme of activity for young children within the greenspace in the quad area	Awarded £2,852
Active Schools	Towards the cost of an active school programme in Shawlands Academy, Annette Street Primary School, Battlefield Primary School, Blackfriars Primary School, Cuthbertson Primary School, Langside Primary School and Shawlands Primary School	Awarded £800

Community reports – Updates by Partnership members.

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

(1) Shawlands and Strathbungo Community Council – John Smith highlighted issues regarding removal of communal blue bins from the streets and the concerns that the back court bins were not adequate and could cause contamination within the back courts.

Thereafter, Karen Venables, NRS agreed to refer the concerns to the relevant team, and provide an update to the Partnership.

(2) Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) – Station Commander Douglas Millar, advised

(a) that within the ward there had been 19 fires, no fatalities, 14 false alarms of which 11 were unwanted fire alarms, which had seen a 40% decrease from July 2023, since the new policy had come into force;

(b) that SFRS had attended 14 Special Services, carried out 30 Home Fire Safety Visits and working with the Community Action Team had distributed leaflets and had carried out anti-social behaviour talks on fire safety; and

(c) that bonfire night had been very busy but overall a success, although there had been attacks on members of the Service in the North East of the city.

(3) Glasgow Third Sector Network – Bill Lawns highlighted the issue regarding the Council's Liveable Neighbourhoods work which split the area covered by

Southside Housing properties over 2 areas, with Councillor Molyneux advising that each area had the same level of resource allocation, which included 3 projects to take forward to the next stage.

(4) Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS) – Karen Venables advised that

(a) NRS thanked Police Scotland, SFRS and Elected Members for their assistance with firework reporting and the engagement with schools and the community prior to bonfire night;

(b) drain cleaning on streets that had been missed would be carried out by the end of November and further information could be found on the Council's website at https://glasgow.gov.uk/gullies;

(c) all resurfacing issues highlighted in the minutes of 12th September 2023, had been put forward for action to the relevant teams;

(d) issues with fly-tipping on or around Housing Association properties in Craigton had been referred to the Wheatley Group;

(e) the deep cleaning of streets within the Craigton area had been noted and NRS would arrange for a team to revisit the area around the festive season, based on a list of streets provided to them; and

(f) work was ongoing in Dumbreck with regard to the clearance of leaves.

(5) Craigton Community Council – Mary Williamson highlighted issues within Bellahouston Park advising that

(a) there was fencing that required replacing, including an area that covered 145 meters, however to date no communication had been received from NRS regarding this matter;

(b) they contacted the Neighbourhood Co-ordinator, NRS to request a programme of works for the area, however to date there had been no response;

(c) the community had not been consulted on the design of the playpark and NRS had made a decision on the design; and

(d) they were dissatisfied with the length of time taken by NRS to submit tenders to contractors and subsequently carry out required work.

The Partnership noted

(i) the update, with Councillor Molyneux advising that he had also raised with NRS the issues regarding the fencing work following a recent meeting with the community council;

(ii) that Kevin McCormack, NRS had been working with a contractor with regard to Bellahouston Park fencing, with refurbishment to include re-using existing fencing and would try to ensure that the works be actioned as soon as possible;

(iii) that costs may have increased for the project, which may need to be approved by the Partnership; and

(iv) that Ms Williamson had highlighted this to NRS at the last meeting of this Partnership, however no work had been carried out to date.

(6) Police Scotland – Inspector Scott advised

(a) that officers had responded to complaints regarding speeding, loud exhausts, anti-social behaviour, drug dealing etc, with speed checks publicised on Police Scotland's website;

(b) that the issues around cyclists who failed to dismount at Shields Road Bridge had been highlighted to Police Scotland's legal team and Inspector Scott would provide an update to a future meeting of the Partnership;

(c) of the Your Police survey, which Police Scotland encouraged all members of the public to complete;

(d) of the fireworks strategy and thanked NRS for the plan, which had been circulated to other Police Scotland divisions for reference;

(e) that police had been targeted with fireworks, which had resulted in 2 officers being injured;

(f) of the work with NRS around community safety;

(g) that there had been increased public concern and hate crime reports relating to the Middle East conflict, but no increase in anti-social behaviour; and.

(h) there had been an increase in bicycle thefts and the community police officers would monitor and provide safety and security advice to members of the public.

(7) Pollokshields Heritage – Ann Laing highlighted

(a) that Pollokshields Heritage had been involved in several planning applications that included different proposals within the area, and as a result had lodged objections with the Planning Applications Committee; and

(b) concerns around the safety at cycle lanes on St Andrews Drive and Nithsdale Road and the issues around traffic delays due to the temporary road and bridge closures.

(8) Pollokshields Community Council – Tabassum Niamat advised that

(a) they thanked local officers who continued to attend their meetings on a regular basis;

(b) they were awaiting confirmation as to whether the planned fireworks event by Youth Community Support Agency (YCSA) had gone ahead;

(c) drivers continued to park in front of communal bins and fly-tipping by residents continued to be problematic; and

(d) they had previously submitted a participation request on waste and cleansing matters however this was not being actively progressed.

The Partnership noted

(i) that Derek Spiers would provide an update on the YCSA activity funded via the Area Budget; and

(ii) that Karen Venables would re-engage with the community council regarding the participation request.

Glasgow's Food Plan – Presentation by Glasgow Centre for Population Health noted etc.

6 The Partnership heard and noted a presentation by Ms Riikka Gonzalez, Glasgow Centre for Population Health regarding Glasgow's Food Plan, advising

(1) that the vision for Glasgow was to be recognised for its good food and as a city where tasty, healthy, affordable food was accessible to everyone;

(2) of the Glasgow Food Policy Partnership Partners and how the Plan had been collaboratively developed over 2 years;

(3) of the evolving plan together with the long term outcomes of the plan; and

(4) that information could be sought from Riikka.Gonzalez@glasgow.ac.uk, Twitter and Facebook: @GlasgowFPP, Instagram: @goodfoodforglasgow and via www.goodfoodforall.co.uk.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the presentation, which had been emailed to the Partnership for reference;

(b) raised a number of questions that were addressed by Ms Gonzalez; and

(c) noted that the Partnership and Development Officers would be happy to support connections on behalf of the Partnership with the organisation.

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

7 With reference to the minutes of 12th September 2023, there was subitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods (NRS), Regeneration and Sustainability, regarding the Pollokshields Infrastucture Fund, advising of

(1) the progress on work to be carried out within the ward and the commitments to date, as detailed in the report; and

(2) the Centre of Civic Innovation, community engagement process, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted

(i) the report; and

(ii) that Karen Venables, NRS would arrange a walkabout in Maxwell Park/Maxwell Drive to highlight areas to be considered for environmentally friendly lighting, such as that used in Pollok Park, which would include consulting with Pollokshields Heritage regarding lighting around the park and the Burgh Hall;

(b) approved funding of £5,000 towards the renovation of herbaceous border and creation of wildflower meadow, behind the Burgh Hall, in Maxwell Park;

(c) approved in principle £15,000 towards dropped kerbs at 5 locations, as detailed in the report, subject to checking there would be no conflict of works with the proposed Liveable Neighbourhoods activity in the local area;

(d) approved in principle £3,000 for drainage investigation near the pond in Maxwell Park, subject to clarifying whether funding could not be awarded from the Council's existing maintenance budget; and

(e) continued consideration of a funding request of £57,000 for lighting works in Queens Park, with the total costs being split with neighbouring Area Partnerships as consideration would initially be taken by the Queens Park Working Group.

Local Parks and Open Spaces update noted.

8 With reference to the minutes of 7th September 2023, there was submitted and noted a report by Mr Kevin McCormick, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, regarding 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.

Changes to Fireworks Legislation report noted – Request to Councillor Molyneux.

9 There was submitted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance, regarding fireworks legislation with an attached copy of the report advising that the report had been submitted to the Council's Environment and Liveable Neighbourhoods City Policy Committee on 6th June 2023.

After consideration, the Partnership

(1) noted the report and that guidance on the control of fireworks had been published by the Council; and

(2) requested that the Partnership write to Trading Standards to seek further clarification on the timescale for introducing the Fireworks Licensing System (General Public).

Minutes of South Sector Community Planning Partnership noted.

10 The minutes of the South Sector Community Planning Partnership of 3rd October 2023 were submitted and noted.

Future meeting dates 2024 approved.

11 The dates of the 2024 meetings were submitted and approved by the Partnership as detailed below.

Tuesday 13th February 2024 at 1000 hours
Tuesday 23rd April 2024 at 1000 hours
Tuesday 10th September 2024 at 1000 hours
Tuesday 19th November 2024 at 1000 hours.