Item 1

23rd April 2024

POLLOKSHIELDS AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Minutes of meeting held on 13th February 2024, City Chambers, Glasgow.

Present: Bailie Norman MacLeod (Chair) and Councillor Zen Ghani, Glasgow City Council; Inspector Chris Thomson, Police Scotland; Station Commander Douglas Millar, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; John Harkins, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Bill Lawns, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network; Mary Williamson, Craigton Community Council; Samina Rashid, Pollokshields Community Council; Ann Laing, Pollokshields Heritage; Michael Igoe, Shawlands and Strathbungo Community Council; and Pauline Fletcher, Southside Housing Association.

Apologies: Councillor Jon Molyneux, Glasgow City Council; Ruth Maltman, Dumbreck Community Council; John Smith, Shawlands and Strathbungo Community Council; Kevin Kane Strathbungo Society; and Shahnaz Ahmed Shakoor, Southside Housing Association.

Attending: E Miller (Clerk); and K Docherty (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance).

Minutes of previous meeting approved etc.

1 The minutes of 21st November 2023 were submitted and approved, subject to noting the following

(1) that any Partnership members and/or officers who were unable to attend the meeting should ensure that apologies be submitted timeously to the clerk, evelyn.miller@glasgow.gov.uk, prior to the meeting;

(2) Item 1(2)(a)-(d), regarding potential new co-opted members, an update would be provided by Councillor Molyneux at the next meeting of the Partnership;

(3) Item 1(4), regarding the Partnership's request for written reports from Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS), which would be progressed by Councillor Molyneux with NRS, that the matter would be continued to the next meeting of the Partnership;

(4) Item 1(6), regarding irresponsible parking at bin hubs, that the matter would be continued to the next meeting of the Partnership;

(5) Item 1(7)(c), regarding irresponsible cyclists on footways, it was requested that a report be provided by Police Scotland to the next meeting of the Partnership to advise of their understanding on the law around cyclists on footpaths and if Police Scotland agreed with Scottish Ministers that it was

unlawful, what enforcement action could or would be taken against cyclists who broke the law;

(6) Item 5(1), regarding an update on the removal of back communal blue bins, in the absence of Karen Venables, NRS, the item would be continued to the next meeting of the Partnership, with the Chair of Shawlands and Strathbungo Community Council to contact Ms Venables with an update on the ongoing issues with this matter;

(7) Item 5(5)(b), regarding the outstanding programme of works in the Craigton area and that Craigton Community Council had met with NRS who confirmed the works would be included in the programme for this year and that the Partnership would request an update by Karen Venables, NRS at the next meeting of this Partnership;

(8) Item 5(5)(iii)-(iv), regarding outstanding Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund projects previously approved by the Partnership that despite being highlighted to NRS, no work had been carried out to date and concerns were raised as to why additional costs would have to be covered by the Partnership when costings for completion of the work had been agreed and approved by members, however due to delays with the projects, costs had increased through no fault of the Partnership;

(9) Item 6(b), regarding cyclists who failed to dismount at Shields Road Bridge, a report would be provided by Police Scotland to the next meeting of the Partnership;

(10) Item 7(8)(i)-(ii), regarding an update on Youth Community Support Agency, an update would be provided at the next meeting of the Partnership;

(11) Item 6, Glasgow's Food Plan, following the presentation, the Partnership heard that Bill Lawns, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network had arranged a successful meeting with the organisation who thanked Mr Lawns for organising it;

(12) Glasgow's Food Plan, following the presentation, Bill Lawns, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network arranged a successful meeting and thanked Mr Lawns for arranging it;

(13) Item 7(a)-(e), regarding Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund, the Partnership requested a full report on decisions and spending to date and the balance remaining;

(14) Item 8, regarding Local Parks and Open Spaces, the Partnership requested detailed reports to confirm what had been approved for 2021/22 and 2022/23, what had been completed and if projects were still outstanding, information to advise why and if there had been a budget for 2023/24 a separate report on the budget available and detailing any spend and projects outstanding; and

(15) Item 9, regarding changes to Fireworks Legislation, to confirm if Councillor Molyneux had written to Trading Standards to seek clarification on the timescale for the introduction of the Fireworks Licensing System (General Public) and the reply to be circulated to the next meeting of the Partnership and, if not, a letter would be issued to the appropriate department on behalf of the Partnership.

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) Inspector Chris Thomson had replaced Inspector Mark McLaughlin as the substitute representative for Police Scotland;

(2) Station Commander Martine Barr had replaced Station Commander Andrew Crawford as the substitute representative for Scottish Fire and Rescue Service;

(3) Iffat Ahmed had been nominated as the substitute representative for Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network;

(4) Amy Smyth had been nominated as the co-opted substitute representative for Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability; and

(5) Ann Laing had not yet been able to confirm a substitute representative for Pollokshields Heritage.

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

3 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 £59,619 had been allocated to date leaving a balance of £2,789.19; 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*
*Strathbungo Society	Towards the cost of the annual community event "Window Wanderland"	Awarded £1,100
Shawlands BID	Towards the cost of repairing the parklets at Abbot Street/ Pollokshaws Road and Skirving Street	Awarded £350
St Albert's Primary School	Towards the cost of an outdoor shelter and gardening equipment	Awarded £1,339.19

*Councillor Ghani declared an interest in this application and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon.

Area Budget 2024/25 – Applications for funding dealt with etc – Declaration of interest.

4 There was submitted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance, advising that

(1) that the Area Budget had still to be agreed by the City Administration Committee and any revisions to Area Budget allocations for 2024/25 would be detailed in a future report;

(2) that Area Partnerships had the option to approve a portion of funds from its 2024/25 Area Budget at the January/February 2024 cycle of meetings for any projects/services that would take place early in the 2024/25 financial year;

(3) that any funding recommended would be subject to confirmation of available finances;

(4) that any applications considered at the January/February 2024 cycle of meetings should be time critical; and

(5) of changes to the Playscheme Travel Pass Scheme as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted

(i) that the Area Budget allocations for 2024/25 were subject to availability of funds following approval of Glasgow City Council's 2024/25 budget, with any revisions to current levels of budget being subject to a future report;

(ii) the interim arrangements which enabled the allocation of a portion of the funding from the 2024/25 Area Budget in the January/February cycle for time critical applications; and

(iii) that SPT had taken the decision it would no longer produce travel passes for Playschemes and out of school care clubs due to the view that in many instances, Playscheme travel passes would duplicate the reimbursement model that travel operators now had with the Young Persons' (Under 22) Free Bus Travel scheme; and

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

Applicant	*Purpose of application*	*Decision*
Pollokshields Trust	Towards the cost of purchasing planters and to relocate artwork previously located on the hoarding of Albert Cross onto newly fabricated site specific planters	Consideration continued for further information ie approved permission for the planters
45th Glasgow Boys Brigade	Towards the cost of an outdoor trip to Boat of Garten Aviemore	Awarded £1,000
*Hidden Gardens	Towards the cost of a programme of activities between April and June 2024	Awarded £3,241, subject to the pending match funding being confirmed
Prince and Princess of Wales Hospice	Towards the cost of an event focused on breaking down barriers for women from the South Asian community in Pollokshields	Awarded £412

(c) agreed that all applicants should confirm a contribution to the application for funding, per the request of the Partnership.

*Councillor Ghani declared an interest in this application and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon.

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

(a) that there had been a 40% reduction on call outs for SFRS, following the change in legislation in July 2023, resulting in the service only attending unwanted fire alarm signals where there would be a sleeping risk ie hospitals, hospices and student premises etc; and

(b) raised questions and concerns around houses of multiple occupancy.

The Partnership

(i) noted the update;

(ii) requested that information on SFRS report for Special Service Incidents and Unintentional Injury or Harm included a comparison for the same quarter in the previous year, which had been provided for other statistics, which Station Commander Millar noted and would advise at a future meeting if this information could be included;

(iii) highlighted a planning application, reference 24/00072-FUL as the Partnership had concerns about the occupancy and safety of this property.

(2) Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) – John Harkins advised that the HSCP report for the South had been circulated to members advising that

(a) the East Pollokshields Community Oriented Primary Care group continued to meet quarterly to coordinate collaborative activity in response to identified GP practice/community priorities;

(b) Urban Roots continued to deliver therapeutic community garden and growing programmes as part of HSCP/HI commissioned Food for Thought contract;

(c) HSCP continued to support activities across a number of greenspaces and organisations, including Shields Community Garden, The Bowling Green, Pollokshields Quad and Nan Mackay Hall;

(d) a timeline had been agreed for the rebuild of Shields Garden Room for February/March 2024;

(e) the Quit Your Way stop smoking service had been positive and 2 face to face clinics were currently in operation at Pollok Health Centre, 21 Cowglen Road, Glasgow G53 6EQ (Civic Realm Community Room)

and Kellock Pharmacy, The Braes Shopping Centre, Dougrie Drive, Castlemilk, Glasgow G45 9AA; and

(f) that links to the health improvement calendar could be accessed at Health-Improvement-training-calendar January-June 2024 and attachments had been provided on drug and alcohol awareness with information on training could be access at https://www.sdftraining.org.uk/glasgow and information on suicide prevention for reference.

The Partnership noted

(i) the update; and

(ii) the suggestion by Mr Bill Lawns that suicide prevention leaflets could be left at receptions within Housing Associations etc as it was more likely that someone would take a leaflet rather than ask for help face to face.

(3) Shawlands and Strathbungo Community Council – Michael Igoe advised

(a) the community council had expressed an interest in its area being included in the extension of the bin hub trial and were currently consulting with residents via social media channels to determine the views of the local community and would feed back to the Council following the completion of its consultation;

(b) the community council wished the area of land behind 32/34 Tassie Street to be included in the Council's Open Space Register to protect it as a greenspace;

(c) that flooding issues persisted in the area and there was concern about a longstanding flooding problem underneath the railway bridge at Kilmarnock Road adjacent to Pollokshaws East station as the road flooded from the footpaths on both sides and restricted the width of the carriageway which would be safely passable and they would urgently like this addressed by the Council; and

(d) the community council raised concerns regarding regular reports of vandalism and graffiti at the unused A-listed Langside Halls building in the heart of the community and that the community council continued to report these issues but requested more be done to protect the building, such as the extension of CCTV coverage.

The Partnership noted

(i) the update;

(ii) that Inspector Thomson confirmed Police Scotland were aware of the vandalism, however CCTV coverage was limited to only a few hours each day; and

(iii) that Bailie MacLeod, on behalf of the Partnership would contact the relevant department to request 24-hour CCTV coverage at the halls and contact Glasgow Life to request larger signage to advise that CCTV was in use as a deterrent.

(4) Southside Housing Association – Pauline Fletcher advised

(a) that the association had held meetings with the Council regarding 2 fire damaged sights;

(b) of a feasibility study carried out at St Andrew's Drive regarding play equipment, traffic management improvements etc and that the association had plans in place and would be seeking funding of around £1.6m to complete the project;

(c) of the issues at the junction of 355 Shields Road and Albert Drive, which had resulted in several accidents and that the association had contacted the Council's Roads Department and Police Scotland to review and change the junction due to irresponsible parking that reduced visibility for drivers, which Inspector Thomson took note of to refer to his colleagues;

(d) that the association were reviewing its factoring services and home owners would be required to seek alternative factors; and

(e) that funding had been received for the holiday Spring Food Programme, which would be held during the 2-week Easter school break.

The Partnership noted the update and agreed that the junction required alternative traffic signals or if necessary physical traffic calming methods.

(5) Pollokshields Community Council – Samina Rashid highlighted ongoing issues with regard to traffic at Haggs Road and cyclists on Shields Road.

(6) Pollokshields Heritage – Ann Laing advised

(a) that the Heritage continued to review all planning applications within the ward and a conveyor continued to highlight issues to the Council's Planning Officers; and

(b) of the recent successful heritage talks, which had resulted in renewed interest for the area.

(7) Craigton Community Council – Mary Williamson advised that she blamed the Council for lack of action within the ward and that it had gone on too long as

funds had been allocated last year but no work carried out, with lack of staff and money being attributed to the delay in projects that remained outstanding.

(8) Police Scotland – Inspector Chris Thomson advised

(a) of upcoming days of action regarding parking issues; and

(b) of the operational changes within Police Scotland, including a reduction in resources and stations and that members were encouraged to put forward comments and concerns via the consultation process, which could be accessed at https://consult.scotland.police.uk/strategy-insight-and-innovation/lpp2023/.

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

(a) of the new temporary bridge now in place and in use at Shields Road, and despite the majority of cyclists who were adhering to the dismount signs during the first few days, a substantial number now continued to ignore these, which remained dangerous for pedestrians, particularly on icy days as there was not enough room for both cyclists and pedestrians;

(b) that previously the bridge had been the responsibility of the Council, however the new bridge had been constructed by Network Rail, who should be held responsible for ensuring the safety of users;

(c) that following the presentation by Glasgow Food Policy Partnership (GFPP), Mr Lawns arranged a more detailed meeting with growing organisations within the ward; and

(d) that after a GFPP presentation on the history and plans for the future of the organisation, Hidden Gardens had offered to host a future meeting as it was felt the ward would benefit from a collective understanding from similar projects within the ward and anyone who wished to join the meetings should contact Mr Lawns.