Community reports and updates by Partnership members noted – Request to the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability and Police Scotland.

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

(1) Craigton Community Council – Mary Williamson advised

(a) that the scheduled deep clean in Craigton had not taken place, resulting in numerous complaints;

(b) that funding had been granted for replacement fencing in Bellahouston Park during 2021/22 and 2022/23, however due to increased costs, both awards had been amalgamated by Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS); and

(c) of the problems residents had trying to report issues through the NRS app and that the community would now phone continually until the matters had been resolved.

The Partnership noted

(i) the update; and

(ii) that Karen Venables had been aware of the scheduled deep clean work and would attend the next meeting of the community council to discuss the issues and would arrange to review the area to ensure the deep clean had been carried out and any missed drains completed.

(2) Dumbreck Community Council – Ruth Maltman advised

(a) that the members of the community council were not happy at the lack of work being carried out, despite identifying issues over the last few years;

(b) of the parking scheme, which had been put back and was totally unacceptable;

(c) of the continued concerns of the layout of the junction at Dumbreck Road that required to be reviewed and that the traffic calming measure had not been carried out; and

(d) of the general disrepair of the roads, with numerous potholes etc.

The Partnership noted

(i) the update; and

(ii) that Karen Venables would be happy to arrange walkabout with the Council's Traffic Team and would highlight issues raised with the Council's Roads Department manager.

(3) Police Scotland – Inspector Hogg advised

(a) that recent vacancies had been filled, with 2 officers allocated to the Pollokshields Ward;

(b) of the increase in house break-ins and that arrests had been made;

(c) of the engagement with Rangers Union Bears with regard to football traffic, alternative routes and mis-behaviour; and

(d) of the speeding and parking action days to be carried out and that repeat offenders could be reported by calling 101.

The Partnership noted

(i) the update; and

(ii) the request to clarify if it would be illegal to alter an exhaust to make it materially louder.

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

(a) that a great job had been carried out on the new bridge and that Story's staff should be congratulated on the professional and caring way they operated by protecting the public from inconsiderate cyclists;

(b) that cycle signs and shared signs were still being displayed; and

(c) that Council surveys should not be online only as the recent firework survey had excluded older people who cannot access the internet.

(5) Pollokshields Heritage – Ann Laing advised

(a) that the Heritage AGM had resulted in a new chairperson and secretary;

(b) that there had been an improved calibre of planning applications and recent applications had been upheld;

(c) of the concerns regarding cycle lanes, which could disrupt small businesses like chemists, doctors surgeries, places of worship etc; and

(d) of the new scheme of street trees and that the Heritage would be keen to be part of the project.

(6) Pollokshields Community Council – Samina Rashid advised of the issues with regard to gullies and numerous potholes, which had been reported but no action had been taken.

The Partnership noted the report and that any problem gullies could be reported to Karen Venables to action.

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

(a) that a second survey had been launched to develop more definite proposals with regard to the local place plan and the website had now gone live and could be accessed at QPN.org.uk;

(b) that some changes had been made to the timing of the crossing at Darnley Street and Nithsdale Road and that Karen Venables had offered to meet with the Community Council to discuss these changes;

(c) of the road issues at Frankfort Street where vehicles consistently drove down the one-way street in the wrong direction, which had been highlighted to Police Scotland at the recent community council meeting who advised that the matter should be referred to the Council to arrange a road engineer to visit and advise of a solution to deter this practise; and

(d) of the concerns by residents, following the introduction of the Council's pavement parking ban.

The Partnership noted

(i) the update;

(ii) that Karen Venables

(A) confirmed the Council's Road's Department had reviewed the timing of the lights at Darnley Street crossing, however they would not encourage pedestrians to cross the junction diagonally and Karen would arrange to meet the community council to discuss the timing of the lights; and

(B) noted the issues at Franfort Street and would report this to the relevant department.