North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network – Update noted.

10 There was heard a report by Jane Cowie, North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network (NWGVSN) providing an update on their work, advising

(1) of the continued concerns with regards to the cost of living crisis, the increased demand on services and that some members would be considering fund raising and crowd funding to keep facilities open or to offer additional services;

(2) that Partick Housing Association (PHA) had issues with tenants self-disconnecting their energy due to standing charges and that their money adviser was supporting 20-25 people per week, and that PHA had introduced an emergency food and fuel support fund to assist;

(3) that the Annexe Cost of Living Support group had been working with Glasgow University students in their Seeds of Change programme looking at a system and potential change of policy to reduce waste of their sandwiches and lunch foods and as a result had adopted the idea of using “Save Our Sandwiches” stickers on their food products; and

(4) that the Annexe had a final push for local signatures to assist with the transfer of the Annexe building ownership for the community; and

(5) that the Beith Grove Garden had been cleared and was ready for the next stages of planning to include residents’ consultation and a steering group, all due to funding from the area partnership.