Item 1

19th November 2024

POLLOKSHIELDS AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Minutes of meeting held on 10th September 2024, City Chambers, Glasgow.

Present: Councillor Jon Molyneux (Chair), Bailie Norman MacLeod, Councillor, Zen Ghani, and Bailie Hanif Raja, Glasgow City Council; Inspector Graeme Hogg, Police Scotland; Station Commander Douglas Millar, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Bill Lawns, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network; Mary Williamson, Craigton Community Council; Ruth Maltman, Dumbreck Community Council; Samina Rashid, Pollokshields Community Council; Ann Laing, Pollokshields Heritage; Michael Igoe, Shawlands and Strathbungo Community Council; Karen Venables, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability; and Shahnaz Ahmed Shakoor, Southside Housing Association.

Apologies: Alison McKenna-Breen, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; and John Smith, Shawlands and Strathbungo Community Council.

Attending: E Miller (Clerk); K Docherty and K McKenzie (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance); J Hughes, K McCormick, E Scanlon and G Walker (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability); C Allan and C Tait, Castlemilk Youth Complex; and A Din, Youth Community Support Agency.

Minutes of previous meeting approved etc.

1 The minutes of 23rd April 2024 were submitted and approved, subject to noting the following

(1) at Item 1(2), regarding written reports from Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS), Councillor Molyneux confirmed the matter was still ongoing and would continue to request written rather than verbal reports from NRS;

(2) at Item 1(4), regarding irresponsible cyclists on footways, Councillor Molyneux had written to Police Scotland, however the response had not been circulated to the Partnership, however, Inspector Graeme Hogg confirmed that Police Scotland had been aware of the issues and 2 officers would be trained to use bicycles to catch unlawful cyclists and would require evidence from the public to support any reported incidents;

(3) at Item 5(4)(d), regarding an update on Friends of Bellahouston Park, who had disbanded as it could not afford the required liability insurance, however, they would continue to patrol Bellahouston Park and report any matters to Craigton Community Council;

(4) at Item 5(5)(c), regarding public toilets at Hugs and Mugs and having heard that a there had been a fire at the premises, noted that Judith Hunter, Shawlands and Strathbungo Community Council had been looking into the issues around the public toilets, which the Partnership could follow up on;

(5) at Item 5(5)(d), regarding graffiti in and around the Shawlands area, it was confirmed that the land leading up to the wall belonged to the Council, however the wall was privately owned. NRS had looked at planting preventative bushes to stop people accessing the wall and had also considered a mural, if that could be agreed by the community; and

(6) at Item 5(8), regarding NRS meeting with Pollokshields Community Council, Karen Venables, NRS advised that a meeting had taken place and a programme of priorities had been considered.

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 Graeme Hogg had been nominated as the representative for Police Scotland replacing Inspector Ian Scott;

(2) John Casey had been nominated as the substitute representative for Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership and had replaced John Harkins; and

(3) consideration would continue regarding the approval of representatives from South East Integration Network, Sikhs in Scotland and Madrasa to join the Partnership as co-opted members to allow the 4 ward councillors to carry out engagement work with groups.

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

3 With reference to the minutes of the Council's City Administration Committee of 21st March 2024, when the committee approved the 2024/25 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 2024/25;

(2) that the Pollokshields Area Partnership's Budget allocation for 2024/25 was £62,408.19, and that £39,974.55 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £22,433.64; and

(3) of the applications for funding from the Area Budget for 2024/25.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the position regarding the Area Budget allocation for 2024/25; and

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

Applicant	*Purpose of application*	*Decision*
Active Schools King's Park Cluster – King's Park Secondary School	Towards the cost of extra physical activity at St Albert's Primary School, aimed at target groups such as girls, pupils from minority back grounds and pupils with disabilities as part of the PEPASS programme across schools in the King's Park Cluster	Awarded £672
Active Schools Shawlands Cluster – Shawlands Academy	Towards the cost of extra physical activity aimed at target groups as part of the PEPASS programme across schools in the Shawlands Cluster	Awarded £3,320
Halo Arts South Side Community Pantomime - School Shows	Towards the cost of delivering a pantomime to 31 school performances at 26 school across six wards in the south of the city from 25th November to 20th December 2024, providing a free show to over 8000 pupils	Awarded £3,562
The Pollokshields Quad	Towards the cost of The Festival of Lights provisional date 26th October to 2nd November 2024	Awarded £1,500
Friends of Queens Park	Towards the cost of repairs of metal storage container adjacent to the Model Boat Club building at large pond in Queen's Park, subsequently to be used as storage for gardening tools and equipment	Awarded £733.33
Craigton Primary School Parent Council – Residential trip	Towards the cost of Primary 7 residential trip to Lockerbie Manor	Awarded £1,000

Variation in order of business noted.

4 The Partnership agreed to vary the order of business as hereinafter minuted.

Changes to Fireworks Legislation – Report noted.

5 There was heard a report by Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, regarding changes to Firework Control Zones (FCZ), advising

(1) of the changes to the time period that fireworks could be set off, which would be from 6.00pm to 11.00pm, except on 5th November when the times would be from 6.00pm until midnight;

(2) of the restrictions when purchasing fireworks, which would be from 7.00am until 6.00pm with a weight restriction of 5kg;

(3) that following an 8-week consultation, a meeting had been held by the Council, Police Scotland and the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service to agree and approve a FCZ in the ward, based on complaints and anti-social behaviour during previous years; and

(4) it had been agreed that during 1st to 10th November 2024, the general public could not set off any fireworks, however this would not affect organised firework displays and that further information could be found at Glasgow's First Firework Control Zone Announced - Glasgow City Council.

After consideration, the Partnership noted

(a) the report and thanked Gary Walker for the update:

(b) that an online map would be circulated to the Partnership, showing the boundary for the ward's FCZ;

(c) that consideration would be given to online surveys to allow elderly residents, those with no internet and residents with limited use of English to access the consultations;

(d) that residents, schools, businesses etc in the ward would be lettered and signs located throughout the ward to advise of the FCZ;

(e) the operation that Police Scotland would carry out during this period, including engagement with schools, shop keepers etc prior to Bonfire Night;

(f) that the 10-day FCZ period would be reviewed to monitor its success; and

(g) that Bailie MacLeod was disappointed that the consultation had not included a meeting with the ward's Elected Members or been taken to the Council's City Administration Committee prior to the decision being approved.

Youth Community Support Agency and Castlemilk Youth Complex – Details noted etc – Request to Councillor Molyneux.

6 There was heard a report by Anwari Din, Youth Community Support Agency (YCSA) and Corinne Allan and Christopher Tait, Castlemilk Youth Complex (CYC), regarding the work carried out with youths by the organisations, advising

(1) of the work that YCSA and CYC carry out in conjuntion with Streetwise and Glasgow Life with youths in the ward;

(2) of the sessions over the next 12 weeks engaging with youths, building relationships and working with young people to address any challenges and anti-social behaviour within the ward;

(3) that YCSA worked with groups of boys aged 10 to 13 years and 14 to 16 years by providing sports and other activities in the community centre and hoped to encourage more girls to participate; and

(4) that both organisations worked with Glasgow Life to try and get youth centres up and running and the struggles they had seeking community space due to the limited opening days and hours of the community centre.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report and thanked the officers for the update; and

(b) requested that Councillor Molyneux contact Glasgow Life with regard to the limited opening hours of the community centre.

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 Street 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.

Local Parks and Open Spaces Improvement Fund update noted.

6 Further to the minutes of 23rd April 2024, there was submitted and noted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS), regarding the 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.

After consideration, the Partnership noted

(1) that developer contibutions was a work in progress and that K McCormack, NRS would report back to a future meeting of the Partnership with what funds would be available and any developer contributions, if secured;

(2) that a site visit with with the ward's elected members had still to be arranged;

(3) the costs for Maxwell Park play area, as detailed in the report, and that community engagement would take place with a report to be provided to a future meeting of the Partnership; and

(4) that a Friends of Queen's Park circular from Strathbungo had yet to be released.

Festive Lighting 2024/25 update noted – Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability – Funding approved.

9 With reference to the minutes of 23rd April 2024, there was submitted and noted a report by Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS), regarding Festive Lighting within the Ward, advising of the central funding of £3,600 available to meet the costs of erecting and maintaining festive lighting and the proposed costs and locations advising

(1) of the 2023/24 festive displays and switch-on events and asking the Partnership to confirm whether they should be included in the 2024/25 programme;

(2) that the Partnership should notify NRS of any proposed new locations for assessment by NRS to determine the feasibility;

(3) that members should approve the necessary funding for any additional costs over and above the central funding, which could be approved by delegated authority to the Director of Communications and Corporate Governance in consultation with the Chair during October 2024, following receipt of the updated pricing table; and

(4) that approved funding in excess of the central funding would be deducted from the Pollokshields Area Partnership 2024/25 Area Budget allocation.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) highlighted its disappointment at the excessive costs quoted in previous years and requested a detailed breakdown of costs for a tree;

(b) approved festive lighting funding totalling £6,800; and

(c) delegated authority to the Director of Communication and Corporate Governance and the Chair, in conjunction with Councillor Ghani, and Bailies MacLeod and Raja to approve additional lighting within the ward, to be deducted from the Area Budget fund, after final updated prices had been confirmed during October 2024.

Bin Hub Pilot update report noted.

10 With reference to the minutes of 23rd April 2024, there was submitted a by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS), regarding an update on the Bin Hub Pilot, advising

(1) of the progress to date of the bin hub pilots project, which had been based on community engagement and feedback from residents, as detailed in the report;

(2) of the summary of findings, following a recent community consultation survey, as detailed in the report; and

(3) that recycling had improved, however there had still been issues with overflowing bins, mainly attributed to double parking, which could be addressed by NRS issuing Penalty Charge Notices.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report; and

(b) highlighted issues and concerns that were addressed by John Hughes and Eddie Scanlon.