

Community reports and updates by Partnership members noted – Requests to the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability and Councillor Molyneux.

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

- (1) Dumbreck Community Council – Ruth Maltman advised that the community council members felt demoralised and were struggling to keep or attract new members due to the major road issues, traffic management around Ibrox on match days and the lack of progress on reported matters and that despite being highlighted to Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS), no headway had been made;
- (2) Craigton Community Council – Mary Williamson advised
 - (a) that she re-iterated what Ms Maltman had highlighted and that event day parking plans had been ongoing since 2012, with no progress or accountability by the Council;
 - (b) that community council members also felt demoralised with the lack of updates from NRS;
 - (c) of the lack of community consultation on benches at Minto Crescent and that the grass has stopped being cut, which meant that residents could not use the benches due to the long grass;
 - (d) of the neighbourhood improvement volunteers, who used to look after the area, which had ended due to Public Liability Insurance cover being discontinued, however Mary would be happy to reorganise again if insurance cover could be reinstated; and
 - (e) that the Council's campaign to encourage residents to sweep up leaves around the streets and gullies had not been well received, given that householders would now be charged for the brown bin and that it should be the responsibility of the Council;
- (3) Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network – Bill Lawns advised
 - (a) that despite all the work he had carried out on behalf of the Partnership as a volunteer while the temporary railway bridge was in place, there continued to be dangerous behaviour by a minority of cyclists, in particular by delivery riders, now that the bridge had re-opened; and
 - (b) that all surveys carried out by the Council should not be online only as it would exclude residents without internet access, the elderly and those with limited use of the English language and that he would be prepared to help people complete surveys should they require assistance;

(4) Police Scotland – Inspector Hogg advised

- (a) that investigations from incidents on Bonfire Night would be ongoing;
- (b) that there had been no major incidents to report and that youth disorder was low, with Campus Officers still in place within schools;
- (c) of an increase in house break-ins and car thefts, mainly due to opportunists trying car doors;
- (d) of the continued engagement with Rangers Union Bears, with no further games planned for Hampden and that Police Scotland would continue to monitor football fans for games held at Ibrox; and
- (e) that all officers would be trained on using speed guns to target speeding traffic and bicycle training to target unlawful cyclists;

(5) Pollokshields Heritage – Ann Laing advised

- (a) that Pollokshields Heritage had been looking at planning applications at Shields Road;
- (b) of the concerns that Friends of Maxwell Park had been delisted by the charities regulator and hoped that a subsidiary group of conservation volunteers would help with the disrepair within Maxwell Park; and
- (c) that a local trader was keen to renovate the roundabout at the Nithsdale Road bridge in Strathbungo, and that residents in tenanted properties had carried out a great job on improving the area;

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

- (a) that the first stage of the local place plan had been completed and had moved to the second stage, with a consultation for stage 2 in January 2025;
- (b) that the community council would like to access funds from the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund to support the local place plan in conjunction with other Area Partnerships to develop Langside Square and Halls;
- (c) of the improvements to the lighting and trimmed vegetation at Langside Halls to help address graffiti and anti-social behaviour, giving better sight lines from the bus stop;
- (d) of the issues with delivery bikes on pavements that had been causing concerns; and
- (e) that the community council had been pleased the Neighbourhood Liaison Team and Trafcom had completed a site visit to discuss the

timing of the crossing at Darnley Street and Nithsdale Road and noted that a suggestion from Trafcom would be to increase the crossing time during peak times as concerns had been raised that pedestrians might not realise that crossing times changed at different times of day;

- (7) Strathbungo Society – Kevin Kane provided a written submission, advising that
 - (a) at the recent Strathbungo Society AGM the issue had been raised regarding unreliable bin collections and the number of bins either broken, burnt or with no lids etc;
 - (b) the Nithsdale Rd/Regent Park Square Lane was a particular hotspot for accumulation of rubbish and the irregular use of bins from cleared out flats, and that despite regular Brighter Bungo clear ups, the lane was still in a state; and
 - (c) the Society requested that NRS send a team to clear the remaining fly-tipped refuse and asked that the NRS co-ordinator contact Kevin Kane to discuss its progress, which was noted by Karen Venables; and
- (8) Scottish Fire and Rescue Service – the Partnership noted the report in the absence of Station Commander Millar, who had submitted an apology due to an unforeseen urgent matter and expressed its disappointment that a representative could not attend the meeting.

After consideration, the Partnership noted that

- (i) Councillor Molyneux would contact Kevin McCormick, NRS regarding updates on Parks and Local Spaces etc and the Executive Director of NRS with regard to the neighbourhood improvement volunteers, as this would benefit the ward; and
- (ii) Karen Venables would check the timings of the crossing and reiterated diagonal crossing of the road would not be encouraged.