Item 1

10th September 2024

POLLOKSHIELDS AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Minutes of meeting held on 23rd April 2024, City Chambers, Glasgow.

Present: Councillor Jon Molyneux (Chair), Bailie Norman MacLeod, Councillor, Zen Ghani; and Bailie Hanif Raja, Glasgow City Council; Bill Lawns, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network; Mary Williamson, Craigton Community Council; Ruth Maltman, Dumbreck Community Council; Tabassum Niamat, Pollokshields Community Council; Ann Laing, Pollokshields Heritage; John Smith, Shawlands and Strathbungo Community Council; Kevin Kane, Strathbungo Society; Karen Venables, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability; and Shahnaz Ahmed Shakoor, Southside Housing Association.

Apology: Alison McKenna-Breen, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership.

Attending: E Miller (Clerk); K Docherty and D Speirs (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance); and K McCormick (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability).

Minutes of previous meeting approved etc.

1 The minutes of 13th February 2024 were submitted and approved, subject to noting the following

(1) at Item 1(2), regarding potential new co-opted members, Councillor Molyneux had contacted South East Integration Network with regard to nominations for representation and would advise the Partnership at a future meeting if there had been any interest from the Network regarding joining the Partnership as a co-optee;

(2) at Item 1(3), regarding written reports from Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS), Councillor Molyneux had met with Laura Moran, NRS who acknowledged the request and remained an open matter to be followed up by Councillor Molyneux;

(3) at Item 1(4), regarding irresponsible parking at bin hubs, Karen Venables confirmed there had been improved parking at the hubs that the issues had significantly reduced with double yellow lines in place and that figures on enforcement action would be provided to the next meeting of the Partnership;

(4) at Item 1(5), regarding irresponsible cyclists on footways, as no representatives attended from Police Scotland, a letter would be issued to Police Scotland by Councillor Molyneux, on behalf of the Partnership to ask what enforcement action could be done to address the issue;

(5) at Item 1(6), regarding an update on the removal of back communal bins, Karen Venables would look into this matter; and

(6) at Item 1(15), regarding changes to Fireworks Legislation, Councillor Molyneux had not written to Trading Standards however he would seek further information and circulate that to the members 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 Penny Dade had been nominated as the substitute representative for Pollokshields Heritage.

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 £4,653 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £57,755.19; 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*
Pollokshields Trust	Towards the cost of purchasing planters to make the Albert Cross Kenmure Street more attractive	Consideration continued for further information
Glad Radio	Towards the cost of a memory programme aimed at speaking to people in Pollokshields and Southside Central about	Awarded £2,240

	experiences living in the area and Glasgow	
Glad Foundation	Towards the cost of 3 seasonal community events on 30th June, 22nd September and 8th December 2024	Awarded £1,948
*The Nan McKay Hall	Towards the cost of fixing the hall roof	Consideration continued for further information, which would allow Councillor Molyneux, as Chair, and in consultation with the other 3 ward Elected Members to award £4,300 if satisfied with the response to the requested information
Inhouse	Towards the cost of the annual programme of free community events held at Queens Park Arena during 28th June to 21st July 2024	Awarded £4,433.55
The Govanhill Baths Trust	Towards the cost of the Govanhill Festival and Carnival being held in August 2024 in various venues across the Southside and Queens Park	Awarded £2,500
Castlemilk Youth Complex	Towards the cost of providing a detached and outreach youth work service throughout Autumn and increased at key times in Pollokshields, Govanhill and Toryglen aimed at young people aged 11 to 18 who are not currently engaged in youth work	Awarded £6,000, Bailie Raja dissenting, subject to the condition that the organisation should engage with community councils and other groups within the ward, working with them to support the wider activity

YCSA	Towards the cost of a youth diversionary event to be held on the 5th November 2024	Awarded £3,150, subject to the condition that the organisation should engage with Police Scotland, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, community councils and other groups within the ward, working with them to support the wider activity
Glendale Gaelic School	Towards the cost of a school residential trip to Ardmay House in June 2024	Awarded £500
**Strathbungo Society	Towards the cost of the annual Bungo In the Back Lanes community festival	Awarded £1,700
***Shawlands and Strathbungo Community Council	Towards the cost of community events to compliment an award of £13,000 from Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability to develop a Local Place Plan	Awarded £3,000
Scottish Ethnic Minority Sports Association	Towards the cost of 3 children's sports days taking place in June, August and November 2024	Awarded £750

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

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

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

Area Budget 2023/2024 - Final monitoring statement noted.

4 There was submitted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance regarding the Area Budget for 2023/2024, providing a final monitoring statement in relation to projects previously funded, confirming that £62,408.19 had been allocated to various projects in the Pollokshields Ward, representing a 100% spend.

Community reports – Updates by Partnership members – Request to the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

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

(1) Strathbungo Society – Kevin Kane advised

(a) that the insufficient crossing time of 5 to 6 seconds for safe crossing by pedestrians at the pedestrian crossing at Nithsdale Road and Darnley Street had not yet been addressed;

(b) that flooding at Regent Park Square and Pollokshaws Road junction had not yet been addressed as the gutter did not drain away the water and would request a site visit by Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS) to inspect the area and to propose a remedy;

(c) that NRS had confirmed the Society would be eligible to apply for a second application to the Council's Back Lanes Fund;

(d) of the continued issues at Nithsdale Road and Pollokshaws Road with a number of large, badly sited and unused on-street bins, cycle parking and a large parked air quality monitoring unit and would request that the unit be relocated to Torrisdale Street, a relocation of tenemental bins from on-pavement to on-street and a relocation of cycle infrastructure, which could be part of a comprehensive redesign of Nithsdale Road as an active travel route. The Society had been advised by NRS that Nithsdale Road would become an "active travel route" linking South City Way and St Andrew's Drive and would request progress on this project and if the highlighted issues could be part of any redesign work; and

(e) that following concerns raised by residents regarding Strathbungo's narrow roadways, a site visit had been arranged by the Strathbungo Society and Karen Venables to discuss how the Council would administer its forthcoming pavement parking policy, including exemptions.

The Partnership noted

(i) the update; and

(ii) that Karen Venables would forward the points raised by Kevin Kane and direct the issues to the correct NRS Departments for action.

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

(a) that flooding on St Andrew's Drive had been reported to Amey, who had attended the area;

(b) that he required guidance on Sustain Pollokshields breakfast to clarify if they would be business meetings or informal breakfasts and discussions and that Bill would be happy to calendar breakfast clubs; and

(c) that the issues around cyclist failing to dismount at Shields Road continued, that signs showing cyclists could use the footway had not been removed, as previously requested, and offered an alternative to the current signage being displayed.

The Partnership noted

(i) the update; and

(ii) that Karen Venables would discuss signage with NRS Management Team.

(3) Dumbreck Community Council – Ruth Maltman advised

(a) of the concerns at the lack of progress with the parking scheme on and around Ibrox on football match days;

(b) of the general state of repair on roads and the number of bottles on side streets;

(c) of the concerns of the layout of the junction at Dumbreck Street that required to be reviewed; and

(d) that a traffic calming measure using a cardboard cut-out of a police officer should be considered at Nithsdale Road.

The Partnership noted

(i) the update; and

(ii) that Karen Venables would be happy to have a walkabout with the Council's Roads Department, that the Partnership could consider any costs for changing the layout under the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund and would speak to Police Scotland regarding the cut-out.

(4) Craigton Community Council – Mary Williamson advised

(a) that she was in agreement that match day parking, as highlighted by Ruth Maltman, was dreadful;

(b) that railings at Bellahouston Drive had been completed and that 3 benches were in place at Minto Crescent;

(c) that replacement of fencing in Bellahouston Park and other works were still outstanding;

(d) that Friends of Bellahouston Park would be closing as they could no longer continue its endless struggles with NRS issues or afford the insurance costs; and

(e) that the agenda papers were too large, with too much reading in the paperwork.

(5) Shawlands and Strathbungo Community Council – John Smith advised

(a) that the Community Council had started work on the local place plan, with a consultant appointed, a steering group formed and would invite local stakeholders to participate;

(b) that concerns had been raised by Friends of Queens Park

(i) regarding the lighting in Queens Park on why it had been deemed necessary to install lighting around most of the large pond and considered that there was sufficient lighting from streetlamps on Pollokshaws Road;

(ii) requested if new lighting columns would be installed from Balvicar Drive to Victoria Road gates and down to Langside Road; and

(iii) querying that if a specialist survey had been carried out for the area, would lighting impact assessments be carried out before the installation commenced, could lighting around the large pond be reconsidered and could Friends of Queens Park be consulted at every step of the process for the lighting upgrade;

(c) that the public toilets on Pollokshaws Road at Hugs and Mugs had been out of operation for a considerable period and the Community Council would like to know the conditions of the lease between the Council and Healthmatic and what steps the Council would take where the company breached the conditions of this lease and failed to provide an operational toilet;

(d) of a noticeable increase in graffiti in and around the Shawlands area and residents had suggested designated graffiti walls to help deter vandals and that bushes be planted adjacent to the gable wall at Grantley Street, with a check on who owned the land to be carried out first; and

(e) that the timing of the crossing at Darnley Street and Nithsdale Road had been recently visited by a Council officer who found the timing of the crossing to be satisfactory and that traffic signals in the United Kingdom were designed and timed for pedestrians to cross the carriageway at the designated crossing points and not diagonally.

(6) Pollokshields Heritage – Ann Laing advised

(a) that the upcoming Heritage AGM would result in a new chairperson and secretary;

(b) that a planning conveyor had been invited to attend the Planning Applications Committee; and

(c) of the complaints regarding parking on both sides of the road at Sherbrook Hotel, which made it impossible to drive through, which would be a concern should Scottish Fire and Rescue Service require access and requested one side of the road be coned off.

(7) Pollokshields Community Council - Tabassum Niamat advised

(a) of the overflowing bins and missing bin lids at McCulloch Street;

(b) of the anti-social behaviour issues that the Community Council were trying to address;

(c) that Tabassum would like to be more involved with “Polish the Shields”, to help clean-up the area, which could also help tackle anti-social behaviour; and

(d) of the potholes at Albert Drive and timing of the lights at Darnley Street, which only allowed 3 to 4 cars through before changing.

(8) Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability – Karen Venables advised that she was aware of the issues with bin hubs, graffiti and potholes and would be available to meet with the Community Council to help tackle anti-social behaviour and would provide an update at the next meeting of the Partnership.

Local Parks and Open Spaces Improvement Fund update noted.

6 Further to the minutes of 21st November 2023, 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

(1) highlighted

(a) that the Partnership had requested separate reports on what had been allocated and spent or completed;

(b) that the descriptions within the report should only be 1 or 2 lines;

(c) that plans for work carried out at Minto Crescent play area had not been shared with Craigton Community Council as requested, however benches had been placed there, which Kevin McCormick would address and ensure that future plans would be shared with the Community Council;

(d) that the timescales for projects should be advised when funding allocated as projects were taking too long to complete; and

(e) concerns regarding increased costs for completing projects due to the delay in completing the works and that the Partnership should not be responsible for the increased charges; and

(2) noted

(a) that Kevin McCormick would confirm the figures within the report and report back to the Partnership;

(b) that although costs had increased, the Council always tried to acquire best value for money and would look to seek funding from developer contributions to help towards projects and Kevin McCormick would update members regarding this;

(c) that a site visit would be arranged with the ward's Elected Members to clarify which projects had been completed or still outstanding; and

(d) that Kevin McCormick would provide an update on the costs for Maxwell Square Park play area and that NRS would consult with the community before putting plans in place.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund update noted – Funding approved.

7 With reference to the minutes of 21st November 2023, there was submitted and noted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS), regarding the Pollokshields Infrastructure Fund, advising of the progress in relation to the process to support the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund including a summary of commitments to date.

After consideration, the Partnership

(1) highlighted areas that required attention within the ward;

(2) noted that Kevin McCormick would link in with Friends of Queens Park, Councillor Belic and the working group regarding lighting within Queens Park;

(3) approved funding of £15,400 towards bollards to be installed between Torbreck Street and Minto Crescent; and

(4) agreed that a subgroup meeting would be arranged to discuss further proposals within the ward.

Festive Lighting 2024/25 update noted.

8 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 that

(1) the standard pricing schedule for the 2024/25 festive lighting programme remained the same as previous years, however prices would be undergoing a review, which would be updated at the August Partnership meeting;

(2) the Festive Lighting delivery programme was subject to a new procurement exercise for 2025 to 2028;

(3) the costs to repeat the 2023/24 programme in 2024/25 was £4,800; and

(4) the Partnership could nominate additional or alternative festive lighting locations to those delivered as part of the 2024/25 programme, to be notified by June 2024 and to identify locations where a switch on event could be proposed for either a Christmas or natural tree.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) highlighted its disappointment at the excessive charges for a Christmas tree and lights; and

(b) noted that alternative locations could be provided to Karen Venables for consideration, that a review of costs would be carried out by NRS and a report provided at the next meeting of the Partnership.

Review of Community Planning and Community Empowerment Services noted.

9 There was submitted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance, regarding the review of Community Planning and Community Empowerment Services (CES), advising

(1) of the Glasgow's Local Outcome Improvement Plan 2024-2034 (the Glasgow Community Plan), which had been reviewed and approved by the Glasgow

Community Planning Partnership Strategic Partnership on 13th February 2024 and that the Plan had been developed by partners during the latter part of 2023 by the GCPP Executive Board;

(2) of the Community Empowerment Services Service Reform, the next steps and key priorities, as detailed in the report;

(3) of the work carried out by the Centre for Civic Innovation Team on 2 pilot areas for the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund, namely Greater Pollok (Ward 3) and Calton (Ward 9), to learn from the prototypes and expand the engagement to other wards across the city;

(4) of the progress to date following the citizen led pilots with detailed information found within appendix 1 of the report and a breakdown of proposals approved by Greater Pollok and Calton Area Partnerships shown in appendix 2 of the report;

(5) of the city-wide community engagement work; and

(6) the Partnership should consider whether other options for engaging citizens on the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund should be explored.

After consideration, the Partnership noted the report and agreed that due to the number of points to be raised, a discussion on the paper would take place during the subgroup meeting and that should any member wish to discuss the report in advance, they could contact Derek Speirs at derek.speirs@glasgow.gov.uk.