

Community reports and updates by Partnership members noted – Requests to Councillor Ghani, Police Scotland and Chief Officer, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership.

6 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 issues were still ongoing since the last meeting and that nothing had progressed;
- (b) of ongoing issues with match day parking;
- (c) that at the next community council meeting, the main focus would be the derelict DWP building on Paisley Road West and if no satisfactory answers were provided, they would take the matter further; and
- (d) the final consultation of the Local Place Plan would be held on 15th February 2025.

(2) Police Scotland – Inspector Hogg advised

- (a) of the ongoing work to combat issues with regard to unlawful cyclists, e-bikes, traffic and parking etc;
- (b) of a recent increase in motor thefts, with opportunist who were taking advantage of unlocked cars and items on view within motors and the work by officers to highlight the importance to the community of securing all property;
- (c) that 10 people had been charged and referred to the Procurator Fiscal following incidents within the ward on Bonfire night;
- (d) of the stakeholder group meetings and that Inspector Hogg had linked in with colleagues in Edinburgh to discuss different ideas on tactics and policies;
- (e) that officers would hold parking and speeding action days and that any dangerous parking issues should be reported to Police Scotland by contacting 101; and
- (f) of planned information events and action days to educate cyclists and motorists, including Deliveroo and Just Eat delivery drivers, on the importance of road safety.

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

- (a) of ongoing issues with cyclists on paths where there would be no shared use with pedestrians and cyclists refusing to use cycle lanes;

- (b) that the Partnership should do more by applying for a grant from LEZ funding to purchase cycles for Police Scotland to support its work on this issue.
- (4) Dumbreck Community Council – Ruth Maltman advised
 - (a) that since the last meeting, outstanding fencing issues had been rectified;
 - (b) of the continued concerns and issues around football parking; and
 - (c) of the issues regarding maintenance of roads, pathways and trees, which required attention.
- (5) Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership (GCHSCP) – John Casey advised that he would be working in East Pollokshields and following a City Food Plan meeting at Nan McKay House, there had been an interest expressed in having a Food Group and John would be looking to take this forward as part of his role and would be interested in meeting food groups within the ward.
- (6) Shawlands and Strathbungo Community Council – Michael Igoe advised
 - (a) that the community council had held a drop in session at the glasshouses in Queens Park on Saturday 8th February regarding the final stages to the Local Place Plan, which had been refined and would be submitted soon;
 - (b) that it hoped to access funding from the Neighbourhood Improvement Fund together with neighbouring Partnerships for projects that would be jointly beneficial; and
 - (c) that the community council had been encouraged by positive engagement between Langside Halls Trust, Glasgow Building Preservation Trust (GBPT) and Inhouse with a view to forming a partnership approach on taking Langside Halls forward.
- (7) Strathbungo Society – Kevin Kane advised
 - (a) that the Society had a positive meeting with developers of the ex-care home on Titwood Road to discuss the creation of a new footpath linking Moray Place and Titwood Road;
 - (b) that the Society had submitted comments on the revised/new planning application at the former Arnold Clark site on Nithsdale Drive and that the Society had not been notified of the revised application by the Council, despite it being a previous objector;

- (c) of the concerns that the Private Lanes Fund had been underspent, while the Society had been seeking to fund a second project in the back lanes;
 - (d) of the hope that the Partnership support the priorities within the Local Place Plan for the ward, which would be the creation of a public square at Nithsdale Road/Pollokshaws Road and the declutter/redevelopment of the Balvicar Street entrance to Queen's Park; and
 - (e) that a Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability contractor had tarmacked over a blocked drain at Moray Place and would require that the drain be unblocked or relocated on to an adjacent verge to prevent further issues.
- (8) Pollokshields Community Council – Tabassum Niamat advised
- (a) of a burst water pipe, which had affected a number of households and noted that water had been available at Langside Halls;
 - (b) of the sad closure of businesses along Albert Drive;
 - (c) that there had been improvements at the bin hubs, however there were still fly-tipping issues; and
 - (d) of the ongoing parking issues and road disrepairs.

After consideration, the Partnership noted that

- (i) Inspector Hogg would provide figures to Bailie Raja regarding the number of bicycle incidents;
- (ii) Councillor Ghani would write to the Council's Licencing Department to clarify what powers Police Scotland had with regard to bikes and that he would submit a motion to full Council; and
- (iii) John Casey, GCHSCP would provide an update on the Cost of Living Guide to the next meeting of the Partnership.