

POLLOKSHIELDS AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Minutes of meeting held on 19th November 2024, City Chambers, Glasgow.

Present: Councillor Jon Molyneux (Chair), Councillor Zen Ghani and Bailie Norman MacLeod Glasgow City Council; Inspector Graeme Hogg, Police Scotland; John Casey, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Bill Lawns, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network; Mary Williamson, Craigton Community Council; Ruth Maltman, Dumbreck Community Council; Michael Igoe, Shawlands and Strathbungo Community Council; Ann Laing, Pollokshields Heritage; and Karen Venables, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Apologies: Bailie Hanif Raja, Glasgow City Council; Station Commander Douglas Millar, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Allison McKenna-Breen, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Kevin Kane, Strathbungo Society; and Shahnaz Ahmed Shakoor and Pauline Fletcher, Southside Housing Association.

Attending: E Miller (Clerk); K McKenzie (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance); and R Dower and J Daly, Glasgow Urban Sports.

Minutes of previous meeting approved etc – Requests to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability and Councillor Molyneux.

1 The minutes of 10th September 2024 were submitted and approved, subject to noting the following

- (1) at Item 1(1), regarding written reports from Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS), Councillor Molyneux advised that a workshop had recently been organised by the Communities Team looking at local data, including NRS data, and how this could be best presented to each Partnership, and that Councillor Molyneux would contact NRS to repeat the Partnership's request for a written report on ward updates for each meeting;
- (2) at Item 1(5), regarding graffiti in and around the Shawlands area that Karen Venables, NRS confirmed that preventative bushes would not go ahead and that a mural would be considered;
- (3) at Item 2(3), regarding co-opted members, Councillor Molyneux advised that this would be continued to the next meeting of the Partnership, when it was hoped an update could be provided;
- (4) at Item 5, regarding Fireworks Control Zones (FCZ), the Partnership expressed its disappointment that the ward councillors had not been involved in the decision and noted that the Council had indicated that the FCZ would be applied in 2026 without requiring another consultation;

- (5) at Item 6(b), regarding the Pollokshields Community Centre, Councillor Molyneux confirmed that the current opening hours were all that Glasgow Life could afford although he was aware of 'key holding' arrangements with community groups that could allow some community centres to open longer. The Partnership requested that a representative from NRS (People Make Glasgow Communities) be invited to a future meeting of the Partnership to discuss this;
- (6) at Item 7(1)(ii), regarding Craigton deep clean, Karen Venables confirmed that following numerous complaints from residents, streets had been cleaned, including a large mechanical sweeper that had serviced the majority of streets in the Bellahouston and Craigton area and the information had been circulated to the Partnership;
- (7) at Item 7(2)(c), regarding the traffic calming measure, this should read Dumbreck Road not Street;
- (8) at Item 7(2)(ii), regarding a walkabout, Karen Venables had emailed Ruth Maltman, Dumbreck Community Council to arrange this;
- (9) at Item 7(3)(ii), regarding noisy car exhausts, Inspector Hogg advised that it was not illegal to have a noisier exhaust fitted and would only be an issue if it became an anti-social behaviour issue with a car owner revving excessively. Bailie MacLeod asked that the issue be highlighted to Environmental Health;
- (10) at Item 7(4)(b), regarding cycle and shared signs, Bill Lawns advised that signage was correct and lawful but would need to be re-visited by Roads Scotland due to being confusing to users and that he would liaise with Councillor Molyneux to meet with Scott Downie, Assistant Group Manager, NRS to discuss the matter;
- (11) at Item 7(6), regarding problem gullies, Karen Venables advised that no gullies or pothole issues had been reported to her by Pollokshields Community Council;
- (12) at Item 7(ii)(A), regarding timing lights at Darnley Street crossing, Karen Venables advised that a site visit had been carried out with Amy Smyth, NRS, which had resulted in some extension to crossing times, that NRS would not encourage diagonal crossing by pedestrians and would confirm timings and advise the Partnership;
- (13) at Item 7(ii)(B), regarding issues at Frankfort Street, Karen Venables advised that signs had been put in place and anyone driving down the street the wrong way would now be a police matter;
- (14) at Item 8, regarding Local Parks and Open Spaces, the Partnership expressed its disappointment that no report had been provided; and

- (15) at Item 9, regarding Festive Lighting, Councillor Molyneux advised that the revised proposal had resulted in cost savings of £3,000 from last year.

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 Michael Igoe, who had been the substitute representative, had been nominated as the representative for Shawlands and Strathbungo Community Council replacing John Smith and Toni Tochel had been nominated as the substitute representative.

Community Planning Partnership – Governance Framework - Register of Interests noted.

3 There was submitted and noted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration advising the Partnership of the requirements in relation to the Community Planning Partnership Governance Framework regarding the registration and declaration of members' interests and detailing those interests which had been declared by members of the Partnership, as detailed in the report.

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

4 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 £47,411.88 had been allocated to date, which included £1,450 funding approved under delegated authority towards Festive Lighting, leaving a balance of £14,996.31; and
- (3) of the applications for funding from the Area Budget for 2024/25.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted
 - (i) the position regarding the Area Budget allocation for 2024/25; and
 - (ii) funding for festive lighting approved under delegated authority, as detailed in the report; and

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

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Purpose of application</i>	<i>Decision</i>
*The Strathbungo Society – Window Wanderland	Towards the cost of the annual Window Wanderland Community Event	Awarded £1,040
Clydesdale Cricket Club – Cricket for All	Towards the cost of in a 10-week programme to benefit 20 asylum-seeking children by promoting physical activity, social cohesion, and integration	Awarded £3,250
Pollokshields Community Food Point – Thriving Pollokshields and Supporting more complex volunteers	Towards the cost of the food club model clubbing together where members share resources and bulk buy at discount and top up with donations to provide weekly fresh produce	Awarded £4,664
45th Glasgow Boys' Brigade - Pipe Band New Bagpipes	Towards the cost of purchasing second hand bagpipes	Awarded £2,100

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

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.

Findings from the Health and Wellbeing survey noted.

6 There was submitted a presentation by John Casey, South Health Improvement Team, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership, regarding the findings from the Adult Health and Wellbeing 2022/23 survey, advising

- (1) that the survey provided valuable information on the self-perceived health and wellbeing of residents, health behaviours, social health, social capital and financial wellbeing and had been conducted at 3-yearly intervals since 1999;
- (2) of the survey content and reporting format, as detailed in the report;
- (3) of the aim to continue to highlight and discuss the survey results through all the networks including a city-wide Third Sector information event; and
- (4) that information from the survey would help to inform its actions.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report; and
- (b) raised a number of questions and concerns that were addressed by John Casey.

Devon Street Urban Park – Presentation noted.

7 There was heard a presentation by Raydale Dower and John Daly, Glasgow Urban Sports regarding the Devon Street Urban Park proposal, advising that

- (1) the Devon Street Urban Park would transform an unused area of land beneath the M74, on the southside of Glasgow, to create a new public, free to use, urban sculpture park and active leisure space;
- (2) the park would be a vibrant new cultural landmark and destination, improving connectivity between the surrounding neighbourhoods of Gorbals, Govan, Govanhill and Pollokshields;
- (3) the cultural landmark would provide a new focal point and meeting space connecting the surrounding Gorbals, Govanhill and Pollokshields communities, addressing the sense of disconnection created by the development of the M74;
- (4) by utilising the cover provided by the motorway canopy, a safe and inclusive outdoor space would be created, with increased provision of recreational amenities for young people;
- (5) the park would create a safe and attractive environment for active leisure, urban sports and local community events, which would help to improve the physical and mental health and wellbeing of local communities through active leisure;
- (6) Devon Street Urban Park had secured a confirmed offer of a minimum £1.2m from the Susanne Marcus Collins Foundation towards project delivery, which would be subject to match funding and time limited; and
- (7) following a series of workshops and engagement events, Glasgow Urban Sports planned to submit the proposed design to Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (Planning) in late 2024.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted and thanked Raydale and John for the presentation;
- (b) raised questions which were addressed by them, including seeking funding from private investors and how fumes from the motorway would be addressed;
- (c) confirmed it would be happy to support the project and funding applications going forward, on the provision that the Partnership was happy with the terms within the lease; and
- (d) noted that the Partnership would write to the Scottish Ministers, Sportscotland, and others as required, to make and support a case for the project.

Future meeting dates 2025 approved.

8 The dates of the 2025 meetings were submitted and approved by the Partnership as detailed below.

Tuesday 11th February 2025 at 1000 hours

Tuesday 22nd April 2025 at 1000 hours

Tuesday 9th September 2025 at 1000 hours

Tuesday 18th November 2025 at 1000 hours.