Item 1

25th April 2023

POLLOKSHIELDS AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Minutes of meeting held on 14th February 2023, by video conference.

Present: Bailie Norman MacLeod (Chair) and Bailie Hanif Raja, Glasgow City Council; Alison McKenna-Breen, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Tabassum Niamat, Pollokshields Community Council; Ann Laing, Pollokshields Heritage; Chief Inspector Pauline Thomson, Police Scotland; Kevin Kane, Strathbungo Society; John Smith, Shawlands and Strathbungo Community Council; and Mary Williamson, Craigton Community Council.

Apologies: Councillor Jon Molyneux and Councillor Zen Ghani, Glasgow City Council; Douglas Millar, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; and James McCourt, Chief Executive's Department.

Attending: L Handlin (Clerk); K Docherty (for the Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities); K McCormick and C Patterson (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability); B Marshall, (Queen's Park Workng Group); and J Campbell and J Muir (Jacobs Steer)

Minutes of previous meeting approved etc – Request to Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities.

1 The minutes of 22nd November 2022 were submitted and approved, subject to

(a) the Partnership noting its disappointment that a further update to be provided in relation to a new model for Area Partnerships had not been made available on time for this meeting; and

(b) a request to the Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities to provide an update to the next meeting of this Partnership.

Glasgow Community Planning Partnership Governance Framework – Membership update noted.

2 There was submitted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration providing an update on the membership of this Partnership.

After consideration, the Partnership

(1) noted

(a) Station Commander David McGroarty had been appointed as the member and Station Commander Douglas Millar had been appointed as the substitute representative for the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service;

(b) Michael Igoe had been nominated as the main representative for Shawlands and Strathbungo Community Council;

(c) that Tabassum Niamat had been appointed as the member and Samina Rashid had been appointed as the substitute representative for Pollokshields Community Council;

(d) that Karen Venables, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability had been nominated for membership of this Partnershipby the department rather than a co-opted member by this Partnership; and

(e) that up to 4 additional members could be co-opted on to the Partnership; and

(2) agreed

(i) to co-opt Shahnaz Ahmed Shakoor from Southside Housing Association; and

(ii) to seek representation from local BAME networks within the additional provision for co-opted members.

Area Budget 2022/23 - Applications for funding dealt with etc.

3 With reference to the minutes of the Council's City Administration Committee of 12th March 2020 (Print 7, page 527), when the committee approved the 2022/23 Area Budget allocations as part of a 3-year package of funding, there was submitted a report by the Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities regarding the Area Budget for 2022/23, advising

(1) of the current position in relation to the Area Partnership's budget for 2022/23;

(2) that the Pollokshields Area Partnership's Area Budget allocation for 2022/23 was £62,408.19; and

(3) of the applications for funding from the Area Budget for 2022/23.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted

(i) the Area Budget allocation for 2022/23; and

(ii) that, to date, Pollokshields Area Partnership had committed a total of £62,408.19 (100% of the budget) to various projects providing a service in the Ward;; and

(b) approved the change of use of funding awarded to Inhouse Event Solutions to in order that funding could be used for a 24 day programme of events.

Area Budget 2023/24 - Applications for funding dealt with etc.

4 There was submitted a report by the Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities, advising that

(1) the Area Budget had still to be agreed by the City Administration Committee and any revisions to Area Budget allocations for 2023/24 would be detailed in a future report.

(2) Area Partnerships had the option to approve a portion of funds from their 2023/24 Area Budget at the January/February 2023 cycle of meetings for any projects/services that would take place early in the 2023/24 financial year; and

(3) any funding recommended will be subject to confirmation of available finances.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted

(i) the current Glasgow City Council budget position on the proposed Area Budget allocations;

(ii) the current position on awarding funds from the 2023/24 allocation; and

(iii) that time critical awards for up to £500 could be allocated from the 2023/24 budget under existing delegated authority arrangements; and

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

Applicant	*Purpose of application*	*Decision*
Urban Roots	Towards the cost of organising 6 monthly workshops as part of a community gardening programme	Awarded £5,500
Police Scotland	Towards the cost of purchasing sash stop window jammers	Awarded £299
The Strathbungo Society*	Towards the cost of hosting the annual Bungo in the Back Lanes community event	Awarded £1,500
East Pollokshields Out of School Care	Towards the cost of purchasing new toys, storage and learning equipment	Awarded £4,000
Southside Housing Association	Towards the cost of purchasing food and fuel vouchers for the most	Awarded £6,241

vulnerable residents within the
Pollokshields Ward

* Kevin Kane declared an interest in this item and played no part in the discussion and decision thereon.

and;

(c) approved the provision of travel passes to East Pollokshields Out of School Care and Shawlands Out of School Care.

Local Parks and Open Space Improvement Fund – Investment fund approved etc – Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

5 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding the Local Parks and Open Spaces Improvement Fund advising of a list of options for investment of this Fund and a breakdown of costs totalling £49,800 as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the Partnership

(1) noted the report;

(2) agreed to approve funding for the following options

(a) £11,800 towards the cost of installing 3 items of outdoor gym equipment at Maxwell Square Play Area;

(b) £11,500 towards a wider package of funding to support the full refurbishment of Balvicar Street Play Area;

(c) £13,000 towards the cost of fencing works at Bellahouston Park;

(d) £4,000 towards the cost of removing concrete slabs replacing it with a tarmac surface and associated works at Fleurs Avenue;

(e) £500 towards the cost of repairing damage to the children's train play equipment in Bellahouston Park; and

(3) agreed to approve £9,000 towards the cost of soft landscaping works at Minto Crescent, subject to further dialogue with relevant stakeholders; and

(4) requested that the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability provide a report to the next meeting of this Partnership to allow for the approval of final itemisation of specified works.

Local Parks and Open Spaces 2021/22 Update – Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

6 There was submitted a report by Kevin McCormack, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability providing an update on the progress to date in relation to funding allocated from the 2021/22 Parks and Open Spaces Fund.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report; and

(b) requested that the Executive Director continue to provide reports to future meetings of this Partnership until such a time that all outstanding projects had been completed.

Queen's Park Development Group Update – Update noted.

7 There was submitted a report by Bob Marshall, Queen's Park Development Group in relation to the group's proposal for a development plan for Queen's Park, advising that

(1) in 2021 a working group was established comprising of elected members, council officers and community councillors to look at means to maintain and improve Queen's Park;

(2) the working group had identified short term priorities for improvements, some of which had been implemented;

(3) the working group had noted that there was a need for larger capital investment, repairs and an improved maintenance regime;

(4) the working group had agreed that a comprehensive and long term development plan was needed to provide the context for such future investments, and that without this it would be difficult to access external capital and revenue funding sources;

(5) in order to collect the views of the wider community, the working group would be looking to appoint experienced consultants to work alongside council officers to carry out a programme of community engagement and consultation;

(6) the aim of the working group would be the creation of a long term development plan, which would include a full set of costed development proposals with realistic capital and revenue funding plan sources;

(7) the working group has identified specific sites and issues which must be addressed to include the Queen's Park Glasshouse, the Pond area, Queen's Park Arena, the Scottish Poetry Rose Garden, play and sports areas, along with community facilities such a toilets, cafes and related activities, as well as including Queen's Park Recreation Ground and its associated amenities;

(8) the consultation and creation of a development plan would be a substantial piece of work and would take approximately a year to complete; and

(9) the estimated cost of the work would be approximately £40,000.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report; and

(b) asked a number of questions in relation to the projected cost of the consultation and creation of a development plan which were answered by Mr Marshall.

Glasgow City Region Bus Partnership – Update noted.

8 There was heard a joint presentation by Chris Patterson, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability and Jason Campbell and Jenny Muir, Jacobs Steer in relation the Glasgow City Region Bus Partnership (GBP) advising that

(1) Glasgow City Council had plans to transform the way people got around the city region by improving public transport and that the first round of strategic improvements was being led by the Glasgow Bus Partnership (GBP) which brought together the 8 Glasgow City Region local authorities, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport, bus operators and passenger representative groups;

(2) the vision of GBP was of a region where bus services form part of a network of connectivity by providing safe, affordable and enjoyable connections;

(3) the GBP sought to improve bus priority mechanisms and reduce congestion to improve bus journey times and reliability, and improve the accuracy of real time passenger information;

(4) the GBP would work to ensure that buses would be given higher priority in any future city planning;

(5) the GBP would explore options to introduce an integrated ticketing system;

(6) Stage 1 of the project had concluded in August 2022 with feedback being sought from key stakeholders on bus travel including the 5 proposed bus corridors;

(7) Stage 2 would continue until March 2023 to develop an outline business case and concept corridor designs;

(8) Stage 3 and Stage 4 were subject to approvals and funding, with drawings and information being finalised in Stage 3 and project delivery planned in Stage 4; and

(9) a number of potential measures had been identified for use in the project, as detailed in the presentation.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted

(i) the report; and

(ii) that Glasgow City Council had allocated £100,000 for a pilot of a free at point of use bus service; and

(b) raised concern in relation to car usage and parking and the adverse effect this had on bus journey times; and

(c) raised a number of questions in relation to the potential measures highlighted in the presentation which were answered by Mr Patterson and Mr Campbell.

Homelessness Scotland Update – Consideration continued.

9 The Partnership agreed to continue consideration of this item to a future meeting of this Partnership.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund update noted – Request to the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

10 There was heard an update by Karen Venables, Neighbourhoods, Regneration and Sustainability (NRS) with regard to the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund for this Partnership advising that

(1) Workshops had taken place at the Centre of Civic Innovation supported by the V&A design school in Dundee in relation to developing an innovative and inclusive process to facilitate involvement of wider citizen participation in the decision making process for this fund, with work on this due to be completed by June 2023; and

(2) Area Partnerships, meantime, could progress with making decisions regarding the allocation of £1m, as per the 2022/23 budget, selecting proposals that had previously been put forward by NRS teams across the various infrastructure categories.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report; and

(b) requested that the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability

(i) circulate the proposals drafted for this Partnership to all members following this meeting; and

(ii) provide a report to the next meeting of this Partnership to allow for consideration of allocation of funds from the Infrastructure Fund.

Community Reports – Updates by Partnership Members – Position noted.

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

(1) Karen Venables, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability advised that

(a) the Week of Action in Pollokshields East would take place from Monday 20th February 2023 and would include a range of NRS resources including Streetscene, Deep Clean Teams, Lighting, Roads and Community Enforcement Officers to help tackle litter, fly-tipping and detritus on the targeted streets; and

(b) local residents had been encouraged to visit our partner stall and take part in the community clean-up on Thursday 23rd February 2023 from 10am – 12noon, outside Pollokshields Library at 30 Leslie Street; and

(2) John Smith, Shawlands and Strathbungo Community Council, highlighted ongoing issues with regards to shop units being converted from Class 1 to Class 3 and suggested that it would be helpful for an officer of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability to attend a future meeting of this Partnership to provide an update.

Minutes of South Sector Community Planning Partnership noted.

12 The minutes of the South Sector Community Planning Partnership of 20th January 2023 were submitted and noted.