Item 1

12th September 2023

POLLOKSHIELDS AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Minutes of meeting held on 25th April 2023, City Chambers, Glasgow.

Present: Councillor Jon Molyneux (Chair), Bailie Norman MacLeod and Bailie Hanif Raja, Glasgow City Council; Inspector Ian Scott, Police Scotland; 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 Trust; Michael Igoe, Shawlands and Strathbungo Community Council; and Karen Venables, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Apologies: Councillor Zen Ghani, Glasgow City Council; Douglas Millar, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; and Alison McKenna-Breen, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership.

Attending: L Handlin (Clerk); K Docherty and D Speirs (for the Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities); and Z Aziz, E Curtis, J Hughes, D McCabe, K McCormick, E Scanlon and D Walker (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability).

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

1 The minutes of 14th February 2023 were submitted and approved, subject to the following amendments

(1) noting the apologies of Ruth Maltman and the attendance of Bill Lawns;

(2) Item 2 (1) (d) to read “that Karen Venables, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability had been nominated for membership of this Partnership by the department.”;

(3) Item 6 (b) to read “requested that the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability continue to provide reports to the next and all future meetings until such time that all outstanding projects had been completed.”; and

(4) Item 10 (b) (i) to read “circulate the proposals drafted for this Partnership to all members and directly to community councils following this meeting.”.

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

(1) Inspector Ian Scott had been nominated as the representative, and Inspector Mark McLaughlan had been nominated as the substitute representative for Police Scotland; and

(2) Nicola Fullerton was no longer the substitute representative for Glasgow City Heath and Social Care Partnership;

Variation in order of business

3 The Partnership agreed to vary the order of business as hereinafter minuted.

Development of Area Partnerships update noted etc.

4 There was submitted a report by the Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities regarding an update on the development of Area Partnerships, advising

(1) of the ongoing development by the Centre of Civic Innovation that would allow Area Partnerships to make decisions on how the Infrastructure Improvement Fund could be spent based on the opinions of local citizens;

(2) that workshops had been held that involved officers from Community Empowerment and Equalities and Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability to understand the aims, objectives, potential challenges and key stakeholders etc that could be involved;

(3) that the next stage would be to test the system in the pilot areas by engaging citizens and Area Partnerships on their priorities and preferences for use of the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund;

(4) that once the development phase had been completed, final recommendations would be made on how the citizens engagement system could be rolled out across the city; and

(5) of a revised terms of reference for Area Partnerships that now allowed for up to 4 additional members to be co-opted to the Partnership.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report; and

(b) agreed to continue consideration of co-opted members to the Partnership to allow for engagement with a number of local organisations and in particular to seek a wider representation of the BAME community.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund - Update noted – Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability – Funding allocated.

5 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS) providing an update on the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund, advising

(1) that the allocated £1m of investment for the ward was capital expenditure that could be carried forward to be spent in future financial years;

(2) that the Centre for Civic Innovation within NRS was developing a citizen engagement model to support this process as well as future initiatives, with draft recommendations being published in May 2023;

(3) that wider community involvement in decision making would continue moving forward; and

(4) of proposals for the use of the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund for consideration of this Partnership.

After consideration the Partnership

(a) noted the report;

(b) requested that the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability provide a hierarchy of the urgency of proposed works to all members of the Partnership;

(c) requested that the Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities arrange an informal meeting of this Partnership and officers from Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability prior to the summer recess to draft a range of funding options to be considered at the next meeting of this Partnership; and

(d) approved the allocation of £16,000 towards the cost of the Queen's Park Improvement Plan consultation.

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

6 With reference to the minutes of the Council's City Administration Committee of 23rd March 2023, when the committee approved the 2023/24 Area Budget allocations, there was submitted a report by the Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities, advising

(1) of the current position in relation to the Area Partnership's budget for 2023/24;

(2) that the Pollokshields Area Partnership's Area Budget allocation for 2023/24 was £62,408.19 and a total of £17,540 had been allocated to date leaving a balance of £44,868.19; and

(3) of the applications for funding from the Area Budget for 2023/24.

After consideration, the partnership

(a) noted the position regarding the Area Budget allocations for 2023/24; and

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

Applicant	*Purpose of application*	*Decision*
South Seeds	Towards the cost of producing a development plan on behalf of the Queens Park Working Group	Rejected as funding for project had been approved from the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund
*Pollokshields Community Council	Towards the cost of hosting a community summer event celebrating Pollokshields	Approved £5,000
YCSA	Towards the cost of youth diversionary events on 5th November 2023	Approved £3,450
Castlemilk Youth Complex	Towards the cost of a youth diversionary programme from July 2023 until March 2024 in Pollokshields and Govanhill	Approved £6,241
Inhouse Event Solutions CIC	Towards the cost of delivering the Queens Park Arena events programme for 2023	Approved £5,412
**Hidden Gardens	Towards the cost of hosting the Growing Together Summer Harvest event on 26th August 2023	Approved £1,995
The Pollokshields Trust	Towards the cost of running a dedicated programme of activities for girls aged 12-18 from May to August 2023	Approved £2,344 on the condition the Trust satisfy the Partnership's questions around health and safety and toilet facilities

*Ann Laing and Tabassum Niamat declared an interest in this item and took no part in the discussion and decision thereon.

**Councillor Molyneux declared an interest in this item and took no part in the discussion and decision thereon. Bailie Norman MacLeod chaired the meeting for consideration of this item only.

Festive lighting 2023/24 – Funding approved.

7 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding festive lighting within the Ward, advising

(1) that Pollokshields Area Partnership had been awarded £3,600 in central funding to meet the costs of erecting and maintaining festive lighting; and

(2) of the cost to repeat the 2022/23 programme for festive lighting for the 2023/34 financial year.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report; and

(b) agreed to fund a repeat of the 2022/23 festive lighting programme at a cost of £8,400, with £4,800 being allocated from the Area Budget, as detailed in the report.

Local Parks and Open Space Improvement Fund – Update noted – Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

8 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding the Local Parks and Open Spaces Improvement Fund providing an update on the current status of the project costing process.

After consideration, the Partnership

(1) noted

(a) the report;

(b) the Partnership's disappointment that a written update with regards to the agreed projects from the 2021/22 budget had not been provided at this meeting; and

(c) the Partnership's disappointment that work on projects from the 2021/22 budget had still to be completed; and

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

(a) engage with Craigton Community Council in relation to proposed soft landscaping works at Minto Street;

(b) circulate an update in relation to the agreed projects from the 2021/22 budget to the members of this Partnership following this meeting; and

(c) provide a written report to the next meeting of this Partnership in relation to the agreed projects from the 2021/22 budget.

East Pollokshields Renaissance Forum update noted.

9 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability providing an update on the East Pollokshields Renaissance Forum (EPRF) advising

(1) that meetings of the EPRF had taken place on a 6-8 weekly basis, which had been attended by elected members, council officers and representatives from Southside Housing Association;

(2) of the objectives of the EPRF and decisions by it, as summarised in the report;

(3) of the action programme for EPRF that focussed on Albert Drive and adjacent areas with a view to enhancing the local town centre;

(4) of the short, medium and long term actions, as detailed in the report;

(5) that Liveable Neighbourhoods had instructed a bespoke consultation for Albert Drive to support the Action Programme; and

(6) that Glasgow City Heritage Trust had been unsuccessful in its recent bid to the Historic Environment Scotland's Heritage and Place Programme for the improvement of heritage around Albert Drive.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report; and

(b) suggested that it would be beneficial for a member of Pollokshields Community Council to be co-opted on to the EPRF.

Bin hubs update noted.

10 There was heard and noted an update from Eddie Scanlon and John Hughes, Neighbourhoods Regeneration and Sustainability regarding the proposed installation of bin hubs in the Pollokshields area, advising that

(1) 66 hubs would be created to provide recycling facilities for 1059 properties;

(2) a public drop-in session would be held at Pollokshields Library on 18th May 2023;

(3) that information about the bin hubs was now available of the Glasgow City Council website;

(4) there would be monitoring and enforcement of the use of the bins, and that CCTV would be utilised to detect instances of misuse.

South Health and Improvement Team update – Consideration continued.

11 The Partnership agreed to continue consideration to a future meeting a report by Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership regarding the work being carried out by the Health and Imrpovement Team.

Community reports – Updates by Partnership members – Position noted.

12 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) a written report would be provided to the next meeting of the Partnership in relation to environmental issues within the Ward; and

  (b) Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability was currently in negotiations with the Tramway regarding pockets of greenspace;

(2) Mary Williamson, Craigton Community Council highlighted concerns that projects funded from the 2021/22 budget of the Local Parks and Open Spaces Improvement Fund had still to be completed, and that anti-social behaviour continued to take place in Bellahouston Park;

(3) Inspector Ian Scott, Police Scotland advised that

  (a) the results of the Your Police survey had been published online, with further feedback welcomed; and

(b) resources would continue to be allocated to the issues of anti-social behaviour at Bellahouston Park, utilising the alcohol and violence reduction unit and mounted police officers as required;

(4) Bill Lawns, Third Sector Interface Network requested that the community reports be moved towards the start of the agenda for future meetings; and

(5) Ann Laing advised that Pollokshields Heritage Trust had applied for Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation status, which would allow the Trust to apply for funding for various projects.