Item 1

22nd November 2022

POLLOKSHIELDS AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Minutes of meeting held on 27th September 2022, by video conference.

Present: Councillor Jon Molyneux (Chair), Councillor Zen Ghani, Bailie Norman MacLeod and Bailie Hanif Raja, Glasgow City Council; Alison McKenna-Breen, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Bill Fraser, Pollokshields Community Council; Ann Laing, Pollokshields Heritage; Ruth Maltman, Dumbreck Community Council; Iain McCormick, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Inspector Cenny Smith, Police Scotland; Kevin Kane, Strathbungo Society; and John Smith, Shawlands and Strathbungo Community Council.

Attending: L Handlin (Clerk); K Docherty and D Speirs (for the Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities); and K McCormick, R Smith, and K Venables (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability).

Minutes of previous meeting approved etc.

1 The minutes of 21st June 2022 were submitted and approved.

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) the report;

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

(c) that the Chair had not received any suggestions 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;

(ii) that, to date, Pollokshields Area Partnership had committed a total of £18,270 (30% of the budget) to various projects providing a service in the Ward, leaving a balance of £44,118.19 (70%) yet to be allocated; and

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

Applicant	*Purpose of application*	*Decision*
Glasgow Life	Towards the cost of a dedicated youth outreach programme in Pollokshields and Govanhill	Approved £5,880
Southside Housing Association	Towards the cost of bus hire for a trip to Largs	Approved £450
The Hidden Gardens*	Towards the cost of implementing a biodiversity programme	Approved £4,829
Southside Fringe	Towards the cost of facilitating free workshops during market days within Shawlands Arcade as part of the Southside Fringe	Approved £1,609
Glasgow Life	Towards the cost of the refurbishment and re-fit of the soft play room in Linn Park Adventure Playground	Approved £1,321
Southside Glasgow Childcare Partnership	Towards the cost of a six month volunteer	Approved £3,333

Forum	programme for parents to become sessional staff for Giggle and Grow classes	
YCSA	Towards the cost of hosting a youth diversionary event at The Bowling Green on 5th November 2022	Approved £3,875
The Nan Mackay Hall	Towards the cost of external hall repairs, new equipment and bus hire	Approved £2,055

* Councillor Jon Molyneux declared an interest in this item of business and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon. Bailie Norman MacLeod chaired the meeting during consideration of this application.

A New Model for Area Partnerships - Report noted.

4 There was submitted a report by the Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities regarding the new model for Area Partnerships, advising of

(1) a range of information to support the transition to a new way of working;

(2) an update on the 3 pilot Citizens' Panels and the next stages going forward;

(3) Ward information for the Pollokshields Area Partnership and the range of data from the digital dashboards, as detailed in the appendices to the report;

(4) an update on the City's Community Action Plan;

(5) guidance and a template for the Local Area Action Plan;

(6) the local venues to be considered should the Partnership decide to hold meetings in the Ward;

(7) the proposals on how communication would be improved across the Partnership and details of training and ongoing support for members;

(8) an update on the future of Sector Partnerships; and

(9) the recommendations for the Partnership.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted

(i) the report; and

(ii) the event with community councils on 20th August 2022, which had been attended by 60 community councils throughout the city; and

(b) agreed that

(i) a further update be provided to the next meeting of this Partnership;

(ii) the next meeting of the Partnership be held on Microsoft Teams, with the meeting venue being reviewed at that meeting; and

(iii) members would submit the questionnaire providing information of training and support needs; and

(c) requested the Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities

(i) contact members by e-mail to request suggestions for the type of data to be included in the digital dashboard; and

(ii) proceed with the arrangement of workshops for members of the Partnership to discuss the priorities and lead responsibilities for the Local Area Action Plan.

Community Reports – Updates by Partnership Members – Position noted.

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

(1) I McCormick, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service advised that Pollok Fire Station had been working in partnership with Good Food Scotland to provide for the local foodbank and food donations were welcome, and further advised that a number of water safety training initiatives had been undertaken throughout the city;

(2) Inspector Smith, Police Scotland advised that the cost of living crisis might result in more individuals resorting to criminality and Police Scotland would continue to work in partnership with the relevant agencies in order to ensure individuals who were vulnerable find the relevant support services; and further advised that preparations for the fireworks season had been put in place, with officers attending schools to provide awareness sessions, and noted a change to the legislation which made it an offence to provide fireworks to a child under 18 years of age;

(3) B Fraser, Pollokshields Community Council, advised that the community council had been in contact to request the re-opening of Pollokshields Community Centre and had not received a response in regards to this matter, and also raised concerns regarding the inability of this Council to respond to correspondence;

(4) A Laing, Pollokshields Heritage, advised that £3,000 of funding had been used to update the Pollokshields Heritage website, enabling it's use for research purposes, and further advised of concern relating to the building of the former Craigholm School lying semi derelict, which had resulted in the building being a target for urban explorers;

(5) R Maltman, Dumbreck Community Council, advised that there continued to be serious parking issues in the area when events had been held at Ibrox Stadium, and further advised that the deluge of leaves on the pavements had resulted in footpaths becoming hazardous to walk on;

(6) K Kane, Strathbungo Society, provided an update with regard to the proposals for the Nithsdale Road Bridge, and advised of issues relating to leaves on pavements; and

(7) J Smith, Shawlands and Strathbungo Community Council advised that a planning application for the re-development of Shawlands Arcade had been submitted and that the date for representations was 10th October 2022, and further advised that the community council had requested an extension as access to the application documents on the Council website had been unavailable for a week.

Local Parks and Open Space Improvement Fund 2022/23 – Options for investment – Consideration continued – Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

6 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding the Local Parks and Open Spaces Improvement Fund, advising

(1) of progress made in relation to funding allocated by this Partnership from the 2021/22 budget; and

(2) of proposed options for the investment of £49,800 from this Fund, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report;

(b) expressed profound disappointment that 10 months after the approval of funding, none of the projects allocated funding had been completed;

(c) requested that officers from Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability provide a further report to be submitted to the next meeting of this Partnership to update members on the progress of the projects funded from the 2021/22 budget;

(d) expressed bitter disappointment that community groups had not been contacted with regard to funding proposals until September 2022, despite this action having been agreed on 21st June 2022; and

(e) requested that officers from Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability provide a further report with finalised options for funding to the next meeting of this Partnership.

Pollokshields Infrastructure Fund 2022/23 – Update noted.

7 There was heard and noted a verbal report by Ms Karen Venables, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability providing an update on the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund, advising that a further

(1) engagement plan was required and that a range of consultations both digitally and face to face, would be required with the community in order that suggestions for use of the funds from residents from the Pollokshields Ward could be put forward; and

(2) update in relation to the consultation process would be provided to a future meeting of this Partnership.

Festive Lighting 2022/23 – Authorisation Noted.

8 With reference to the minutes of 21st June 2022 when the Partnership agreed that further consultation on proposals for festive lighting within the Ward be carried out with Pollokshields Community Council and local businesses regarding alternative suitable sites for festive lighting, there was heard an update by Ms Karen Docherty, Community Empowerment Services, advising that following consultation with local businesses and Pollokshields Community Council, it was agreed that festive lighting would be installed on 8 lighting columns in Kildrostan Street at a cost of £3,600.