Item 1

21st November 2023

POLLOKSHIELDS AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Minutes of meeting held on 12th September 2023, City Chambers, Glasgow.

Present: Councillor Jon Molyneux (Chair), Councillor Zen Ghani, Bailie Norman MacLeod and Bailie Hanif Raja, Glasgow City Council; Bill Lawns, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network; Mary Williamson, Craigton Community Council; Ruth Maltman, Dumbreck Community Council; Tabassum Niamat, Pollokshields Community Council; Michael Igoe, Shawlands and Strathbungo Community Council; Karen Venables, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability; and Shahnaz Ahmed Shakoor, Southside Housing Association.

Apologies: Allison McKenna-Breen, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Ann Laing, Pollokshields Heritage Trust; John Smith, Shawlands and Strathbungo Community Council; and Kevin Kane and Jane Carolan, Strathbungo Society.

Attending: E Miller (Clerk); K Gorman (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance); and K McCormick (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability).

Minutes of previous meeting approved etc.

1 The minutes of 25th April 2023 were submitted and approved, subject to the following

(1) Item 1(2) that Karen Venables, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS) had not been nominated formally through this Partnership;

(2) Item 4(b) that Councillor Molyneux had met with Bailie Raja to arrange a meeting with organisations to discuss joining the Partnership as co-opted members and would provide an update at the next meeting of this Partnership;

(3) Item 8(2)(a), NRS had engaged with Craigton Community Council as requested;

(4) Item 9(b), it was noted that an update with regard to Ann Laing attending a meeting of the East Pollokshields Renaissance Forum regarding joining the Forum as a co-opted member would be confirmed at the next meeting of this Partnership; and

(5) Item 12(1)(a) that a written report issues was currently being prepared by NRS on environmental issues within the ward and would be submitted to the next meeting of this Partnership and noted that a verbal report to the members would not be acceptable.

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) Station Commander Douglas Millar had been nominated as the representative and Station Commander George Winters had been nominated as the substitute representative for the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service;

(2) Melih Caner Inancli had been nominated as the substitute representative for Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership;

(3) Pauline Fletcher had been nominated as the substitute co-opted representative for Southside Housing Association;

(4) the Partnership expressed its disapproval on the process applied when a representative from Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS) was included onto the membership as a co-optee, without discussion or approval from this Partnership, and, after discussion, formally approved and supported Karen Venables, NRS to be a co-opted member on this Partnership; and

(5) requests should be sought for substitute members for Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network , Pollokshields Heritage and NRS, which were currently vacant.

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

3 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 Head of Policy and Corporate Governance, 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 £46,782 had been allocated to date leaving a balance of £15,626.19; 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*
*Nan McKay Hall	Towards the cost of repairing structural issues within the hall	Awarded £6,000
Halo Arts	Towards the cost of delivering a pantomime 'Cinderella' to 25 primary schools across five wards in the south of the city from 4th to 21st December 2023 providing a free show to over 7000 pupils	Approved £1,596
Active Schools Co-ordinator	Towards the cost of an autumn Active Kids programme within Craigton Primary school	Approved £480

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

Community reports – Updates by Partnership members – Requests to Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability and Councillor Molyneux.

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

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

(a) on-street bin hubs in Pollokshields East were monitored and inspected on a daily basis and could be used for domestic waste, recycling, food waste etc;

(b) recycling had increased by 70-80% due to the recycling bins now in place;

(c) issues with irresponsible parking in front of bin hubs and fly-tipping continued to be monitored with temporary traffic notices to be applied to allow illegal parking enforcement to be carried out by NRS;

(d) progress letters would be issued to residents as a reminder of the bin hubs, parking issues and to thank residents for their co-operation;

(e) complaints and enquiries had reduced following the introduction of the hubs, and that NRS continued to carry out community engagement events and would provide year-to-date analysis on this to a future meeting of this Partnership; and

(f) drain cleaning on some streets had not taken place, however, residents had adhered to the request to park cars elsewhere whilst it was being

carried out with any missed streets currently being re-scheduled and an apology had been offered by NRS to residents affected.

The Partnership noted the report and highlighted several issues in the ward with regard to

(i) lack of communication by NRS to advise residents of issues with drain cleaning contractors, who had failed to attend on allocated dates;

(ii) the unpleasant smell from bins due to missed collections and parked cars blocking the hubs or bins that had not been properly cleaned, which could be a problem for shop owners; and

(iii) drainage and flooding issues across the ward, which were noted for action by Ms Venables, who assured that all telephone or online enquiries would be addressed quickly and that QR codes were noted on each bin for reference.

(2) Ruth Maltman, Dumbreck Community Council advised that issues within the area remain the same, and advised

(a) there had been an expectation of progress with match day parking;

(b) of the general state of the roads and the impact of Shields Road Bridge closure on nearby residents;

(c) of the failure by contractors to repaint road markings at Dumbreck Road/Craigie Hall;

(d) that the number 59 bus had shortened its timetable and no longer operated after 6.00pm; and

(e) that residents at Fleurs Avenue still had no acceptable solution to receive fibre broadband access but welcomed that both Councillors Molyneux and Ghani had attempted to contact Cityfibre several times to address the issues and would continue to do so.

The Partnership noted the update and requested information on road markings at Shields Road, resurfacing at Albert Drive and raising the height of mini roundabouts to stop cars driving over the current roundabouts.

(3) Bill Lawns, Glasgow Third Sector Network advising

(a) of the issue with the Council's Liveable Neighbourhoods work which split the area covered by Southside Housing properties over 2 distinct areas, Pollokshields and Govan wards and that the Association should not be split over 2 areas;

(b) of the issue with some cyclists who failed to adhere to signs to dismount on the bridge over the railway line on Shields Road, the

offensive language used by some cyclists to pedestrians when challenged and the danger to pedestrians who could be knocked down by the cyclists; and

(c) that Mr Lawns would highlight the issue of disobedient cyclists to the local press if required and would contact Inspector Scott to address the issue.

The Partnership

(i) noted the update;

(ii) welcomed plans to widen the footpath space to allow access for both pedestrians and cyclists;

(iii) agreed the Partnership would write to Network Rail meantime to ask for its help to address the issue with cyclists using the footpath;

(4) Michael Igoe, Shawlands and Strathbungo Community Council advised

(a) that the community council had received an update on the future of Langside Hall and the potential to reopen in community ownership;

(b) that the planning application for the first phase of the Shawlands Arcade redevelopment would be going to a site visit with a hearing later in the month.

The Partnership

(i) noted the update and requested an update on Langside Trust as the ward was eager to secure good quality community space; and

(ii) highlighted the objections being presented regarding Shawlands Arcade development and noted that a visit was scheduled by the Council's Planning officers, which would benefit from community council's attendance and input

(5) Mary Williamson, Craigton Community Council highlighted

(ii) that the community council had repeatedly requested a deep clean for the area by the Council and programme of works for the area, but to date there had been no response, and that she felt the lack of action lay with the Council for the lack of work and communication and not Elected Members;

(iii) the continued issues with fly-tipping of members of the public who came into the area to fly-tip;

(iv) that residents continue to leave bulk household rubbish on the main streets and that notices should be placed in close entrances to advise residents of the correct procedure;

(v) the issues of parking on match days and the fact that parking restrictions were not being adhered to; and

(vi) that Craigton Community Council would be voting for re-election during October 2023 and if there had been no improvement to the area by the Council, the community council would resign its position and take its grievances forward to the Council.

(6) Shahnaz Ahmed, Southside Housing Association advised that newbuilds in the ward had been completed;

(7) following all updates, the Partnership noted with profound regret that it appeared the Council had confirmed requests for activities, which had been promised but then failed to deliver; and

(8) that any correspondence addressed to George Gillespie, Executive Director of NRS was passed down to an officer to action, which was unacceptable and heard that NRS would follow up on the outstanding deep clean work.

ENV2 funding – Details noted 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 ENV2 funding, and advising of the hyperlink that provided detailed information on projects and spending.

After consideration, the Partnership

(1) noted that further information could be found via the hyperlink on play areas, informal sports, green space and biodiversity team and that the summary reports detailed contributions received, project funding allocated/requested over the last five years and current available funds by category of open space;

(2) agreed that the development of Maxwell Park should be pushed forward to allow completion as soon as possible; and

(3) requested that the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability provide further information on each site including the origin of this funding, what had been allocated to date, any current proposals and the balance remaining for each site.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund 2022/23 update noted.

6 There was submitted and noted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, regarding the Pollokshields Infrastucture Fund, advising

(1) of progress on work to be carried out within the ward and the commitments to date, as detailed in the report;

(2) of the in-principle allocations proposed by the Partnership, following a special meeting on 8th June 2023;

(3) of redirected funding totalling £6m to be topped up in future budget years, for road repairs, with details relating to the ward confirmed within the appendices to this report;

(4) that Area Partnerships would still be expected to allocate the full £1m initially awarded;

(5) of a pilot programme of work, which was led by the Council's Centre of Civic Innovation, to research existing systems etc, as detailed in the report; and

(6) that the Council's Centre of Civic Innovation would be working with Community Empowerment Services to run the system in a live testing environment, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) agreed to disregard the appendices to the report as the information covered all 23 wards and requested that future information should be ward based only; and

(b) highlighted that

  (i) Maxwell Park required a lot of work to be carried out that included lighting, the pond, bushes and trees etc; and

  (ii) due to members of the public feeding pigeons, this had become a problem that would be resolved if signage could be installed around the park to address the issue.

(c) requested

  (i) details on how much of the Scottish Government funding for Playparks had been allocated to Maxwell Park;

  (ii) estimated costs for consideration to the following projects

    (A) installation of environmentally friendly lighting in the main thoroughfare at Maxwell Park Station and Maxwell Drive; and

(B) new drainage at the far side of Maxwell Park at the pond to address flooding or alternative options such as creating a further water feature or wetland area.

Local Parks and Open Spaces update noted.

7 There was submitted and noted a report by Mr Kevin McCormick, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS), regarding Local Parks and Open Space Improvement Fund providing an update on projects allocated within the ward for years 2021/22 and 2022/23, as detailed in the report,

After consideration, the Partnership requested that this be a standard agenda item and that NRS provide an update on progress for all 2021/22 and 22/23 funded projects, which should include total costs for projects where contributions have also come from other area partnerships, such as the Balvicar Street Play Area.

South Health Improvement Team update noted.

8 There was submitted and noted a report by Chief Officer, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership (GCHSCP), regarding the South Health Improvement Team, advising

(1) of the updated Strategic Plan, which could be found at Strategic Plan 2023 | Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership (hscp.scot);

(2) of GCHSCP revised property strategy priorities, which could be found at https://glasgowcity.hscp.scot/sites/default/files/publications/ITEM%20No%2011%20-%20Glasgow%20City%20IJB%20Property%20Strategy%202023-26.pdf;

(3) that the GCHSCP Health Improvement Strategic Direction for 2023 to 2028 could be found at Glasgow City HSCP Health Improvement Strategic Direction 2023 to 2028 | Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership;

(4) that GCHSCP matters briefings could be found at Partnership Matters - May June 2023.pdf (hscp.scot);

(5) of the work across the city and in the ward by GCHSCP, as detailed in the report; and

(6) of the GCHSCP Training Calendar, which would run from September to December 2023 and could be found at https://www.nhsggc.scot/your-health/public-health/health-improvement/glasgow-city-hscp-health-improvement/training-calendar/.