POLLOKSHIELDS AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Item 1

21st June 2022

Minutes of meeting held on 8th February 2022 by video conference.

Present: Bailie Norman MacLeod (Chair), Bailie Hanif Raja and Councillor Jon Molyneux, Glasgow City Council; Bill Fraser, Pollokshields Community Council; Kevin Kane, Strathbungo Society; Ann Laing, Pollokshields Heritage; Alison McKenna-Breen, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Ruth Maltman, Dumbreck Community Council; Inspector Cennydd Smith, Police Scotland; John Smith, Shawlands and Strathbungo Community Council; and Mary Williamson, Craigton Community Council.

Apologies: Councillor David Meikle, Glasgow City Council; and Bill Lawns, Glasgow Third Sector Network.

Attending: A Croall (Clerk); K Docherty and S Anderson (for the Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities); L Moran, and D Thomson (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability); and P McGrath, Southside Housing Association.

Minutes of previous meeting approved

1 The minutes of the 30th November 2021 were submitted and approved.

Community Planning Partnership - Governance Framework - Membership update noted.

2 There was submitted and noted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration advising that that no changes had been made to the membership of Pollokshields Area Partnership since the last meeting.

GCPP Governance Review of Area and Sector Partnerships noted.

3 There was submitted a report by the Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities providing an update on the progress of the review of Area and Sector Partnerships, advising

(1) of the background to the proposals and key principles agreed by the GCPP Strategic Partnership on 7th December 2021, as detailed in the report;

(2) the next steps for the review, as detailed in the report; and

(3) for the Partnership to have the opportunity to provide comments for further consideration to incorporate into the operational plan.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the next steps as detailed in the report;

(b) raised a number of questions and concerns that were addressed by Mr S Anderson;

(c) expressed disappointment that the proposed revised Terms of Reference for Area Partnerships were not intimated to it before consideration by the Strategic Partnership as it understood previously had been promised;

(d) that in relation to the proposed revised Terms of Reference – first 'bullet point' the Partnership favoured a maximum 10 rather than 6 community representatives, notwithstanding the opportunity to co-opt a further 4 members as included at the final 'bullet point';

(e) indicated disappointment that engagement with Community Councils and Area Partnerships in relation to the plan to establish Citizens' Panel so far appeared to have been less than ideal;

(f) wished to express its desire that the maximum co-operation and collaboration be achieved in relation to locality plans through work of the existing Community Councils, Area Partnerships and the proposed Citizens' Panels;

(g) requested that the cost of establishing, maintaining and supporting Citizens' Panel should be computed, confirmed and made available to the Partnership and others as appropriate; and

(h) emphasised how very much it was in favour of the promotion and enhancement of community participation in the affairs of the Ward but that as new vehicles and initiatives for achieving that were introduced – for example Citizens' Panels – every care should be taken to seek to avoid unnecessary duplication and also to continue to support, expand and develop the role of Community Councils and Area Partnerships.

Area Budget 2021/22 - Applications for funding dealt with etc.

4 With reference to the minutes of the Council of 11th March 2021, when it agreed its budget for 2021/22 with overall funding available for Area Partnerships being maintained at 2020/21 levels, there was submitted a report by the Council's Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities regarding the Area Budget for 2021/22, there was submitted a report by the Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities regarding the Area Budget 2021/22, advising

(1) that the Pollokshields Area Partnership's Area Budget allocation for 2021/22 was £62,408.19 subsequently the sum of £300 was returned to the Area Partnership from a previous award in 2019/20 and approved for inclusion in the available funds for 2021/22 giving a revised total budget allocation of £62,708.19; and

(2) of the applications for funding from the Area Budget 2021/22.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted

(i) the position regarding Area Budget Allocations;

(ii) that to date, Pollokshields Area Partnership had committed a total of £62,350.34 to various projects in the area, leaving a balance of £357.85 unallocated.

(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*
Nan McKay Hall	Funding towards 6 extractor fans	Approved £357.85

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

5 With reference to the minutes of the City Administration Committee of 29th August 2019, when the committee approved the proposed budget for the Glasgow Communities Fund for the next 3 financial years, there was submitted a report by the Council's Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities regarding the Area Budget for 2022/23, advising of the current position in relation to the Area Partnership's proposed Area Budget allocation and applications for funding for 2022/23, including information regarding travel passes and playschemes within the Ward area, and that it was anticipated that the Council would set its budget, early in 2022, for the financial year 2022/23.

After consideration, the Partnership

(1) noted

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

(b) the current position on awarding funds from the 2022/23 allocation; and

(c) that time critical awards for up to £500 could be allocated from the 2022/23 budget under existing Delegated Authority arrangements.

(2) 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*

*Pollokshields Heritage	Funding towards 'Project 30' in preparation for Pollokshields Heritage 30th Anniversary in the summer	Approved £3,000
Southside Fringe	Funding towards the cost of a mid-summer art show/installations	Approved £1,650
New Victoria Gardens	Funding towards the preparations for the 150th Anniversary in August 2022	Approved £3,000
'Reclaim the lane group' In partnership with Southside Housing Association	Funding towards making the lane between Shields Road, Leslie Street and Albert Drive safe, secure and maintained	Approved £4,130
*Ready Steady Grow	Funding towards 3 pop up events in spring, Summer and Autumn	Approved £2,000
Pollokshields Primary Parent Council	Funding towards the cost of a summer Bazaar	Approved £790
**The Strathbungo Society	Funding towards an annual community led festival 'Bungo in the Back Lanes'	Approved £1,500

*Anne Laing declared an interest in both these items of business and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon.

**Kevin Kane declared an interest in this item of business and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon.

(3) in terms of the Travel Pass Scheme, approved the issue of a travel passes to East Pollokshields Out of School Care and Shawlands Out of School Care.

Your Neighbourhood, Your Place – Update noted.

6 There was heard a verbal report by Dr L Moran, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS) providing an update on activity across the Ward area, advising

(1) that the cleansing service was back on schedule for the Ward and that the bulk uplift service had resumed on 20th January 2022;

(2) that the launch of the back lane strategy and its funding was imminent;

(3) of the Council's winter gritting plan and map which could be used to access what routes were highlighted for priority gritting and were gritting bins are situated; and

(4) that a replacement for her position would be forthcoming due to Dr Moran securing a new role within NRS, however Ms Joyce MacDonald remained the appointed Neighbourhood Co-ordinator for the Ward who could be contacted for cleansing issues or concerns within the Ward.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report;

(b) highlighted areas within the Ward that had been subject to leaf/blocked drains and of the ongoing issue of an overflowing drain at Murray Place; and

(c) thanked Dr Moran for all her hard work and to wished her well in the new role.

Renaissance of East Pollokshields, including Albert Drive and Albert Cross – Update noted etc.

7 There was submitted and noted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS) providing an update on the ongoing work within East Pollokshields, advising

(1) that tenders had been returned in relation to the fire damaged property at Albert Cross;

(2) that consultants had been appointed who provided a breakdown of the cost, presented to the insurers and in turn advise NRS who would enter into discussions with the owners of the adjoining property; and

(3) that since the last meeting of the Partnership an initial scoping meeting with internal officers had taken place to discuss the remit of the East Pollokshields Renaissance Forum, and that going forward Dr Moran's replacement would be leading on this.

After consideration the Partnership thanked Dr L Moran and Duncan Thomson for the report and noted

(a) the activities described in the report;

(b) progress on the works at the fire damaged buildings at Albert Cross and the creation of an East Pollokshields Renaissance Forum;

(c) expressed the Partnership's frustration with the slow progess on actions required as the result of the fires and commended council officers using all their influence to endeavour to move matters forward; and

(d) a report of a breach of security and consequent concerns for safety at the fire damaged site and for the need to communicate with the owners to remind them of their liability in these matters.

Community Reports - Updates by Partnership Members noted.

8 There was heard and noted verbal reports from members of the Partnership on various matters regarding the Pollokshields Ward

(1) A McKenna-Breen, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership advised of the recommissioned Urban Roots project at Shields community garden and of the capital planning for an extension to the garden that would involve wider consultation regarding the space around the health centre, and she further advised of the Govanhill/Pollokshields plans for a mental health hub;

(2) Inspector Smith, Police Scotland advised that Inspector Bob Anderson would be taking over Bellahoustoun and Dumbreck area and that a newly appointed campus police officer was in place at Shawlands Academy, and further advised that the Scottish Government had published the Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Bill;

(3) B Fraser, Pollokshields Community Council advised discussions for funders are taken place regarding a possible community sports hub behind land at Shields Health Centre;

(4) K Kane, Strathbungo Society advised that Network Rail had intimated of the closure and rebuild work that would commence on 28th March 2022 to 28th May 2023 at the Nithsdale Road bridge, that Murray Place would be closed for 9 months; and further advised that a meeting with Network Rail, with the invitation to elected members to the meeting, along with council officials from Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, was needed regarding the planning, structure, road closures and the future use of the bridge;

(5) M Williamson, Craigton Community Council advised of her disappointment that no detailed advice had been received from Ms R Smith, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, regarding the approved allocation of £10,900 for works concerning the Children's Play Area adjacent to Craigton Primary School;

(6) Note: R Maltman, Dumbreck Community Council indicated with regret that she required to leave the meeting at this point and requested that a note might be made of the matters about which she would orally have reported; these were - continuing concerns regarding the progress of event day parking enquiry, current enforcement of football day parking rules, delay with street lighting repairs, road repairs and street cleansing, particularly leaves; and ongoing issues with traffic numbers, the flow on Dumbreck Road and blue lights on multi storey blocks.

Minutes of the South Sector Community Partnership noted.

9 The minutes of the South Sector Community Planning Partnership of 23rd November 2021 were submitted and noted.

Future Dates of Pollokshields Area Partnership Meetings.

10 The Partnership noted that the future dates of the Area Partnership would be advised after the local election on 5th May 2022.