Item 1

27th September 2022

POLLOKSHIELDS AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Minutes of meeting held on 21st June 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; Inspector Cenny Smith, Police Scotland; Kevin Kane, Strathbungo Society; John Smith, Shawlands and Strathbungo Community Council; and Mary Williamson, Craigton Community Council.

Apologies: Bill Fraser and Lorna McRobert, Pollokshields Community Council; Ruth Maltman and Pete Rivett, Dumbreck Community Council; and Ann Laing, Pollokshields Heritage.

Attending: C Jack (Clerk); K Docherty and D Speirs (for the Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities); and S Gibson, J Gordon, W Travis, K Venables and D Walker (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability).

Minutes of previous meeting approved etc.

1 The minutes of 8th February 2022 were submitted.

After consideration, the Partnership

(1) noted

(a) an amendment at 6(b) and 8(4) bearing the rubric “Murray Place” with the word “Murray” being replaced with “Moray”; and

(b) an update provided by S Gibson, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, regarding Albert Cross and Albert Drive advising the Partnership of an opportunity to proceed with an Expression of Interest for Heritage and Place funding in partnership with Glasgow City Heritage Trust; and

(2) with regard to paragraph (b) above, agreed that opportunities for investment should be explored as part of work to establish an East Pollokshields Renaissance Forum led by Glasgow City Council.

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 regarding membership of this Partnership, noting that

(1) Councillor Zen Ghani, Bailie Norman MacLeod, Councillor Jon Molyneux and Bailie Hanif Raja had been elected as members for the Pollokshields ward; and

(2) Michael Igoe was no longer the nominated member representative for Shawlands & Strathbungo Community Council and John Smith would replace him as the member representative subject to confirmation from the Community Council; and

(3) suggestions for co-opted membership should be forwarded to the Chair.

A new model for Area Partnerships – Progress noted etc – Request to Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities.

3 With reference to the minutes of 8th February 2022 when the Area Partnership noted the findings of the review of Area and Sector Partnerships, there was submitted a report by the Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities providing an outline of progress and the next steps in implementing the new model of Area Partnerships, advising

(1) of the recommendations and principles that were approved by the Glasgow Community Planning Partnership (GCPP) Strategic Partnership on 7th December 2021, as detailed in the Appendix to the report;

(2) of the progress made to date of Citizens' Panels and the decision to pilot in 3 wards namely Calton (North East Sector), Canal (North West Sector) and Greater Pollok (South Sector);

(3) of the revised timetable for the development of Citizens' Panels;

(4) that a timetable of Area Partnership meetings would be circulated as soon as possible; and

(5) the next steps.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted

(i) the decisions taken by the GCPP Strategic Partnership in December 2021;

(ii) the new timeframe for the implementation of the 3 pilot Citizens' Panels and the rollout to other wards which had been extended to ensure enough time was available for the Panels to be genuinely co-designed with citizens;

(iii) frustration at the lack of consultation with elected members and community councils prior to submission to the GCPP Strategic Partnership; and

(iv) members' concerns regarding the relationship between the community councils and the Citizens Panels;

(b) agreed that this item remain on the agenda; and

(c) requested that the Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities

(i) ensure 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;

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

(iii) circulate the evaluation report of Participatory Budgeting pilots to all members of the Partnership; and

(iv) provide a future report addressing how the community planning structure expected the Citizens' Panels to work.

Roads Investment 2022/23 – Update noted etc

4 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding the 2022/23 Citywide Road Assets Investment Strategy and Programmes, advising

(1) of the impact and key benefits that the 2022/23 Citywide Road Assets Investment Strategy would deliver;

(2) that the strategy was developed by using data from customer reports, surveys and condition data to determine the road assets selected for repair and what would be achievable with the level of funding available;

(3) of the anticipated outcomes of each programme of the strategy, as detailed in the report;

(4) of the public consultation and engagement undertaken; and

(5) of the list of road asset improvement schemes identified for the Pollokshields Ward as part of Roads usual Capital/Revenue spend as detailed in the appendix to the report.

After consideration, the Partnership noted

(a) the report; and

(b) the road asset improvement schemes identified for the Pollokshields Ward as part of Roads usual capital/revenue spend detailed in the appendix to the report.

Pollokshields Infrastructure Fund 2022/23 – Update noted – Consideration continued – 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 recommended options for spend towards Neighbourhood Infrastructure asset improvements, advising

(1) that following the recent budget allocation for the Council, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability had been allocated an additional £23m Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund - Area Partnerships to invest in repairs and/or improvements to existing or new neighbourhood infrastructure assets, which equated to an additional £1m per ward across the City, and that it was intended that this £1m of investment would be considered, consulted and informed by local communities and stakeholders into how it should be spent;

(2) of the aims and key themes that the investment would support;

(3) that as part of a public consultation, this Council had received and used feedback from stakeholders to assist in determining priorities for 2022/23;

(4) that any potential investment idea that was considered must be able to be implemented on an area which was maintained at public expense or Council owned i.e. public open space, adopted roads or in relation to a neighbourhood asset which was already maintained at public expense, and was not available to undertake work on private land; and

(5) of a suite of projects to be considered in the Pollokshields Ward and which should be delivered by March 2024, and the next steps and timelines as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted

(i) the report; and

(ii) its concern and disappointment at the lack of meaningful community participation in producing the list of potential projects;

(b) agreed

(i) to continue consideration of this item to a future meeting; and

(ii) that the timelines to agree the preferred options for the additional Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund - Area Partnerships £1m asset improvement fund for the Pollokshields Ward were unrealistic; and

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

(i) write to the members of this Partnership and Community Councils asking for submission of ideas, acknowledge receipt of the submission from Craigton Community Council and consider how to more meaningfully involve local people in identifying priorities; and

(ii) provide a report to the next meeting incorporating local feedback and to include officer recommendations if available by that time.

Festive Lighting 2022/23 – Proposals continued etc.

6 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS) regarding the 2022/23 Festive Lighting Programme, advising

(1) that each Area Partnership would be awarded £3,600 central funding to meet the costs of erecting and maintaining festive lighting;

(2) of the festive lighting locations for the ward delivered as part of the 2021/22 programme, as detailed in the report;

(3) of the standard pricing schedule for the 2022/23 festive lighting programme, and the cost to repeat the 2021/22 programme in 2022/23, excluding switch-on events, as detailed in the report;

(4) that the partnership could nominate additional or alternative festive lighting locations to those delivered as part of the 2021/22 programme, and that should any new location be proposed, the feasibility and cost of the new location would be assessed and reported back to the Chair of this partnership for a decision prior to 30th June 2022; and

(5) that if the total cost of the delivery of the festive lighting programme selected by the Area Partnership exceeded the £3,600 central funding, then the balance of the funding would require to be met by the Area Partnership from other funds.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted

(i) the 2021/22 festive lighting arrangements and the central funding available for the 2022/23 programme;

(ii) the 2022/23 programme including locations for festive lighting installations and the proposed switch on events; and

(iii) funding of an additional £4,800 from the Area Partnership budget; and

(b) agreed

(i) proposals for Queens Park (Langside Halls) and Shawlands Cross (Granary);

(ii) to defer Darnley Place for consultation with the community council and local businesses to take place;

(iii) that K Docherty, Partnership and Development Officer, would consult with the local businesses and Pollokshields Community Council to find an alternative and suitable site and/or alternative ways of animating the Kildrostan Street triangle;

(iv) that K Venables, Neighbourhood Liaison Officer, would liaise with the appropriate officer in Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding a request by M Williamson to look at an alternative option for the Christmas tree at Craigton; and

(v) to delegate authority to the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability in consultation with the Chair who would liaise with the elected members to approve any additional funding.

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

7 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 providing an introduction to the Area Budget, details of the current position with the 2022/23 Area Budget and applications for funding for 2022/23.

After consideration, the Partnership

(1) noted

(a) the introduction to area budget funding;

(b) the area budget funding allocations for Area Partnerships in 2022/23 as detailed at Appendix 1 of the report;

(c) that a review of the area budget funding priorities would take place during 2022/23; and

(d) the current budget position for 2022/23; and

(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*
45 Glasgow Boys Brigade	Towards the cost of an educational trip to Orkney from 6th to 13th August 2022	Awarded £1,000

Local Parks and Open Space Improvement Fund – Proposals noted etc – Consideration continued - Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

8 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS) regarding the Local Parks and Open Space Improvement Fund in the Pollokshields Ward, advising

(1) of the local engagement undertaken around the use of open spaces; and

(2) of the list of options for investment of this fund and a breakdown of costs totalling £49,800.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report;

(b) agreed to continue consideration of this item;

(c) requested that the re-opening of Balvicar Street play area proceed as soon as possible and that this should not be affected by continuation of this item; and

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

(i) submit a report to the next meeting providing an update on the Partnership's previous allocation of the Local Parks and Open Spaces Improvement Fund at its meeting of 30th November 2021 and identifying developer contributions for the south side area; and

(ii) write to the community councils, Friends of Parks groups and members of this Area Partnership requesting they submit preferred options for consideration.

Community Reports - Updates by Partnership Members – Position noted.

9 There was heard and noted a verbal report from M Williamson, Craigton Community Council, highlighting the frustration felt by the Friends of Bellahouston Park regarding the Open Spaces Improvement Fund approved work due to start this year which had not been completed and requested that officers continue to have proper dialogue with both Craigton Community Council and Friends of Bellahouston Park on the ongoing issues.

Minutes of South Sector Community Planning Partnership noted.

10 The minutes of the South Sector Community Planning Partnership of 1st February 2022 were submitted and noted.