

POLLOKSHIELDS AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Minutes of meeting held on 11th February 2025, City Chambers, Glasgow.

Present: Councillor Zen Ghani (Chair), Bailie Norman MacLeod, Councillor Jon Molyneux and Bailie Hanif Raja, Glasgow City Council; Inspector Graeme Hogg, Police Scotland; John Casey, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; 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; Shahnaz Ahmed Shakoor, Southside Housing Association; and Kevin Kane, Strathbungo Society.

Apology: Ann Laing, Pollokshields Heritage.

Attending: E Miller (Clerk); K McKenzie and D Speirs (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 – Requests to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, Councillor Ghani and Head of Policy and Corporate Governance.

1 The minutes of 19th November 2024 were submitted and approved, subject to noting the following

- (1) at Item 1(1), regarding written reports from Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS), Bailie MacLeod intimated the Partnership's repeated request for a written report on ward updates for each meeting;
- (2) at Item 1(3), regarding co-opted members, Councillor Ghani would continue to deal with prospective organisations;
- (3) at Item 1(5), regarding Pollokshields Community Centre, Bailie MacLeod requested that a report be provided by NRS on People Make Glasgow Communities and that a representative be invited to a future meeting of the Partnership to discuss this;
- (4) at Item 1(9), regarding noisy car exhausts, Councillor Ghani and Kirsteen McKenzie would contact Environmental Health regarding this issue;
- (5) at Item 1(10), regarding signs noting shared usage of pathways for cyclists and pedestrians, Bill Lawns advised that signage had been removed;
- (6) at Item 7(ii)(A), regarding timing lights at Darnley Street crossing, as no representative had attended from NRS, this would be continued to the next meeting to confirm the amended timings at the crossing;

- (7) at item 5(d), regarding Public Liability Insurance cover, NRS had confirmed that block insurance cover could be provided, however an individual would not be insured for each activity. Mary Williamson advised that risk assessments had always been in place and that the neighbourhood improvement volunteers advised where they would be working and continued to work in the ward, although not insured, and that Mary would provide an update on this matter to the next meeting of the Partnership; and
- (8) at item 7(d), regarding Devon Street Urban Park, Councillor Molyneux and Councillor Gallagher, on behalf of Pollokshields and Southside Central Area Partnerships had written to George Gillespie, Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability to advise that the Partnerships were supportive of the project and it had been confirmed that the project would potentially be eligible for ENV2/IPG12 funding.

Glasgow Community Planning Partnership Governance Framework - Membership update noted etc.

2 There was submitted and noted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration providing an update regarding membership of this Partnership, advising

- (1) that no changes had been made to the membership since the previous meeting; and
- (2) of the amendments to the Governance Framework that related to Area Partnerships.

Area Budget 2024/25 – Applications for funding dealt with etc – Declaration of interest.

3 With reference to the minutes of the Council's City Administration Committee of 21st March 2024, when the committee approved the 2024/25 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 2024/25;
- (2) that the Pollokshields Area Partnership's Budget allocation for 2024/25 was £62,408.19, and that £58,465.88 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £3,942.31; and
- (3) of the applications for funding from the Area Budget for 2024/25.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the position regarding the Area Budget allocation for 2024/25; and

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

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Purpose of application</i>	<i>Decision</i>
East Pollokshields Out of School Care	Towards the cost of equipment and resources to develop play space for P6 and P7's	Awarded £3,642.31
*Nan McKay Community Hall	Towards the cost to replace a kettle and toaster and to purchase paper and canvasses for its art class	Awarded £300

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

Area Budget 2025/26 – Applications for funding dealt with etc – Declarations of interest.

4 There was submitted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance, advising

- (1) that the Area Budget had still to be agreed by the City Administration Committee and any revisions to Area Budget allocations for 2025/26 would be detailed in a future report;
- (2) that Area Partnerships had the option to approve a portion of funds from its 2025/26 Area Budget at the January/February 2025 cycle of meetings for any projects/services that would take place early in the 2025/26 financial year;
- (3) that any funding recommended would be subject to confirmation of available finances; and
- (4) that any applications considered at the January/February 2025 cycle of meetings should be time critical.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted
 - (i) that the Area Budget allocations for 2025/26 were subject to availability of funds following approval of Glasgow City Council's 2025/26 budget, with any revisions to current levels of budget being subject to a future report; and

- (ii) the interim arrangements which enabled the allocation of a portion of the funding from the 2025/265 Area Budget in the January/February cycle for time critical applications; and
- (b) dealt with the application for funding as follows, the grant awards being subject to the conditions detailed in the report:-

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Purpose of application</i>	<i>Decision</i>
*The Hidden Gardens	Towards the cost to deliver 32 facilitated cooking sessions	Awarded £749
Wild Green Space CIC	Towards the cost of a 3-day event, Tangles in the Trees, a celebration of outdoor neurodivergent play	Awarded £1,438.50 on the condition that Southside Central Area Partnership also approve its share of the funding

* Councillors Ghani and Molyneux declared an interest in this item of business and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon and Bailie MacLeod assumed the Chair for this item only.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund Programme – Community engagement update noted – Request to Head of Policy and Corporate Governance.

5 There was submitted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance, regarding the next stages for community engagement on the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund (NIF) programme, advising

- (1) of the current NIF allocation across the Area Partnerships and the challenges faced by Partnerships regarding generation of ideas, timescales of the funds, community engagement and allocation;
- (2) that Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS) would provide a progress report to the next meeting of the Partnership, which would include up to date costings and allocations for each ward, information on the new internal processes for NIF and templates for recording of ideas; and
- (3) that members should advise how the process of NIF allocations should continue, how the remainder of the £1m fund should be allocated and what support would be required from the Communities Team.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted

- (i) the report;
 - (ii) that the Partnership had ringfenced £500,000 for lighting, footways, parks, sport, drainage, dropped kerbs and CCTV pending accurate costs from NRS, with the possibility of some costs being shared by other Area Partnerships should a proposal take into account more than 1 ward; and
 - (iii) that the remainder of the NIF would be allocated by the Partnership with wider community engagement, to include a meeting with all community councils in the ward; and
- (b) raised concerns regarding
- (i) delays with NRS carrying out projects, which could result in increased costs; and
 - (ii) pricing for an incorrect street by NRS and noted that this should be addressed with the dedicated NIF team now in place.

Community reports and updates by Partnership members noted – Requests to Councillor Ghani, Police Scotland and Chief Officer, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership.

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

- (1) Craigton Community Council – Mary Williamson advised
- (a) that issues were still ongoing since the last meeting and that nothing had progressed;
 - (b) of ongoing issues with match day parking;
 - (c) that at the next community council meeting, the main focus would be the derelict DWP building on Paisley Road West and if no satisfactory answers were provided, they would take the matter further; and
 - (d) the final consultation of the Local Place Plan would be held on 15th February 2025.
- (2) Police Scotland – Inspector Hogg advised
- (a) of the ongoing work to combat issues with regard to unlawful cyclists, e-bikes, traffic and parking etc;
 - (b) of a recent increase in motor thefts, with opportunist who were taking advantage of unlocked cars and items on view within motors and the

work by officers to highlight the importance to the community of securing all property;

- (c) that 10 people had been charged and referred to the Procurator Fiscal following incidents within the ward on Bonfire night;
 - (d) of the stakeholder group meetings and that Inspector Hogg had linked in with colleagues in Edinburgh to discuss different ideas on tactics and policies;
 - (e) that officers would hold parking and speeding action days and that any dangerous parking issues should be reported to Police Scotland by contacting 101; and
 - (f) of planned information events and action days to educate cyclists and motorists, including Deliveroo and Just Eat delivery drivers, on the importance of road safety.
- (3) Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network – Bill Lawns advised
- (a) of ongoing issues with cyclists on paths where there would be no shared use with pedestrians and cyclists refusing to use cycle lanes;
 - (b) that the Partnership should do more by applying for a grant from LEZ funding to purchase cycles for Police Scotland to support its work on this issue.
- (4) Dumbreck Community Council – Ruth Maltman advised
- (a) that since the last meeting, outstanding fencing issues had been rectified;
 - (b) of the continued concerns and issues around football parking; and
 - (c) of the issues regarding maintenance of roads, pathways and trees, which required attention.
- (5) Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership (GCHSCP) – John Casey advised that he would be working in East Pollokshields and following a City Food Plan meeting at Nan McKay House, there had been an interest expressed in having a Food Group and John would be looking to take this forward as part of his role and would be interested in meeting food groups within the ward.
- (6) Shawlands and Strathbungo Community Council – Michael Igoe advised
- (a) that the community council had held a drop in session at the glasshouses in Queens Park on Saturday 8th February regarding the final stages to the Local Place Plan, which had been refined and would be submitted soon;

- (b) that it hoped to access funding from the Neighbourhood Improvement Fund together with neighbouring Partnerships for projects that would be jointly beneficial; and
 - (c) that the community council had been encouraged by positive engagement between Langside Halls Trust, Glasgow Building Preservation Trust (GBPT) and Inhouse with a view to forming a partnership approach on taking Langside Halls forward.
- (7) Strathbungo Society – Kevin Kane advised
- (a) that the Society had a positive meeting with developers of the ex-care home on Titwood Road to discuss the creation of a new footpath linking Moray Place and Titwood Road;
 - (b) that the Society had submitted comments on the revised/new planning application at the former Arnold Clark site on Nithsdale Drive and that the Society had not been notified of the revised application by the Council, despite it being a previous objector;
 - (c) of the concerns that the Private Lanes Fund had been underspent, while the Society had been seeking to fund a second project in the back lanes;
 - (d) of the hope that the Partnership support the priorities within the Local Place Plan for the ward, which would be the creation of a public square at Nithsdale Road/Pollokshaws Road and the declutter/redevelopment of the Balvicar Street entrance to Queen's Park; and
 - (e) that a Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability contractor had tarmacked over a blocked drain at Moray Place and would require that the drain be unblocked or relocated on to an adjacent verge to prevent further issues.
- (8) Pollokshields Community Council – Tabassum Niamat advised
- (a) of a burst water pipe, which had affected a number of households and noted that water had been available at Langside Halls;
 - (b) of the sad closure of businesses along Albert Drive;
 - (c) that there had been improvements at the bin hubs, however there were still fly-tipping issues; and
 - (d) of the ongoing parking issues and road disrepairs.

After consideration, the Partnership noted that

- (i) Inspector Hogg would provide figures to Bailie Raja regarding the number of bicycle incidents;
- (ii) Councillor Ghani would write to the Council's Licencing Department to clarify what powers Police Scotland had with regard to bikes and that he would submit a motion to full Council; and
- (iii) John Casey, GCHSCP would provide an update on the Cost of Living Guide to the next meeting of the Partnership.

Development of Area Partnership Plans noted.

7 With reference to the minutes of 23rd April 2024 noting the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP) and the service reform of Community Empowerment Services, there was submitted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance regarding the development of Area Partnership Plans, advising

- (1) that one of the key actions identified as a priority for the newly formed Communities Team was to support Area Partnerships in the development of Area Partnership Plans that would define local ward priorities and areas of need, highlight the resources and infrastructure available and ensure any future investment of resources were effectively targeted in response to the actions plans;
- (2) of the proposal to develop the action plans to leverage community-identified data and the work undertaken with colleagues from Strategic Information, Innovation & Technology in the development of Area Partnership dashboards, as detailed in the report;
- (3) that the proposed plans would have clear strategic links with the Child Poverty Programme, Thriving Places, Local Place Plans and HSCP Sector Plans; and
- (4) the next steps and a proposed timeline of the process that would be undertaken in 2025/26 as detailed at Appendix 1 of the report.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report;
- (b) raised a number of concerns and questions that were addressed by Derek Speirs; and
- (c) approved the proposed timeline for the development of Area Partnership Plans as detailed at Appendix 1 of the report.

Local Parks and Open Spaces Improvement Fund update noted – Re-allocation of funding approved – Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

8 Further to the minutes of 10th September 2024, there was submitted and noted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS), regarding the 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

- (a) noted the report;
- (b) requested that
 - (i) repairs to the train play area in Bellahouston Park should continue with remaining funds of £1,300 from the greenspace at the corner of Waverley Gardens and Minard Road be re-allocated to the train play area, totalling £1,800 towards the project; and
 - (ii) an update be provided on the Minto Crescent project to the next meeting of the Partnership; and
- (c) raised a number of questions and concerns that were addressed by Kevin McCormick.