

POLLOKSHIELDS AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Minutes of meeting held on 9th September 2025, Committee Room, City Chambers.

Present: Councillor Zen Ghani (Chair), Bailie Norman MacLeod, Councillor Jon Molyneux and Bailie Hanif Raja, Glasgow City Council; Inspector Graeme Hogg, Police Scotland; Station Commander Douglas Millar, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; 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; Toni Tochel, Shawlands and Strathbungo Community Council; Ann Laing, Pollokshields Heritage; Kevin Kane, Strathbungo Society; and Karen Venables, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Apologies: Shahnaz Ahmed Shakoor and Pauline Fletcher, Southside Housing Association;

Attending: E Miller (Clerk); D Speirs (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance); and S Jones, J MacDonald and A Smyth (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability).

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

1 The minutes of 22nd April 2025 were submitted and approved, subject to noting the following

- (1) at Item 1(1), regarding written reports from Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS), it was noted that Councillor Ghani and Bailie MacLeod had not yet received a response from NRS;
- (2) at item 1(4), regarding Police Scotland powers with bikes, Councillor Ghani had received a response which would be circulated to the Partnership;
- (3) at item 7(a), regarding an application to the Private Lanes Improvement Fund, the application had been approved;
- (4) at item 7(b), regarding commercial bins, no site visit had been carried out, however Amy Smyth, NRS had contacted Kevin Kane regarding the issues who would continue to pursue the matter; and
- (5) at item 7(c), regarding designated 2-meter seating areas outside pubs in the Strathbungo area, Amy Smyth, NRS had contacted some premises as a number of businesses had not followed the restrictions causing obstruction on public pathways, which NRS would investigate further.

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 that since the last meeting, no changes have been made to the membership.

Area Budget Evaluation noted – Request to Head of Policy and Corporate Governance.

3 There was submitted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance regarding details of projects selected to complete an Evaluation Report,

- (1) advising that projects funded through the area budget were required to comply with the Council's Standard Conditions of Funding which stated that organisations must comply in full with evaluation requirements; and
- (2) detailing, at Appendix 1 of the report, information on 10% of projects funded during 2024/25, which had been selected to complete an Evaluation Report.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted
 - (i) the report; and
 - (ii) that any organisation who had failed to return the evaluation report would not be considered for future funding; and
- (b) Bailie Raja requested further information on some of the projects to confirm the benefit to the community following the allocated funding.

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

4 With reference to the minutes of the Council's City Administration Committee of 13th March 2025, when the committee approved the 2025/26 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 2025/26;
- (2) that the Pollokshields Area Partnership's Budget allocation for 2025/26 was £62,408 and that £15,888 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £46,520; and

(3) of the applications for funding from the Area Budget for 2025/26.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted

(i) the position regarding the Area Budget allocation for 2025/26; and

(ii) that some projects could benefit from applying to the Lord Provost's Trust Fund;

(b) requested that all approved funding be rounded up or down to the nearest pound and should not include any pence; and

(c) 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>
Cycling Without Age Scotland (CWAS)	Towards the cost of purchasing a trishaw to be cited at Pollok Park, which would offer rides around the park for those who are unable to make their own way round including to care home residents in the park's vicinity	Refused as the project would not benefit the ward
Halo Arts School Panto Tour	Towards the cost of delivering pantomimes for school children in the South of Glasgow	Awarded £3,164
Education Services – Craigton Nursery Environmental Upgrades	Towards the cost of developing the nursery's outdoor learning area, which would be reflective of the indoor learning environment and somewhere where children could develop an appreciation of nature first hand and how to care for the environment	Continued for further information
Kinning Park Complex	Towards the cost of delivering a mindful connections programme that would offer Yoga, Reiki, Sound Therapy and Shared Meal sessions to the community throughout the year	Awarded £810
Home Start South	Towards the cost of upgrading the website and enhancing social media content with up-to-date	Awarded £927 on the condition the project could

	accessible information for all users	proceed without the Govan Area Partnership contribution
Apparel Xchange CIC	Towards the cost of a project which would bring communities together to create something which represented the community's shared desire for peace and togetherness	Awarded £4,500 on the condition that only Pollokshields residents would be involved in the artwork
Parent Council, Bunsgoil Gaidhlig Gleann Dail (Glendale Gaelic Primary)	Towards the cost of taking the school choir to Fort William for the National Mod for one night on 14th October 2025	Awarded £1,500

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund (NIIF) update noted etc – Funding approved – Requests to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability and Councillor Molyneux.

5 With reference to the minutes of 22nd April 2025, there was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS) providing an update on the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund (NIIF) programme, advising a progress update in relation to the NIIF, including proposals submitted for estimate and a summary of committed spend and actual spend for the ward, as detailed in tables 1 to 3.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (1) noted the report;
- (2) requested a report on continued projects, with the font on future reports to be larger to allow the Partnership members to read the information clearly;
- (3) approved the estimate for the work to be programmed on the following projects:-
 - (a) 06-017 – £40,000 for lighting work in Queens Park;
 - (b) 06-018 – £15,000 towards dropped kerb works;
 - (c) 06-021 – £150,000 towards the MUGA in Maxwell Square Park;
 - (d) 06-025 – £150,000 towards the MUGA beside the community centre on the condition that NRS contacted the centre to ensure it tied in with wider developments in the area;

- (e) 06-026 – £56,000 for resurfacing the road at Ladybank Drive at Bellahouston Drive to Lora Drive;
 - (f) 06-027 – £6,000 for resurfacing the road at Barfillan Drive at the junction with Maryland Gardens;
 - (g) 06-030 – £80,000 for the installation of traffic signals at Shields Road and Albert Drive, which the Partnership requested should be completed as soon as possible;
 - (h) 06-031 – £5,000 towards the repair of the steps, handrail and slip hazard at New Victoria Gardens;
 - (i) 06-045, 06-046 and 06-047 – £9,500 for each project towards re-deployable CCTV's, noting that NRS would circulate a map of the sites for reference with a request that NRS ensured the CCTV's would not be obstructed by overgrown trees etc; and
 - (j) Langside Hall – £121,666 towards the costs of re-opening Langside Hall with equal contributions by Langside Area Partnership and Southside Central Area Partnership;
- (4) noted an update on the following projects:-
- (a) 06-009 – to continue to the next meeting of the Partnership for NRS to provide information on exactly what work would be carried out to address the flooding at Maxwell Park and around the pond area and would request drainage work to address the issues;
 - (b) 06-016 – project refused with a request that NRS should contact Pollokshields Heritage regarding repairs on stonework carried out by the organisation;
 - (c) 06-028 and 06-029 – projects continued to a future meeting of the Partnership;
 - (d) 06-034 – NRS to engage with the community council regarding a hedgerow at the gable end wall between Grantley Street and Coustonholme Road;
 - (e) 06-041 and 06-042 – updated information to be provided out with the NIIF process as the projects progress;
 - (f) 06-006 – continued awaiting an estimation of costs from NRS;
 - (g) 06-015 – continued for further information to be provided by NRS;
 - (h) 06-044, 06-007 and 06-003 – proposals to be removed;

- (i) 06-010 – approved £500 assessment costs with NRS to meet with Bailie MacLeod to discuss a route for the installation of environmentally friendly lighting in Maxwell Park;
 - (j) 06-032 – continued for further information with Karen Venables, NRS to share information on proposed areas with Bailie MacLeod and the Strathbungo Society;
 - (k) 06-033 – proposal to be removed;
 - (l) 06-035 – continued to seek further information from the relevant community council on the number and type of planters;
 - (m) 06-037 – continued to seek further information from Pollokshields Heritage regarding trees at Darnley Road and Kildrostan Street;
 - (n) 06-038, 06-039 and 06-040 – awarded a maximum of £10,000 per proposal with Pollokshields Heritage to prioritise the spend; and
 - (o) 06-043 – NRS to explore alternatives to horizontal measures and provide a cost so this could be assessed; and
- (5) proposed the following new projects for consideration by the Partnership, with Councillor Molyneux to provide NRS with details of the projects for costing:-
- (a) Kenmure Play Street project, which would be constructed outside the Glendale Gaelic Primary School to improve the area by installing benches and a play area; and
 - (b) Bellahouston Bowling Club to invest in the building and to safeguard the premises by making it watertight.

Festive Lighting 2025/26 update noted – Funding approved

6 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS), regarding Festive Lighting within the Ward, advising of the central funding of £3,600 available to meet the costs of erecting and maintaining festive lighting and the proposed costs and locations advising

- (1) of the 2024/25 festive displays and switch-on events and asking the Partnership to confirm whether these should be included in the 2025/26 programme;
- (2) that the Partnership should notify NRS of any locations for a proposed switch on event for either a Christmas or natural tree;
- (3) that members should approve the necessary funding for any additional costs over and above the central funding; and

- (4) that approved funding in excess of the central funding would be deducted from the Pollokshields Area Partnership 2025/26 Area Budget allocation.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report; and
- (b) approved the additional funding totalling £1,450, to be deducted from the 2025/26 Area Budget fund.

Community reports and updates by Partnership members noted.

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

- (1) Scottish Fire and Rescue Service – Station Commander Douglas Millar advised
 - (a) the Service had attended 79 incidents within the ward, 30 fires, 17 of which were deliberate, 18 special services and 2 unwanted fire alarm signals; and
 - (b) that the review of the Service would close next week.
- (2) Pollokshields Heritage – Ann Laing advised
 - (a) of an update with regard to a planning application at the tennis courts, adjacent to the bowling green with an objection lodged due to numerous complaints; and
 - (b) of the issues around lack of planning enforcement within the ward.
- (3) Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network – Bill Lawns advised that
 - (a) issues with regard to unlawful cyclists remained an issue for residents within the ward; and
 - (b) highlighted concerns that issues raised over the years when attending the Partnership had not moved forward or been resolved.
- (4) Craigton Community Council – Mary Williamson advised
 - (a) agreed with Bill Lawns that nothing moved forward and had a list of work outstanding that NRS had promised would be completed;
 - (b) of the issues around trying to book the nursery room at Craigton Primary School for the community council meetings;
 - (c) of the actions outstanding by NRS as follows:-

- (i) damage in Bellahouston Park from the 2024 Summer Sessions, including a metal bench, 2 bins that had been removed for the concert and not replaced and the tree which had been snapped and not replaced; and
 - (ii) outstanding work from 2025, including fence panels on Mosspark Boulevard which had been held in place by cable ties as metal bolts had not been replaced, with the back of 1 panel being held with 1 bolt instead of 4; and
- (a) that this may be Mary's last meeting due to parking issues around City Chambers. Councillor Ghani confirmed that venues in the Pollokshields Ward could be considered for future meetings.
- (5) Strathbungo Society – Kevin Kane advised that he looked forward to the proposals by Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding controlled parking and the issues around on-street domestic and commercial bins, which were currently stored on public pathways awaiting an uplift.
- (6) Police Scotland – Inspector Hogg advised
 - (a) that there had been no major issues or incidents reported;
 - (b) of the continued work by officers to target speeding and parking issues; and
 - (c) of the ongoing meetings with partners and stakeholders with regard to fireworks for 2025 and that resources would be in place for the firework control zone.
- (7) Dumbreck Community Council – Ruth Maltman advised that since the last meeting, issues remained outstanding and no progress had been made with regard to
 - (a) football parking on match days;
 - (b) traffic concerns on Dumbreck Road; and
 - (c) maintenance of roads, pathways and trees, which still required attention.

People Make Glasgow Communities report noted – Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

8 With reference to the minutes of 15th April 2025, there was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS), regarding People Make Glasgow Communities (PMGC), advising of expressions of interest received for the use of the Pollokshields Community Centre

as part of the PMGC programme and an update on the Data Collection for Pollokshields Ward in respect of the Community Hubs Fund.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (1) noted the report;
- (2) recommended that
 - (a) PMGC should continue to undertake a wider analysis of the Pollokshields Ward, with the support and perspective from community organisations, community councils and elected members; and
 - (b) PMGC delivery team take forward the application referenced within the report to the Engagement Phase of the PMGC process after its initial proposal had been reviewed and assessed appropriately;
- (3) raised concerns that the organisation who had submitted a proposal could not be shared with the Partnership; and
- (4) requested that the asset board meet with the 4 ward councillors to ensure ideas could be shared and taken to the wider community for discussion.

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

9 Further to the minutes of 22nd April 2025, 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
 - (i) a more detailed report confirming funds allocated, the spend to date and details of the projects, including any that had been completed;
 - (ii) that Joyce MacDonald, NRS would contact Mary Williamson, Craigton Community Council regarding ongoing issues around grass cutting at Minto Crescent and 1 litre/2 litre plants that had been highlighted to NRS previously on numerous occasions.

Area Partnership Development Plan noted.

10 With reference to the minutes of 11th February 2025 approving the proposed timeline for the development of Area Partnership plans, there was submitted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance advising of the work being carried out to address child and family poverty across the city and the need to align this with Area Partnership plans, with updated reports to be provided to future Partnership meetings.

After consideration, the Partnership noted

- (1) the report; and
- (2) that the Communities Team would hold an informal meeting with the Area Partnership Chairs.