

POLLOKSHIELDS AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Minutes of meeting held on 18th November 2025, City Chambers, Glasgow.

Present: Councillor Zen Ghani (Chair), Bailie Norman MacLeod and Councillor Jon Molyneux, Glasgow City Council; Inspector Graeme Hogg, Police Scotland; John Casey, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Ruth Maltman, Dumbreck Community Council; Mark Merley, Pollokshields Community Council; Toni Tochel, Shawlands and Strathbungo Community Council; Ann Laing, Pollokshields Heritage; Pauline Fletcher, Southside Housing Association and Karen Venables, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Apologies: Bailie Hanif Raja, Glasgow City Council; Station Commander Douglas Millar, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Bill Lawns, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network and Kevin Kane, Strathbungo Society.

Attending: D Brand (Clerk); and K McKenzie (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance).

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

- 1** The minutes of 9th September 2025 were submitted and approved, subject to noting
 - (1) with regards to the minutes of 22nd April 2025, the undernoted actions remained outstanding:
 - (a) at item 1(1), regarding written reports from Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS), it was noted that Councillor Ghani and Bailie MacLeod had still not received a response from NRS; and
 - (b) at item 1(2), regarding Police Scotland powers with bikes, Councillor Ghani advised that no response had been received; and
 - (2) at item 5(i), Bailie MacLeod advised that he had not been approached by NRS to discuss a route for the installation of environmentally friendly lighting in Maxwell Park;
 - (3) at item 5(j), Karen Venables, NRS would follow up on the proposed areas and would share the information with Bailie MacLeod and the Strathbungo Society;
 - (4) item 8(3) should read 'raised concerns that details of the organisation which had submitted a proposal were not yet to be shared with the Partnership';
 - (5) item 8(4), requesting that the asset board meet with the 4 ward councillors to ensure ideas could be shared and taken to the wider community for

discussion, Bailie MacLeod advised that Glasgow Life had still to organise this, with Councillor Ghani advising that he would chase this up with a view to a meeting being organised before the end of the year; and

- (6) item 9, regarding the Local Parks and Open Spaces Improvement Fund, a list to be brought to the next meeting of the Partnership regarding the spend of the fund over the last 2 years in the Ward and the locations of the spend.

Glasgow Community Planning Partnership Governance Framework – Membership noted.

2 There was submitted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration providing an update regarding membership of this Partnership, advising that Mark Merley had replaced Tabassum Niamat as representative of Pollokshields Community Council.

After consideration, the Partnership noted

- (1) the vacant substitute representative position for Dumbreck Community Council and asked if discussions could take place to fill the vacancy; and
- (2) Penny Dade was no longer the substitute representative for Pollokshields Heritage, leaving the position vacant.

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

3 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 £28,239.50 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £34,168.50; and
- (3) of the applications for funding from the Area Budget for 2025/26.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the position regarding the Area Budget allocation for 2025/26;
- (b) requested that the committed spend and remaining balance 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>
Education Services – Craigton Nursery Environmental upgrades	Towards the cost of developing the nursery's outdoor learning area to create an environment where children could develop an appreciation of nature first hand and how to care for the environment	Awarded £3,710, whilst noting concerns regarding the lack of contribution from the service
Nan McKay Hall - Stained Glass Equipment	Towards the cost of purchasing equipment for the Stained Glass Arts Class	Awarded £500
Strathbungo Society – Winter Wanderland	Towards the cost of the annual Window Wanderland Community Event that promoted community togetherness with high participation rates from local residents	Awarded £1,000
Flutes Unlimited – Big Flute Fund	Towards the cost of purchasing new musical instruments	Awarded £2,789
Wild Green Space CIC T/A We Are Wonder	Towards the cost of supporting an outdoor learning programme for young people aged 12-16 in the Pollokshields and Southside Central wards	Awarded £2,648
Craigton Primary School Parent Council	Towards the cost of 24 children in Primary 7 taking part and enjoying health and wellbeing activities on a trip to Lockerbie Manor in March 2026	Awarded £1,500

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund (NIIF) update noted.

4 There was submitted and noted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS) providing an update on the progress of the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund (NIIF) and governance arrangements, advising

- (1) that a report was submitted to Area Partnerships in August 2024 outlining the criteria of the NIIF and a process was agreed to ensure that all NIIF decisions were aligned to external audit requirements, as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report;

- (2) that between May and July 2025, NRS had prepared detailed NIIF reports for each area partnership that included estimates for proposed NIIF ideas and spend to date, with estimated costs for NIIF ideas presented to the August/September 2025 meetings totalling £13,070,936.78 in estimates, that was more than half of the NIIF budget;
- (3) of a breakdown of spend and estimates that had been considered for approval at each area partnership, as detailed in Appendix 2 of the report;
- (4) that NRS were currently formalising appropriate governance arrangements for the funding of murals through NIIF and were working closely with procurement colleagues to agree an approach for the delivery of murals; and
- (5) of the procurement legislation, continued management of the NIIF process and governance arrangements, as detailed in Appendix 3 of the report.