



Item 8

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Glasgow Community Planning Partnership

Pollokshields Area Partnership

**Report by Executive Director of, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration
and Sustainability**

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People Make Glasgow Communities: Pollokshields Community Centre update

Purpose of Report:

To provide an update regarding expressions of interest received for the use of Pollokshields Community Centre as part of the People Make Glasgow Communities programme.

To provide an update on the Data Collection for Pollokshields Ward in respect of Community Hubs Fund.

Recommendations:

Continue to undertake a wider analysis of the Pollokshields Ward, with the support and perspective from community organisations, community councils and elected members.

The PMGC delivery team recommend the application referenced within this report is taken forward to the Engagement Phase of the PMGC process after Initial Proposal has been reviewed and assessed appropriately.

1. Background

- 1.1. People Make Glasgow Communities ('PMGC') is a Glasgow City Council initiative which was established in 2021 and empowers local communities to take ownership of, and actively participate in, the development and delivery of services and venues within their neighbourhoods.
- 1.2. The programme encourages individuals, groups, and organisations to express their interest in operating and occupying local spaces and buildings, making them more relevant and accessible to the community.
- 1.3. Pollokshields Community Centre, located at 15 Kenmure Street Glasgow, G41 2NT, has been identified by the PMGC delivery team as a location which could support the programme objectives. Currently, the centre is managed by Glasgow Life, and they are open 5 days a week (3pm-9pm).
- 1.4. This report provides an update on the community proposals received for the building and outlines the recommended next steps.

2. Pollokshields data report

- 2.1. Between March and April 2025, a high-level desktop analysis of the Pollokshields Ward was undertaken, to understand the existing community assets, resources and community organisations.
- 2.2. The initial findings of the report revealed that there are a number of community organisations looking for space to deliver their services. Initial findings indicated that several community organisations have insufficient or operational space.
- 2.3. Whilst most Council Family-owned properties in Pollokshields are well utilised, it was identified that further community engagement and consultation with community councils, elected members and residents could help promote use of community spaces.
- 2.4. These initial findings have been reported to the Community Asset Board and a final report will be presented in due course. The final report will be provided to the Area Partnership.
- 2.5. Whilst the final report is being refined, the Council will seek to promote better use of the Pollokshields Community Centre through the People Make Glasgow Communities Programme. A more detailed update is provided as follows.

3. Community interest – Pollokshields Community Centre

- 3.1. Six applications of interest for the use of Pollokshields Community Centre have been received by the PMGC delivery team to date. These applications didn't go any further than the expression of interest and therefore, were not considered as part of the programme.

- 3.2. At present, there is one organisation that has been communicative and has progressed to the Initial Assessment Phase, whereby they have indicated they will be submitting an initial proposal shortly.
- 3.3. The interested organisation, that has an established local presence, is looking to manage and maintain the building through a long lease. The organisation will look to expand the opening hours through the delivery of activities within the local community.
- 3.4. After an initial proposal has been received, assessed and meets the programme's requirements, the next stage of the process is the Engagement Phase. The applicant will be invited to develop a detailed application which encompasses a robust business, community engagement plan and 3-year financial forecast.
- 3.5. This engagement stage is aimed at providing comfort to the council that, if successful, the applicant will be able to sustain the long-term operation of the building.
- 3.6. Further details of the applicant and their proposed solution will be reported to the Area Partnership during the engagement stage.

4. Recommendations

- 4.1. Continue to undertake a wider analysis of the Pollokshields Ward, with the support and perspective from community organisations, community councils and elected members.
- 4.2. The PMGC delivery team recommend the application referenced within this report is taken forward to the Engagement Phase of the PMGC process after Initial Proposal has been reviewed and assessed appropriately.