

POLLOKSHIELDS AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Minutes of meeting held on 22nd April 2025, Hybrid meeting.

Present: Councillor Zen Ghani (Chair), Bailie Norman MacLeod and Councillor Jon Molyneux, Glasgow City Council; Inspector Graeme Hogg, Police Scotland; Bill Lawns, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network; Mary Williamson, Craigton Community Council; Ruth Maltman, Dumbreck Community Council; Samina Rashid, Pollokshields Community Council; Michael Igoe, Shawlands and Strathbungo Community Council; Ann Laing, Pollokshields Heritage; Kevin Kane, Strathbungo Society; and Karen Venables, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Apologies: Bailie Hanif Raja, Glasgow City Council; Station Commander Douglas Millar, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; John Casey, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; and Shahnaz Ahmed Shakoor, Southside Housing Association.

Attending: E Miller (Clerk); K McKenzie (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance); and S Jones (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability).

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

1 The minutes of 11th February 2025 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, with NRS to report back to Councillor Ghani and Bailie MacLeod if this could be arranged;
- (2) at items 1(2) and (4) regarding co-optees and noisy car exhausts, Councillor Ghani was awaiting responses;
- (3) at item 1(6), regarding timing of pedestrian crossing lights, Karen Venables confirmed the timings had been changed and had provided a report, which had been circulated to the members; and
- (4) at item 8(ii), regarding Police Scotland powers with bikes, Councillor Ghani was waiting on a response.

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) John Casey had been nominated as the representative for Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership and Allison McKenna-Breen had been nominated as the substitute representative; and
- (2) Pete Rivett was no longer the substitute representative for Dumbreck Community Council, leaving the position vacant.

Area Budget 2024/2025 - Final monitoring statement noted.

3 There was submitted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance regarding the Area Budget for 2024/2025, providing a final monitoring statement in relation to projects previously funded, confirming that £62,408.19 had been allocated to various projects in the Pollokshields Ward, representing a 100% spend.

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

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 £2,187.50 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £60,220.50; 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; 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>
Inhouse Event Solutions CIC	Towards the cost of the annual programme of free community events held at Queens Park Arena during 3rd July to 3rd August 2025	Awarded £5,220
45th Glasgow Boys Brigade (Shawlands)	Towards the cost of a residential trip to Orkney between 26th July and 2nd August 2025 for 13 young people	Awarded £1,000
Glasgow Life	Towards the cost of the Southside Stars programme that will be delivered in the Pearce Institute during the school October holiday week	Awarded £500
Pollokshields Primary School	Towards the cost of a school summer event which will take place on 14th June 2025 at the bowling green in Pollokshields	Awarded £600
Friends of Queen's Park	Towards the cost of carrying out work in Queen's Park to clear the rose garden of old growth and plant new roses, maintain and clear the edging, steps and stonework around the big pond as well as planting a flower bed beside the smaller one and delivering community events in the parks focussing on poetry, nature drawing and dawn chorus walks	Awarded £1,122
*Strathbungo Society	Towards the cost of Bungo in the Back lanes annual event which will take place on 21st June 2025 from 1pm to 5pm	Awarded £1,000
Youth Community Support Agency	Towards the cost of 2 Fireworks Diversion events on 5th November 2025	Awarded £3,898, subject to funding release pending information on Scottish Government funding for Fireworks Control Zones

****The Hidden Gardens** Towards the cost of a community Awarded £361
event on 21st or 22nd June 2025 as
part of Scottish Refugee Festival

*Councillor Ghani declared an interest in this application and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon and Bailie MacLeod assumed the Chair for this item.

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

Community reports and updates by Partnership members noted – Requests to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

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

- (1) Dumbreck Community Council – Ruth Maltman advised that since the last meeting, issues remained outstanding 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.
- (2) Pollokshields Heritage – Ann Laing advised
 - (a) of an update with regard to the hotel at Melville Street as permission had been granted despite 15 objections and would monitor the situation; and
 - (b) of the complaints regarding developments in the ward, which had stalled with information reported to Environmental Health regarding rats in the areas and concerns by residents of accidental fires or break-ins within the properties.
- (3) Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network – Bill Lawns advised that
 - (a) applications had been submitted to the Council's Communities Fund, which he hoped would be successful; and
 - (b) some bikes had been removed by Police Scotland and there had been a reduction of e-bikes on paths and through red lights, however there were still issues with cyclists using paths and jumping red lights.
- (4) Police Scotland – Inspector Hogg advised

- (a) that there had been no major issues or incidents reported;
 - (b) of the days of action targeting speeding drivers across the city;
 - (c) of the ongoing meetings with partners and stakeholders with regard to fireworks for 2025;
 - (d) that officers would continue to monitor e-bikes and cycling issues;
 - (e) of the planned action for summer activities and youth disorder during the school holidays; and
 - (f) of the joint work with the Council regarding match day parking and asked that all residents report unlawfully parked cars to 101, which would allow calls to be logged by Police Scotland.
- (5) Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability – Karen Venables advised of the current recruitment process, with a new programme of work to be carried out within the ward, including deep cleans and gullies.
- (6) Shawlands and Strathbungo Community Council – Michael Igoe advised of
- (a) resurfacing works required at Pollokshaws Road and Langside Avenue, with numerous complaints by residents due to potholes;
 - (b) overgrown grass at Dinmont Road/Durward Avenue green area, which required to be cut and the road resurfaced at the junction; and
 - (c) complaints regarding railings at Shawlands Arcade, which the developers refused to paint.
- (7) Strathbungo Society – Kevin Kane provided a written submission due to IT issues in the City Chambers, advising that
- (a) the Society had submitted a 2nd application to the Private Lanes Improvement Fund on 16th February 2025 and had yet to receive a response and would request that NRS provide expected timelines for a decision;
 - (b) several commercial premises continued to store their refuse on the street or in the lanes rather than retaining it within their premises until the commercial uplift day, which the Society understood to be the Council's policy, which had a deleterious impact on the neighbourhood and public places, in particular at Nithsdale Square, where Careline and Lobo stored its refuse on the street and would request that NRS provided the Council's policy on this issue and carried out a site visit to enforce the policy in the Strathbungo commercial area at Pollokshaws Road and Nithsdale Road; and

- (c) several pubs in the Strathbungo area had outside seating, several of which impeded pedestrians by encroaching on more than half the pavement width and would request that NRS confirm the relevant regulations/permissions and guidelines for such seating areas and that NRS carried out a site visit to enforce any provision that would be out with the guidelines and marked out the permissible pavement area that premises could use.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund update noted etc.

6 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

- (1) of the background to the £1m NIIF programme;
- (2) that in December 2024, a small team of staff were tasked with reviewing the current process for NIIF and the backlog of requests already received, as well as devising clear guidance and processes for its management going forward;
- (3) that a review of information held within Area Partnership minutes, NRS services and across council departments had been carried out to allow a full breakdown of current committed spend, new proposals still to be costed and spend to date to be collated;
- (4) that some proposals previously discussed at Partnership meetings had been included in the report but had yet to be progressed to NRS for estimated costs and requested that the Partnership reviewed the information and confirmed that projects had been approved and should now be referred to NRS;
- (5) of the criteria for the fund, as detailed in appendix 1 to the report, and that all NIIF proposals must be approved at an Area Partnership meeting before being passed to NRS to be costed;
- (6) that NRS Neighbourhood Liaison Managers would attend each meeting to present the report produced by NRS and record all approved new proposals on an agreed template to be used internally by NRS;
- (7) that general enquiries but not proposals could be emailed to the NIIF mailbox at NIIFEnquiries@glasgow.gov.uk; and
- (8) of the NIIF proposals to date, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report;
- (b) agreed the following with regard to proposals, as detailed in the report –

- (i) 06-010, further information required to allow the project to be completed and requested the work be completed at the earliest opportunity;
- (ii) 06-016, drainage costs to be removed;
- (iii) 06-021, separate MUGA costs, including Maxwell Square Park MUGA to be provided for consideration at the next meeting of the Partnership;
- (iv) 06-023, project to be removed as the area was privately owned;
- (v) 06-009, 06-018 and 06-024, projects to continue and costings to be provided;
- (vi) 06-011 to be removed;
- (vii) 06-006, as the project fell within the border of Newlands/Auldburn Area Partnership joint costing should be considered; and
- (viii) 06-017, project to be held pending work by other wards;
- (c) agreed that a contingency figure would be considered after costings had been provided by NRS;
- (d) noted the following with regard to the summary of spend to date –
 - (i) 06-001, a copy of the report to be provided to Bailie MacLeod;
 - (ii) 06-002, other locations to be considered out with Bellahouston Park;
 - (iii) 06-005, should be considered under the previous section as further information required; and
 - (iv) 06-015, Ann Laing requested more information on the work and would be looking to confirm charitable status to move the project along; and
- (e) raised concerns that points raised by community councils during the meetings should be followed up by the Partnership to ensure it happened.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund – Community engagement update noted etc – Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

7 With reference to the minutes of 11th February 2025 noting an update regarding the next stages for community engagement on the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund (NIIF) and agreeing various action, there was submitted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance providing a further update regarding the matter, advising

- (1) that the purpose of the report was to bring ideas for spending the NIIF that had been generated by communities to the Partnership for consideration;
- (2) that those ideas that the Partnership wished to go forward to the next stage would be assessed and costed by Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS) and brought to a future meeting when the Partnership would be asked to allocate funding;
- (3) of the next stages of the NIIF, as detailed in the report;
- (4) that community representatives had been gathering ideas for costing using a template based on the detail that NRS required and that when read alongside the previous agenda item on a progress update on the NIIF, the Partnership was able to see these ideas alongside any ideas that had already been costed, or costed and approved;
- (5) of all the ideas that had been gathered so far for the Pollokshields ward, as detailed in the appendix to the report, which had come from local community councils, other community organisations, Local Place Plans and Liveable Neighbourhoods;
- (6) that if the ideas list was fairly short and covered the ward well, the Partnership could agree to submit those ideas for costing, however, if the list was quite lengthy and the Partnership was unable to shortlist it, it could be followed up with an informal meeting to prioritise ideas to get the list to a manageable size in advance of the next Partnership meeting; and
- (7) that the Partnership also needed to consider how they intended to make decisions about what to fund and choose one of the options, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report;
- (b) would consider projects as costings became available to approve at the Partnership meetings;
- (c) agreed that the following project ideas should go forward to the next stage to be assessed and costed by NRS, as detailed in the report,
 - (i) the projects proposed by Craigton Community Council;
 - (ii) the projects proposed by the Elected Members, with costings for the bollards at Albert Drive to be removed with a maximum contribution from the Partnership of £80,000 on the installation of traffic lights at Shields Road;
 - (iii) the projects proposed by Strathbungo Society, removing costings for Balvicar Square, which would not be taken forward;

- (iv) the projects proposed by Shawlands and Strathbungo Community Council, holding the widening of the footpath at the railway bridge, pending enquiries with Network Rail;
 - (v) the improvement projects approved subject to a site visit to be carried out for the Local Place Plan proposals;
 - (vi) the joint projects between Langside Area Partnership and Southside Central to be continued for more information;
 - (vii) the projects proposed by Pollokshields Heritage; and
 - (viii) the projects proposed under Liveable Neighbourhoods; and
- (c) requested information regarding
- (i) the Active Travel report before agreeing projects; and
 - (ii) the decision by NRS to support hard structures and not maintain green spaces.

People Make Glasgow Communities report noted – 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 People Make Glasgow Communities (PMGC), advising

- (1) that Pollokshields Community Centre had been in scope for the PMGC programme since 2021, when the programme had been developed;
- (2) that NRS had received 6 enquiries in total, with one looking to progress its interest to the next stage, which was the Engagement Phase;
- (3) that the organisation would be required to provide a detailed application, robust business plan, 3-year financial forecast and community engagement to bolster its position and that only one organisation could proceed into the Engagement Phase, as detailed in the report;
- (4) of the Surplus List which pertained to all in scope community assets within Glasgow, and as Pollokshields Community Centre was on that list, there had been interest from this;
- (5) that at present, 3 organisations had informally enquired but would only be information at this point and had not officially been logged through the PMGC Caseload Management System; and

- (6) that until an organisation had progressed to the next phase of the PMGC programme, which would be the Engagement Phase, all expressions of interest within this asset would be carefully reviewed and assessed with each organisation assessed on its merit to deliver strong community services and empower the local community.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted
 - (i) the report;
 - (ii) that a site visit could be arranged with Glasgow Life; and
 - (iii) an update would be provided to the next meeting of the Partnership; and
- (b) raised a number of concerns and questions that were addressed by Sarah Jones, NRS.

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

9 Further to the minutes of 11th February 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 year 2022/23, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report;
- (b) requested a report that covered the years 2023/24 and 2024/25; and
- (c) raised concerns and questions that were addressed by Joyce MacDonald, NRS.