

POLLOKSHIELDS AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Minutes of meeting held on 10th February 2026, The Hidden Gardens, Glasgow.

Present: Councillor Zen Ghani (Chair), Bailie Norman MacLeod, Councillor John 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; Mary Williamson, Craigton Community Council; Ruth Maltman, Dumbreck Community Council; Mark Merley, Pollokshields Community Council; Ann Laing, Pollokshields Heritage; Toni Tochel, Shawlands and Strathbungo Community Council; Kevin Kane, Strathbungo Society; Karen Venables, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability and Chris O'Brein, Southside Housing Association.

Apology: Bill Lawns, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network.

Attending: H Cairns (Clerk); K McKenzie (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

1 The minutes of 18th November 2025 were submitted and approved, subject to noting

- (1) with regards to the minutes of 22nd April 2025, the undernoted actions remained outstanding 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;
- (2) with regards to the minutes of 22nd April 2025, regarding Police powers with regards to E-bikes, Inspector Graeme Hogg confirmed that the response had been circulated to the Partnership;
- (3) with regards to the minutes of 18th November 2025, the undernoted actions remained outstanding:-
 - (a) 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; and
 - (b) at item 8(4), regarding that the asset board meeting with the 4 Ward members to ensure ideas could be shared and taken to the wider community for discussion, Councillor Ghani advised that the meeting had been organised and that the 4 elected members had been invited

to attend, however, Bailie MacLeod highlighted that he was unaware of this.

Glasgow Community Planning Partnership Governance Framework – Membership noted.

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

- (1) Inspector Graeme Hogg had replaced Inspector Chris Thomson as the representative for Police Scotland, leaving the substitute position vacant;
- (2) Penny Dade was no longer the substitute representative for Pollokshields Heritage, leaving the position vacant;
- (3) Toni Tochel had been nominated as the representative for Shawlands and Strathbungo Community Council replacing Michael Igoe;
- (4) Philip Gane had been nominated as the substitute representative for Shawlands and Strathbungo Community Council replacing Toni Tochel;
- (5) Chris O'Brien had been nominated as the co-opted representative for Southside Housing Association replacing Shahnaz Ahmed Shakoor; and
- (6) Lisa Peebles had been nominated the co-opted substitute representative for Southside Housing Association replacing Pauline Fletcher.

Community Planning Partnership – Governance Framework - Register of Interests noted.

3 There was submitted and noted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration advising the Partnership of the requirements in relation to the Community Planning Partnership Governance Framework regarding the registration and declaration of members' interests and detailing those interests which had been declared by members of the Partnership, as detailed in the report.

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 £40,387 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £22,021; 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>
Education Services Pollokshields Primary School	Towards the cost of a community Iftar event on Tuesday 25th February 2026	Awarded £300
East Pollokshields Out of School	Towards the costs for equipment and resources to develop the younger age group (P1-5) play space	Awarded £3,000
The Prince and Princess of Wales Hospice	Towards the costs of an event at the hospice in March 2026 focussed on demystifying grief and bereavement experiences	Awarded £360
Nan McKay Hall	To purchase equipment and consumables for hall activities	Awarded £1,403
Shawlands Academy Parent and Teacher Council	Towards the costs to transform two large, bare courtyards at Shawlands Academy into attractive, green outdoor spaces through the installation of durable metal planters with perennial planting.	Awarded £6,004
Education Services Active Schools (Shawlands Cluster)	To purchase equipment to support physical education and sport within the school and to support extra curricular activities	Awarded £3,179
Police Scotland G Division	To purchase equipment to support an initiative to tackle concerns around violence against women and girls	Awarded £6,230

through a dual track approach

Pollokshields Trust	Towards the costs to deliver 3 community Iftar events in Pollokshields during Ramadan to promote community cohesion	Awarded £700
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Area Budget 2026/27 - Applications for funding dealt with etc.

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

- (1) the Area Budget had still to be agreed by the City Administration Committee and any revisions to Area Budget allocations for 2026/27 would be detailed in a future report;
- (2) Area Partnerships had the option to approve a portion of funds from its 2026/27 Area Budget at the January/February 2026 cycle of meetings for any projects/services that would take place early in the 2026/27 financial year;
- (3) any funding recommended would be subject to confirmation of available finances; and
- (4) any applications considered at the January/February 2026 cycle of meetings should be time critical.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted
 - (i) that the Area Budget allocations for 2026/27 were subject to availability of funds following approval of Glasgow City Council's 2026/27 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 2026/27 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>
Education Services Active Schools (Shawlands Cluster)	Towards the cost of delivering a range of sports clubs in schools in	Awarded £1,010

the Shawlands cluster to
enhance the current
school provision

(c) agreed the playscheme award for spring, summer and October holiday periods as follows:-

Playscheme	Venue	Spring 2026	Summer 2026	October 2026	Total
Wild Green Space CIC T/A We Are Wonder – Wild Folk Magik	Bellahouston Park	£0	£132	£132	£264

Community reports and updates by Partnership members noted.

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

- (1) Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership – John Casey advised
 - (a) they would be keen to meet local members for the East Pollokshields area; and
 - (b) of the new food group that had been established and which named Sustain;
- (2) Shawlands and Strathbungo Community Council – Toni Tochel raised concerns in relation to
 - (a) lighting on back lanes;
 - (b) parking control zones proposals; and
 - (c) localised flooding and the bridge under the railway line at Pollokshaws Road;
- (3) Police Scotland - Inspector Graeme Hogg advised
 - (a) that there had been no major issues or incidents reported;

- (b) there had been a few reductions within the team and that they were now based within Cathcart Police Station;
 - (c) of the continued work in relation to the city wide initiative, cyclist space, and plans for firework safety; and
 - (d) that officers would continue to monitor e-bikes and cycling issues;
- (4) Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability – Karen Venables advised that Meghan Cameron had been appointed as the new coordinator for the Ward and that they were both happy to arrange walkarounds with Partnership members;
- (5) Strathbungo Society – Kevin Kane advised
- (a) that through their newsletter, Strathbungo Society hoped to get the communities view on the location of proposed glass recycling bins to replace household glass recycling at Nithsdale Regent Park Square Lane and Regent Park Square Lane /Queen Square and Moray Place Lane;
 - (b) that the Society awaits with interest the outcome of the Council’s consultation on parking permits and the enforcement of pavement parking regulations;
 - (c) that Strathbungo Society had successfully delivered a second lane repair programme to a portion of flood-prone back lane off Vennard Gardens at Pollokshaws Road, however, they were still waiting for a response from NRS to confirm when the Council would repair/relay the pavement across the lane entrance and raise it to forestall future pooling/flooding;
 - (d) of concerns relating to many road gutters across Strathbungo and Darnley Road that were suffering from decaying leaf fall, included in and around Council sponsored cycle storage shelters/hubs and that the unblocked drain at 10 Moray Place required reconstruction/ relocated;
 - (e) that Strathbungo Society thanked Police Scotland for contacting Network Rail and Network Rail’s quick removal of graffiti at Strathbungo footbridge steps at Moray Place; and
 - (f) that there was highly offensive graffiti at 1-10 Moray Place Lane at Bossa and further towards Regent Park Square that required removal;
- (6) Southside Housing Association – Chris O’Brien advised that he was new to the Partnership and would provide an update at a future meeting;
- (7) Scottish Fire and Rescue Service – Station Commander Douglas Millar advised

- (a) that the Service had attended 74 incidents, 12 fires, 1 rescue, 14 special services and 4 unwanted fire alarms; and
 - (b) that there had been no significant incidents prior to the last meeting;
- (8) Pollokshields Community Council – Mark Merley raised concerns in relation to parking issues;
- (9) Dumbreck Community Council – Ruth Maltman advised of
- (a) the growing concerns in relation to Bellahouston Park events being held;
 - (b) trees being taken down without planning permission;
 - (c) traffic concerns on Dumbreck Road, mainly the cycle lanes; and
 - (d) the increase of potholes.
- (10) Pollokshields Heritage – Ann Laing advised of
- (a) the issues of lack of planning enforcement within the Ward; and
 - (b) concerns of flooding mainly on Dalziel Drive; and
- (11) Craigton Community Council – Mary Williamson advised
- (a) that she agreed with Dumbreck Community Council's growing concerns in relation to Bellahouston Park events; and
 - (b) that a walkaround had taken place with local members and officers from Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS) in relation to the gullies/drain at Maryland Drive /Gardens, an overgrown hedge and a missing sign for Bellahouston Drive and NRS officers would progress this.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund – Progress noted – Projects approved etc- Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

7 With reference to the minutes of 18th November 2025 noting the progress of the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund (NIIF), there was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding the matter, advising

- (1) of the background to the £1m NIIF programme;

- (2) of the criteria for the Fund, as detailed in the report and that all NIIF proposals must be approved at an Area Partnership meeting before being passed to Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability for costings;
- (3) that Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability had now established governance arrangements, as detailed in Appendices 2 and 3 of the report for the funding of murals through NIIF; and
- (4) of the progress to date, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report of the proposals which had previously been submitted for estimate, proposals requiring more information and a summary of the committed and actual spend to date.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report
- (b) approved the following proposals, as detailed in the report, in respect of (Ref 06-015), for renovations of herbaceous border and creation of wildflower meadow, (Ref 06-028), for resurfacing of pavements, (Ref 06-029) Bellahouston Park Fencing Work, (Ref 06-032) for creation of new community space, subject to other funds being available and (Ref 06-043) for traffic at Ravenswood Drive, pending the confirmation of the need for a consultation;
- (c) agreed
 - (i) to remove (Ref 06-045) for redeployable CCTV and (Ref 06-006) area to be considered as business as usual;
 - (ii) to remove and replace with new idea (Ref 06-035) better signage on junctions Minard Road Frankfort Street; and
 - (iii) to continue consideration of (Ref 06-016) for circular seating around the fountain for further information; and
 - (iv) that the remaining proposals as detailed in the report should be considered at the next Partnership meeting; and
- (d) requested that Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability contact Pollokshields Heritage in respect of (Ref 06-037) to confirm what type of trees had been requested and how many, and to look into the possibility of purchasing pebbles and seating.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund – Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

8 There was submitted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance, providing a list of ideas for funding from the Neighbourhood

Infrastructure Improvement Fund that had been submitted by community organisations within the Ward.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (1) noted the report; and
- (2) agreed that proposals for the undernoted ideas be taken forward for costings:-
 - (a) railing repair work at the park at Craigton Primary School, adjacent to Paisley Road West; and
 - (b) resurfacing of footpaths at the mini multi-storey flats on St Andrew's Drive.

Queen's Park Development plan update noted.

9 There was submitted and noted a report by Queens Park Working Group providing an update on Queens Park Development plan and detailing the next steps, as detailed in the report.

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

10 With reference to the minutes of 9th September 2025 when the Partnership requested a more detailed report confirming funds allocated, the spend to date and details of the projects, including any that had been completed, there was submitted a report by Kevin McCormick, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, 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

- (1) noted the report; and
- (2) requested that the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability provide the Partnership a more detailed report confirming the total amount of funds that had been allocated to the projects due to cost increases etc.