

POLLOKSHIELDS AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Minutes of meeting held on 21st April 2026, Pollokshields Burgh Hall, Glasgow.

Present: Councillor Zen Ghani (Chair), Bailie Norman MacLeod, Councillor John Molyneux and Bailie Hanif Raja, Glasgow City Council; Sergeant Gary Philips, 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; Stewart Roxburgh, Craigton Community Council; George Cochrane, Dumbreck Community Council; Ann Laing, Pollokshields Heritage; Toni Tochel, Shawlands and Strathbungo Community Council; Kevin Kane, Strathbungo Society and Megyn Cameron, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Apologies: Inspector Graeme Hogg, Police Scotland; Mary Williamson, Craigton Community Council; Ruth Maltman, Dumbreck Community Council; Karen Venables, Neighbourhood, Regeneration and Sustainability and Chris O'Brein and Lisa Peebles, Southside Housing Association.

Attending: H Cairns (Clerk); K McKenzie (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance); and J Ellis and K McCormick (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability).

Appointment of substitute approved.

1 In terms of paragraph 6.10 of the Governance Framework, the Partnership noted that in the absence of the representative and the substitute representative for Police Scotland and Dumbreck Community Council, the Chair had approved the attendance of Sergeant Gary Philips, Police Scotland and George Cochrane, Dumbreck Community Council.

Minutes of previous meeting approved etc

2 The minutes of 10th February 2026 were submitted and approved, subject to noting with regards to the

- (1) 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 Bailie MacLeod expressed his profound disappointed and that Councillor Ghani and Kirsteen would be in contact with NRS for a response at next meeting;
- (2) minutes of 18th November 2025, the undernoted actions remained outstanding 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 requested that Kirsteen contact NRS to make the necessary arrangements; and

- (3) minutes of 10th February 2026, regarding item 4(b) Area Budget, Bailie MacLeod requested that Kirsteen contact Pollokshields Trust to confirm events took place as they had not been advertised.

Glasgow Community Planning Partnership Governance Framework – Membership noted etc.

3 There was submitted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration providing an update regarding membership of this Partnership advising that

- (1) Megyn Cameron had been nominated the co-opted substitute representative for Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability replacing Amy Smyth; and
- (2) there had been a request from an MP to join the membership.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report; and
- (b) Pollokshields Area Partnership acknowledged the request from a MP to join the membership and agreed that Councillor Ghani would contact the MP to discuss the request which would be brought back at the next meeting.

Area Budget 2025/26 - Final monitoring statement noted.

4 There was submitted and noted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance regarding the Area Budget for 2025/26, providing a final monitoring statement in relation to projects previously funded, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report.

Area Budget 2026/27 – Applications for funding dealt with etc.

5 With reference to the minutes of the Council's City Administration Committee of 12th March 2026, when the committee approved the 2026/27 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 2026/27;
- (2) that the Pollokshields Area Partnership's Budget allocation for 2026/27 was £63,271 and that £1,274 had been allocated to date, therefore leaving a balance of £61,997;
- (3) that as of April 2026, a new online application form would be introduced; and

(4) of the applications for funding from the Pollokshields Area Budget for 2026/27.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the position regarding the Area Budget allocation for 2026/27; 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 Service	Towards the cost of delivering a mix of breakfast, lunch and afterschool activity in each school within the Bellahouston cluster	Awarded £1,594
Glasgow the Caring City	Towards the cost of providing an inclusive space for groups to socialise and learn	Awarded £1,056
Youth Community Support Agency	Towards the cost of 2 Fireworks Diversion events	Continued for consideration
Strathbungo Society	Towards the cost of the Bungo in the Back lanes annual event which will take place on Saturday 20th June 2026 from 1-5pm	Awarded £1,200
Inhouse Events Solutions CIC	Towards the cost of the annual programme of free community events held at Queens Park Arena during the summer	Awarded £5,779
159 th Glasgow Scout Group	Towards the cost of purchasing 2 tents	Awarded £2,374
Plot 26 Community Herb Garden	Towards the cost of delivering a summer programme of 5 sessions from June – August	Awarded £1,800
45 th Glasgow Boys Brigade	Towards the cost of a canvas camp to Boat of	Awarded £1,500

Garten near Aviemore
between 23rd July and
30th July 2026

262/25 Bowling Green Together	Towards the cost of delivering a community street celebration	Awarded £5,954
244/26 St Alberts Primary School Parent Council	Towards the cost of delivering a fully funded while school trip to Blairdrummond Safari Park	Awarded £4,309
274/26 South Western District Gang Show	Towards the cost of delivering a comprehensive upgrade to their website to provide enhanced capabilities and ticket booking/purchasing options that meet user expectations and GDPR compliance requirements	Continued for consideration

Community reports and updates by Partnership members noted – Request to Police Scotland etc.

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

- (1) Craigton Community Council – Stewart Roxburgh, raised concerns in relation to
 - (a) summer session concerts;
 - (b) Mosspark boulevard being closed had caused disruption to area;
 - (c) Ibrox traffic updates; and
 - (d) the car park at Bellahouston park etc;
- (2) Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership – John Casey advised that a Sustain meeting had been planned during green health week;
- (3) Scottish Fire and Rescue Service – Station Commander Douglas Millar advised
 - (a) the service had attended 797 incidents in the South area, these being 211 fires, 212 non-fire incidents and 314 false alarms;

- (b) there had been 5 accidental dwelling fires, 4 deliberate fires, 1 non-domestic fire, 2 unwanted fire alarm signals, 2 road traffic collisions; and
 - (c) 30 home fire safety visits had been carried out during the period as well as 4 fire safety enforcement audits;
- (4) Pollokshields Heritage – Ann Laing, raised concerns in relation to
 - (a) the lack of planning enforcement within the ward; and
 - (b) sporting outlets within the ward;
- (5) Shawlands and Strathbungo Community Council – Toni Tochel, advised of a new litter group and raised concerns in relation to
 - (a) parking control zones proposals; and
 - (b) lighting on back lanes;
- (6) Police Scotland – Seargent Gary Philips, advised
 - (a) of an increase of house and shed break ins, actions plans had been in place by Police Scotland;
 - (b) of an increase of complaints due to road traffic concerns, Police Scotland worked closely with DVLA within those areas of concerns;
 - (c) that Inspector Lyall had continued to work within the Craigton ward at Bellahouston park, concentrated on youth disorder and off-road bikes;
 - (d) of the Car Free Zone education/enforcement at local Primary Schools;
 - (e) that Bellahouston Secondary School gained attention within the media due to an isolated incident of a stand-up fight between pupils, Campus Police had dealt with this incident without delay and the community team along with SLT provided suitable support for pupils and staff; and
 - (f) that with regards to the Scottish Premier League, Police Scotland had action plans in place for match days;
- (7) Strathbungo Society – Kevin Kane advised that
 - (a) glass bins had not been removed;
 - (b) the Society were interested in the outcome of the Council's consultation on parking permits and the enforcement of pavement parking regulations; and

- (c) 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;
- (8) Dumbreck Community Council – Geoge Cochrane raised concerns in relation to summer session concerts and traffic issues; and
- (9) Third Sector Network – Bill Lawns raised concerns in relation to voluntary groups not receiving answers.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report;
- (b) concerns raised in relation to littering from pupils at Bellahouston Academy and requested a report from Police Scotland with regards to what could be done regarding this;
- (c) requested Police counterpart at Govan for future meetings so that Craigton would be included in reports; and
- (d) requested Kirsteen to contact Police Scotland in regards to funding attached to the Fireworks Control Zones for this year.

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

7 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability providing an update on the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund programme, advising of progress to date including proposals submitted for estimate and a summary of committed spend and actual spend for the Ward, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (1) noted the report;
- (2) approved (Ref 06-009) costings for new drainage;
- (3) approved in principle (Ref 06-039) £5,000 for benches pending discussions with NRS and Pollokshields Heritage; and
- (4) requested that the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability
 - (a) provide costing for (Ref 06-048) Kenmure Street; and

- (b) engage with Turf and other organisations through the People Make Glasgow Communities programme in relation to (Ref 06-049) Bellahouston Bowling Green.

Local Parks and Open Space Improvement Fund – Consideration continued.

8 The Partnership agreed to continue consideration of this item of business to a future meeting.

Festive Lighting 2026/27 – Additional funding approved - Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

9 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 2025/26 festive displays and switch-on events and asked the Partnership to confirm whether these should be included in the 2026/27 programme;
- (2) of the standard pricing schedule for the 2024-2028 festive lighting programme following the procurement exercise carried out to deliver the programme;
- (3) that approved funding in excess of the central funding would be met by Pollokshields Area Partnership from other funds; and
- (4) that NRS Festive Team had been informed of the current Horticultural Contract, which included the supply of Christmas Trees, had come to an end and the Council's procurement would establish a new framework to invite suppliers to tender, and as such this may now impact the cost of Christmas Trees.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report; and
- (b) requested that the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability provide the Partnership locations and costing for festive lighting within the Craigton area; and
- (c) approved the additional funding totalling £1,450, to be deducted from the 2026/27 Area Budget fund.