Item 1

17th November 2026

POLLOKSHIELDS AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Minutes of meeting held on 8th September 2026, Prince and Princess of Wales Hospice, Glasgow.

Pollokshields Area Partnership.

Present: Councillor Zen Ghani (Chair), Bailie Norman MacLeod, Councillor Jon Molyneux and Bailie Hanif Raja, Glasgow City Council; Inspector Graeme Hogg, Police Scotland; John Casey, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Mary Williamson, Craigton Community Council; Ruth Maltman, Dumbreck Community Council; Samina Rashid, Pollokshields Community Council; Ann Laing, Pollokshields Heritage; Kevin Kane, Strathbungo Society; Karen Venables, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability; and Chris O'Brien, Southside Housing Association.

Apologies: Station Commander Douglas Millar, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Mark Merley, Pollokshields Community Council; and Philip Gane, Shawlands and Strathbungo Community Council.

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

Minutes of previous meeting approved etc

1 The minutes of 21st April 2026 were submitted and approved, subject to noting matters arising in regards to the

(1) minutes of 22 April 2025, the undernoted actions had been dealt with at item 1(1), regarding written reports from Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS), it was noted the Bailie MacLeod had been in contact with NRS and it was not presently permitted however an interim arrangement was provided and circulated to members at the meeting; and

(2) minutes of 18 November 2025, the undernoted actions had been dealt with at item 5(i) Bailie MacLeod advised that he had been in contact with NRS to discuss a route for the installation of environmentally lighting in Maxwell Park.

Glasgow Community Planning Partnership Governance Framework – Membership update noted.

2 There was submitted and noted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration providing an update on the membership of this Partnership, advising that Station Commander Kenneth MacSwan had replaced Station Commander Martine Barr as the substitute representative for Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

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

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

(1) the NIIF provided an opportunity to implement participatory budgeting at a scale with an approved budget that was set in 2021/22 of £23 million and that £1 million of this was allocated to each ward;

(2) the funding was capital expenditure and therefore could be carried forward to be spent in future financial years, although should be fully committed by March 2027; and

(3) of the progress to date, as detailed in appendix 1 of this report.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report;

(b) agreed to

(i) approve

(A) Ref 06-010a -amended route from maxwell park station to St Andrew's Drive by the pond for stud solar lighting at a cost of £15,000;

(B) Ref 06-053 - repair of fence at Craigton Primary School;

(C) Ref 06-048 - ringfence £85,000 at Kenmuir Street, new plan to be developed for benches, floor mural, play features and planters; and

(D) Ref 06-032 - Nithsdale Square, ringfenced £20,000 subject to further consultation, including with the Strathbungo Society - the original project promoter; and

(ii) remove

(A) Ref 06-016 - circular seating round the fountain at Maxwell Park;

(B) Ref 06-037 - planting of trees bulb planting as this was considered as business as usual;

(C) Ref 06-049 - funding for re-opening of Pavillion;

(D) Ref 06-051 - signage for Frankfort Street and surrounding streets in areas Minard Road, Norham Street, Abbot Street and would be considered as business as usual;

(E) Ref 06-052 - refurbishment of pathways at St Andrew's Crecent; and

(F) Ref 06-038 - installation of vandal proof seating; and

(c) requested that the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability link in with

(i) education authorities regarding splitting the cost in relation to Ref 06-048 and provide the Partnership with a further report relating to this; and

(ii) Craigton Community Council in relation to Ref 06-049 to discuss costing.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund – New proposals dealt with etc.

4 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 (NIIF) that had been submitted by community organisations within the ward.

After consideration, the Partnership agreed to allocate the remaining NIIF funding towards

(1) proposal B for £10,000 - £15,000 as shown in appendix 1, which would be a 50% split with Newlands/Auldburn Area Partnership costing Pollokshields up to £7,500; and

(2) costing for potholes on footway, roads around Maxwell Square Park – Keir Street/ Leslie Street/ Kenmure Street/ Melville Street – ringfenced last of Area Partnership funds costing up to £64,916.

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 £28,290 had been allocated to date with £264 had been returned, therefore leaving a balance of £35,245; and

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

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the

(i) position regarding the Area Budget allocation for 2026/27; and

(ii) one ineligible application, as detailed in the report; and

(b) dealt with applications for funding as follows, the grant awards being subject to the conditions detailed in the report:

Applicant	*Purpose of application*	*Decision*
Youth Community Support Agency	Towards the cost of 2 Firework Diversion events on the 5 November 2026 in Glendale Primary School and the Roma Cultural Centre in Govanhill	Awarded £3,900
The Friend's Community House	Towards the cost of delivering a 5-week programme from 7th November 2026 to 30th January 2027 designed to support the wellbeing, confidence and social participation of local residents, particularly those from Persian speaking and migrant backgrounds living in Pollokshields	Awarded £2,505
Home Start Glasgow South	Towards the cost of purchasing 19 Samsung Galaxy A37 5G mobile phones for frontline staff delivering support in the community	Award £1,090
Nan McKay Community Hall	Towards the cost of purchasing efficient,	Awarded £3,277

	easier to use and environmentally friendly compost bins for the gardening group and two sewing machines to allow all participants of the sewing group to take part in classes	
Halo Arts	Towards the cost of delivering a pantomime programme for school children in the South of Glasgow	Awarded £3,000

Area Budget 2026/27 – Application for Funding by The Friend's Community House awarded, after division

6 There was submitted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance regarding an application for funding for The Friend's Community House towards the cost of delivering 5-week programme from 7th November 2026 to 30th January 2027 designed to support the wellbeing, confidence and social participation of local residents, particularly those from Parsian speaking and migrant backgrounds living in Pollokshields

Bailie MacLeod, seconded by Councillor Ghani moved that the Partnership approve the award request at £2,505.

Ruth Maltman, seconded by Mary Williamson, moved as an amendment that the Partnership refused the request.

On a vote being taken by a roll call, 1 member abstained, 3 members voted for the amendment and 7 members voted for the motion, which was accordingly declared to be carried.

Festive Lighting 2026/27 – Update noted.

7 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;

(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; and

(5) Column Mounted Features at Paisley Road West between Mosspark Boulevard and Barfillan Drive, this proposal had been rejected due to the age of the columns (35+ years old) and the overload of the columns structural design by having 2 features on each column.

After consideration, the Partnership noted the report and that additional funding of £1,450 had already been approved and deducted from the 2026/27 Area Budget fund at the meeting of 21st April 2026.