

## Pb Workshop 2 Feedback

In the 2019 GCC budget, £150K has been allocated to Glasgow's open space and agreed to be spent using a Participatory Budgeting Framework through the Glasgow Friends of Parks Forum.

The Neighbourhoods and Sustainability Parks Development team (community engagement parks and greenspace) in partnership with GCC Participatory Budgeting Team and COSLA are supporting the Forum through this process by delivering some initial information workshops.

Workshop 1- An Introduction to Participatory Budgeting took place on Thursday 30th May, in the Tontine building, Glasgow with presentations around 'Introduction to PB and examples of previous Glasgow projects', an example of a PB Timeline and Decision making' and a group session called 'Rose Bud Thorn' – discussing thoughts around the positives, the challenges and the opportunities going forward with the PB framework.

Workshop 2 was designed in response to the feedback and evaluation of workshop 1. Taking place on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June again in the Tontine building it contained presentations on 'Summary of workshop 1' 'What is the Glasgow Parks Forum' and then a facilitated groupwork sessions around the difference between a 'vision' and a 'mission statement' following onto what the Forum's 'statement of intent' could be around the PB project. We also continued discussion around, how we think about sustainable and inclusive participation in parks, greenspace and open space.

### **Workshop 2: Lift off! STEP 1 Wednesday 12th June**

5.00 – 5.30 Registration

5.30 – 5.40 Summary of Workshop 1

(Theresa, Fiona N&S)

5.40 – 5.50 What is the Glasgow Friends of Parks Forum?

(Theresa, Fiona N&S)

5.50 – 6.30 Group Session, What is the Friends of Groups Vision/statement of intent?

(Jillian Gibson, PB COSLA)

6.30 - 6.45 Comfort Break

(Light Refreshments available)

6.45 – 7.15 Group Summary Discussion - Different PB systems

7.15- 7.45 Next Actions

7.45-7.50 Evaluation and Close

## PB Workshop 2 Lift off! STEP1 Evaluation Feedback

There was an Evaluation wall available during this workshop, but due to the length of the discussion the evaluation time was shortened therefore staff made note of conversations, other verbal comments from participants and also captions from further email feedback.

I thought the vision and mission exercise was totally right to do

‘...Another great workshop, pleased to be here and see others working towards the same goal for all parks and open space.’

‘...it was good to reconnect with the different groups during that session....’

‘.....Feel it is important that clarification is needed, if we have a dedicated PB Panel made up of Forum members, will their groups be exempt from applying for funding, or if you are on the Panel and your group applies, you are not part of the decision making process for that project....?’

‘...this really is a great big space and the food is excellent...’

‘we need to keep the timeline in mind when we are talking about how we are going to do this’

### Anonymous Exercise ‘Something you saw, Something you heard’

#### Something You saw

The sandwiches and array of drinks and 5pm from MILK enterprise Govan(hill) – My colleague/from friends group didn’t come because of ‘no tea’ issues. I spent time and money at subway 4pm an hour earlier to eat before I come so didn’t fully enjoy the spread- next time I come I’ll tell more people to join me and help eat the food- spread the word – Great Food to start! \*\*\*\*

.....’My heart sank- WHY WASN’T THIS ON THE EMAIL?.....

### Themes ‘Comfort break’ exercise

(It was noted at the workshop that this exercise is for light information gathering, to encourage discussion around the suggested themes and ideas people have around themes.)

It is also noted that not everyone took part in the exercise and we will be encouraging each friends of group to do this info gathering exercise at their next meeting.

Workshop 2 results

<b>Theme suggestions</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Choice</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Choice</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Choice</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Play	0	1		
Marketing and communication			2	
Heritage	1			
Physical Activity	1		3	
Communities	1	6		
Diversity and Inclusion			2	
Environmental	1		1	
Health and Wellbeing	5		4	
Maintenance				<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. None of the other things can work without this</li> <li>2. Learning from the workforce who have been maintaining parks and greenspaces over the years- working together to implement new initiatives that grow out of community ideas- but benefitting from years of knowledge and skills from the old parks department.</li> <li>3. Resident park keepers who are responsible for a particular park. Maintenance and community spirit and involvement would improve</li> <li>4. Teams which are jettied into cut the grass, do exactly that and no more. They don't even clear up the plastic rubbish first so you end up with cut grass and myriards</li> </ol>

				of shards of plastic ⊗
<i>Suggested by group member.</i>  Biodiversity (Education and Protection and enhancement)			2	
<i>Suggested by group member.</i>  Climate change Action and resilience	1	1	1	
<i>Suggested by group member.</i>  Education Literacy, Numeracy etc		2		

## Map 'Comfort break' exercise



From the groups that attended the workshop, there seemed to be 6/7 Groups from around the North West, 3/4 from North East and 4 from around the South area of Glasgow.

This visual exercise combined with the apologies from the groups that wanted to be at the workshop but could not make it shows that the geographical interest is fairly evenly spread across the city, although perhaps showing a lack of representation from a good number of designated parks and other green and open spaces from all over and perhaps areas on further outskirts of the city in all directions.

There was 14 (parks/green/open space groups) represented apologies from another 3 groups.

## **Groupwork Session Parks and Open Spaces – Mission and Vision activities** **(Jillian COSLA)**

### **Task 1: Mission & Vision Game**

Match the company logos to the vision and/or mission statements. There are 5 vision statements and 5 mission statements. The Scottish Parliament and National Library of Scotland have a vision and a mission statement each – the challenge is to decide which is which.

Put your answers in 2 columns to show which are MISSION statements and which are VISION statements.

#### **Remember:**

**Vision:** Describes the desired **future** position of the organisation/company (often seen as very aspirational)

**Mission:** Defines the organisation/company's business and it's approach to reach its objectives (what people do to achieve the vision)

### **Task 2: The Vision/Mission/Purpose for Parks and Open Space PB in Glasgow**

Doing either or both of the tasks below the group should come up with a sentence(s) that describe what they would like to achieve or happen as a result of this PB project. (The company visions and missions in the previous exercise might help....)

#### **Mission Statement exercise**

Answer the following questions (individually or as a group)

1. Our group will do what (action)
2. For who (who do we serve?)
3. So that (the result of our action)

Collectively agree on a sentence(s) that outlines what the group would like to happen as a result of this project. What difference do you want to make?

#### **Vision Statement exercise**

Individually (or collectively) take a few minutes to think about the answer to this question....

“If our success could be guaranteed, what would be the end result of our efforts?”

### Task 3: **Outcomes**

When the group has a sentence(s) they are happy with. Come up with a list (around 2- 5) of OUTCOMES that they would like this project to achieve.

A general explanation of what outcomes are...

- Changes in behaviour or something that reflects a positive impact of the project.
- Outcomes generally begin with a verb like increase, expand, or improve.
- Specific and measurable
- Outcomes are not:
  - Activities or processes (hosting an event is an activity, increasing awareness is an outcome).
  - Immeasurable long-term change

Groupwork Session Feedback (transcripts of what each group has written down)

#### **Group 1**

1. Do what?  
Make the most out of opportunity (PB)  
Be transparent and accessible  
Improve Glasgow's Parks and Open Spaces  
Pro Active engagement activities  
Practical financial start –up help for groups
2. For Who? 'The many people' – 'awra' people
3. Result

Parks are assets, hubs, statutory protection, Increased engagement  
Active Involvement  
Flourishing parks and people  
Knock on effect – gathering potential

Other notes from the group:

'Knock on, roll out, replicate, up skill' 'sustainable stewardship'

#### 'Vision

Sustainable Stewardship ..... Statutory protection.....Flourishing parks and flourishing people Festival of Parks, Free travel to....., recognise what we have, 63% currently , 65% target? '

'To get all communities (all people) to fully recognise that all Parks and Greenspaces are assets, that have a greater potential for fuller use in whatever capacity that may be (educational, health and well-being)

And in fuller, wider all inclusive use, they ensure that the Parks and Greenspaces become a Statutory obligation by GCC.

## **Group 2**

### Why?

Make greenspace greener, make people happier, healthier,  
Create more wildlife habitats

Who? For the land itself – it wants to be wild /green

Reduce isolation - (people)

Encourage accessibility - (people)

Wildlife

### Difference

People would be more engaged with each other and greenspace

Engaged – (Health Skill/talents sharing, education, reduce isolation)

More diverse environment created (food growing, species diversity, climate change mitigation)

Using greenspace as a tool to strengthen communities

## **CELEBRATE THE DEAR GREEN PLACE**

Representation - IT

Inclusion, more people involved in process, decision making

Collaboration

## **Group 3**

Secure the future of Glasgow's Park/Open Space to everyone to enjoy, forever

Outcomes:

Raised awareness of parks – of participation /volunteering

Celebration of parks as community hub space

Communication strategy

Sharing Skills



Sustainable participation – in parks – in activism

People are more engaged

Increased participation and engagement,

### **Action points from Workshop 2 Summary discussions**

(transcript of notes ) Actions

Who we need to contact – GCC, - Groups

Where are the gaps?

Friends groups

Greenspaces w/out FoG rep group

- We could make a wee video...
- Group to group connection to share the message
- Is there another way for people to connect rather than be here?
- Theresa – summary to who is and isn't here...
- Next meeting .....July check in? mtg?

### **Content for the survey to all groups – Statement of intent**

Some examples of statements of intent that could be included in the up and coming survey to the forum members for consideration:

We aim to ensure that all communities can access, enjoy and celebrate their parks greenspace and openspace, to support securing the future of these spaces and to encourage all the forum to proactively connect and share information.

With an inclusive attitude, we aim to encourage our communities to use and celebrate our Parks, Greenspace and openspace and to work in partnership for the sustainable, secure future and enjoyment of these spaces.

We aim to raise awareness of the potential of our parks, greenspaces and openspaces as places of community enjoyment, inclusive activity and be proactive with our communication for the sustainable future of these spaces.