

Annex 2 – People Make Glasgow Communities Update

CASE STUDY

Peterson Park Playing Fields & Pavilion

Peterson Park is in the Yoker area in the North West of the City and provides the following facilities:

- 1 full size grass Shinty pitch
- 1 full size grass GAA pitch
- 1 full size grass football pitch
- 1 reduced size grass training pitch
- A pavilion with 8 suite changing facilities



Peterson Park Playing Fields and Pavilion are leased from GCC to Glasgow Life. The ongoing operation and management of Peterson Park by Glasgow Life was proving difficult due to the negative impact of the ongoing Covid pandemic on Glasgow Life finances. Not re-opening this pitch would have resulted in the loss of the only shinty and GAA pitch facilities within the city.

To ensure continued delivery of Shinty and GAA sports at this facility in the meantime, with the support of Glasgow Life and the PMO team, Glasgow Mid Argyll Shinty Club and Glasgow Gaels Gaelic Football Club, the principal users of the facility, were able to use the playing fields for the 2021 season, pending the agreement of a short-term licence to occupy that would allow further access for the 2022 season. This ensured that these traditional field sports could continue to be played within the city whilst a new multi-party management arrangement was pursued under the People Make Glasgow Communities (PMGC) initiative.

The PMGC PMO received enquiries from four parties who were interested in becoming involved in the management of these facilities. The PMO and Glasgow Life have worked jointly with each of these organisations and facilitated joint meetings to bring them together and explore partnership working. Through this facilitated process, three of the interested parties have decided to work together and submit a joint application for the venue under the auspices of the Peterson Park Playing Fields Trust. The fourth interested party has withdrawn their interest as their primary focus is in the use this asset, not its management.

A joint formal proposal has been received from the three organisations and the proposal has been recommended to move to the Engagement Phase of the PMGC process. The proposal is published on the PMGC webpage [here](#).

The PMO & Glasgow Life Team are working closely with the organisations on the next steps in their journey. Areas where support is required have been identified and a working group has been formed which includes Glasgow Council for Voluntary Sector (GCVS), Jobs & Business Glasgow (JBG) and the Community Ownership Support Service (COSS). This ensures that the organisations obtain support in all areas, such as management structure & constitution, grant funding opportunities, business & financial planning, facilities management, development of policies and community engagement.

As the proposal involves the formation of a new Trust and several organisations coming together, it will take some time to mature and details to be worked through.