

HILLHEAD AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Minutes of meeting held on 26th August 2025, Community Central Hall, Maryhill Road, Glasgow.

Present: Bailie Seonad Hoy (Chair) and Bailie Martha Wardrop, Glasgow City Council; Inspector Iain Sibbald, Police Scotland; Station Commander James Sullivan, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Lyndsay Thomson, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Anna Dyer, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network; Charlotte Noble, Hillhead Community Council; Louise MacKenzie, North Kelvin Community Council; Stewart Leighton, Woodlands and Park Community Council; Eoghan Morris, Students' Representative Council, University of Glasgow; Matthew Gordon, Scottish Youth Parliament; and Ross MacPhail, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Apologies: Councillor Ken Andrew, Glasgow City Council; and Jean Charsley, Hillhead Community Council.

Attending: E Miller (Clerk); I Singh (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance); K McCormick and M Neill (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability); and L Duffy, J Howes and P McInnes (for the Chief Executive, Glasgow Life).

Absence of Chair

1 In terms of paragraph 7.4 of the Governance Framework, the Partnership noted that in the absence of Councillor Andrew, Bailie Hoy had been appointed to Chair the meeting.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

2 The minutes of 1st April and 22nd May 2025 were submitted and approved, subject to noting at

- (1) Item 7(1)(b), Community Learning Development, that school visits had been arranged with the author, Alan Bissett; and
- (2) Item 7(2)(c), that Glasgow Life had contacted Matthew Gordon, regarding extending youth events within the ward.

Glasgow Community Planning Partnership Governance Framework – Membership noted etc.

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

- (1) Stephen Rhind was no longer the representative for Woodside Community Council, leaving this position vacant;
- (2) Station Commander James Sullivan had been nominated as the representative for Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, replacing Station Commander Graeme Morrow and Station Commander Stephen Coughtrie had been nominated as the substitute representative, replacing Station Commander Ben Adams;
- (3) Eoghan Morris had been nominated as the representative for Students' Representative Council, University of Glasgow, replacing Angelica Wilson and Duncan Calvert had been nominated as the substitute representative, replacing Pablo Moran Ruiz; and
- (4) Anna Dyer had been in contact with ASRA regarding BME representation, and an update would be provided at the next meeting of the Partnership.

Police Scotland ward update noted.

4 There was heard a report by Inspector Iain Sibbald, Police Scotland, advising the Partnership

- (1) that the new Chief Inspector for the area would be Chief Inspector Nigel Thacker;
- (2) of the statistics for reported incidents, crimes recorded, thefts and break-ins;
- (3) that drug offences had doubled due to an increased stop and search policy;
- (4) of the shoplifting team, which would be based at the Pollok Police Station with the north west of the city its primary focus;
- (5) of the joint work with University of Glasgow regarding the upcoming Freshers' week;
- (6) that issues around Chez Nous and other guest houses continued to be monitored with some residents being re-housed, although vacancies had been filled again quickly;
- (7) that enforcement action against illegal bikes continued; and
- (8) that reports of all suspicious activity should be reported to Police Scotland by calling 101 or via Crimestoppers at 0800 555111.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report and thanked Inspector Sibbald for the update and all the work carried out by Police Scotland within the ward;

- (b) highlighted concerns regarding knife crime, particularly amongst youths, which would be addressed by School Engagement Officers, who worked with Head Teachers in schools to educate pupils; and
- (c) raised a number of questions and concerns that were addressed by Inspector Sibbald.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service ward update noted – Requests to Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and Chair of Hillhead Area Partnership.

5 There was heard a report by Station Commander James Sullivan, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) regarding the current issues, incidents and work being carried out in the ward for Quarter 1, from 1st April to 30th June 2025, advising the Partnership

- (1) that the service had attended 1,224 incidents in the North West area of which 142 were in the ward, 57 fires, 18 Special Services and 67 false alarms, with 4 non-fire fatalities recorded;
- (2) of the work carried out by the Community Safety Team to educate youths in schools and nurseries to raise continued awareness on the dangers of fires and water safety;
- (3) that 837 Home Fire Safety Visits (HFSV) had been carried out and of future collaborations with partners on HFSV;
- (4) of the PAFS (Police, Ambulance, Fire Service) course, which had taken place in the Calton area of the city, giving teenagers experience of emergency services roles, which would be rolled out to the north west in future; and
- (5) that the SFRS consultation was at phase 2 and that the general public could still access the link at [Consultations | Scottish Fire and Rescue Service](#).

After consideration, the Partnership noted

- (a) the report;
- (b) that information on the misuse of BBQ's, the disposal of them and trends on where fires occurred due to inappropriate discarding of a BBQ would be provided to the Partnership members; and
- (c) that the Partnership would write to the Chief Officer, SFRS regarding Maryhill Fire Station to put forward its support for the station to remain open.

Festive Lighting 2025/26 update noted – Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability – Delegated authority approved - Declaration of interest.

6 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 2024/25 festive displays and switch-on events and asked the Partnership to confirm whether these should be included in the 2025/26 programme;
- (2) of the standard pricing schedule for the 2024-2028 festive lighting programme following the procurement exercise carried out to deliver the programme; and
- (3) that approved funding in excess of the central funding would be met by Hillhead Area Partnership from other funds.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the lighting arrangements and the central funding available for the 2025/26 programme; and
- (b) requested further information on the costs provided in the report; and
- (c) approved delegated authority, when costings provided by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, to the Chair and ward Councillors, in conjunction with the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance, to approve up to £1,400 of area budget funding prior to the next meeting, making a total spend of £5,000, which included central funding of £3,600, and the final decision to be circulated to the Partnership members.

Councillor Wardrop declared an interest in this item of business and took no part in the discussion thereon.

Area Budget 2025/26 – Applications for funding dealt with etc – Declaration of interest.

7 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 Hillhead Area Partnership's Budget allocation for 2025/26 was £61,839 and that £38,431 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £23,408; 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>
*Police Scotland – Safer Students	Towards the cost of equipment such as personal alarms for safety and property marking kit to reduce the likelihood of theft and to aid recovery and return of stolen items to victims	Awarded £1,925 on the condition that Police Scotland work with the Student Representatives' Council and Scottish Youth Parliament for their Safer Students 2025 initiative
Healy Arts Charity – Design Workshops for Adults	Towards the cost of providing free Design Workshops for Adults to create 3D imagined micro space satellites that used light as a randomiser of data so that data could be securely distributed around the world	Refused as the project does not align with the Area Partnership's local investment priorities and it was not considered good value for money
The Alisdair Gray Archive – Our City, Our Stories	Towards the cost of running a range of sessions in North Glasgow around raising awareness of the work of artist Alasdair Gray. The sessions would target a range of community groups, schools and teachers	Awarded £3,150, on the condition the workshop portraits were age appropriate
St Mary's Cathedral – Organ Project	Towards the cost of restoring and installing the historic Willis Pipe organ in St Mary's Cathedral	Refused as the application exceeded the capabilities of the Area Budget and no evidence of community benefit

The Coach House Trust – Gate Repair and IT and Music Equipment	Towards the cost of upgrading the IT and music equipment for workshops as they have deteriorated over time and to repair the gate to the market garden to ensure the space remained secure for service users and volunteers and to protect the garden from potential theft and vandalism	Awarded £2,095
Kelvinside Terrace Gardens Association – Planting Mixed Hedge	Towards the cost of planting a dense mixed hedge along the 42m of the garden. The planting of the hedge would be the last step in completing the street garden	Awarded £3,000, on the condition that information be provided to confirm the number of hours worked by volunteers
DMW Association – Pre-1919 Tenement Retrofit Action Case Study	Towards the cost of carrying out consultancy to engage homeowners in the North Kelvin community to provide advice on generic retrofit to encourage pre-1919 tenement homeowners to carry out self-financed, voluntary, retrofit and climate adaptation measures that would reduce local energy demand, fuel bills and carbon emissions to preserve the historic built environment, and build community wealth	Awarded £5,000, on the condition that the organisation carried out presentations to other Housing Associations after the project had been completed and sought information on available grants
**Fact Three – Websters Infrastructure Improvements	Towards the cost of resolving the drain discharging from the former church kitchen onto the road surface of South Woodside Road and beyond to the River Kelvin	Refused due to property maintenance not being eligible under the Area Budget criteria and limited evidence of community benefit
Make It Glasgow CIC – Hillhead “The Big Scale Make” Community	Towards the cost of running a community event which invited residents of Hillhead to collaborate on a unique public art project	Consideration continued for further information to be provided

Invisible Cities – Connecting Communities	Towards the cost of 6 networking events to discuss community involvement, connect with one another and work better locally	Refused as other organisations do similar work and that the organisation should contact North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network
Kelvin Divers – Equipment Servicing and Renewal	Towards the cost of masks and fins	Awarded £500

*Inspector Sibbald had left the meeting whilst this item was under consideration and therefore took no part in the discussion or decision.

**Bailie Wardrop declared an interest in this item and took no part in the discussion or decision.

Local Parks and Open Spaces update noted – Declaration of interest.

8 With reference to the minutes of 1st April 2025, there was submitted a report by Kevin McCormick, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS), 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 and updated information on lighting within Kelvingrove Park and the herbaceous border, as detailed in the report and appendix to the report.

After consideration, the Partnership noted

- (1) the report and approved the recommendations;
- (2) that following a review undertaken by Greenspace Scotland, suggested lighting routes within Kelvingrove Park had been identified, which would require a full Lighting Impact Assessment to be carried out, that a range of works had been undertaken, including vegetation management infrastructural adaptations and resurfacing;
- (3) that following a meeting in August 2025, previous lighting routes, as detailed within Appendix 1, had been presented to the group for consideration and had noted that previously existing routes crossed sections of the Site of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC), therefore a recommendation had been made that any identified routes would not cross those areas;
- (4) that lighting options would be considered at both the play area and skatepark and that officers would conduct further market engagement to determine capital costs of both areas;

- (5) that discussions would continue with Glasgow University (GU) in relation to safety concerns raised by them regarding the staircase leading from University Avenue to GU and that Eoghan Morris would ask GU about joint funding towards the stairs; and
- (6) the work to improve vegetation where site lines had been restricted and that officers would discontinue development of proposals to create a new access at the herbaceous border.

Councillor Wardrop declared an interest in this item of business and took no part in the discussion thereon.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund (NIIF) update noted etc – Funding approved – Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

9 With reference to the minutes of 1st April 2025, there was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS) providing an update on the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund (NIIF) programme, advising a progress update in relation to the NIIF, including proposals submitted for estimate and a summary of committed spend and actual spend for the ward, as detailed in tables 1 and 3.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (1) noted the report;
- (2) agreed the proposals and spend to date, as detailed in the reports; and
- (3) approved the estimate for the work to be programmed on the following projects:-
 - (a) 11-014 - £97,000 to replace damaged cobbles at Hillhead Steps and Clarendon Street; and
 - (b) 11-020 - £5,500 for the installation of a permanent camera at North Woodside Road; and
- (4) requested that
 - (a) 11-018 – Ross MacPhail, NRS contact Nicola Bell, Group Manager, Traffic and Road Safety, NRS to confirm who would be responsible for the costs to replace the traffic signal on Great Western Road, with an update to be provided at the next meeting of the Partnership; and
 - (b) a re-deployable CCTV camera at Hillhead Steps and Ruskin Lane be costed and taken forward for installation.

Community Learning Development report noted – Request to Chief Executive, Glasgow Life.

10 With reference to the minutes of 1st April 2025 requesting a report regarding an update on the progress of work at Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum to the next meeting of the Partnership there was submitted a report by the Chief Executive, Glasgow Life, advising of an update on the progress of work at Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (1) noted the report;
- (2) requested information on possible heritage or lottery funding to support the refurbishment works; and
- (3) raised a number of concerns and questions that were addressed by the officers.

Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network update noted.

11 There was heard a report by Ms Anna Dyer, North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network (NWGVSN) providing an update on its work, advising

- (1) of the continued IT recycling project “Plugged In” and that information could be accessed via <https://nwgvs.org.uk/plugged-in-it-project/>;
- (2) that the project had won an award at the Scottish Care Tech Awards <https://nwgvs.org.uk/plugged-in-won-an-ethical-green-tech-award/> and would be a finalist in The Alliance Self Management Awards in the Digital Innovator category <https://www.alliance-scotland.org.uk/blog/news/finalists-announced-for-the-self-management-awards-2025/>
- (3) of the continued concerns with regards to the cost of living crisis and the increased demand on services;
- (4) of the gaps in youth services in certain areas of the north west of the city and the concerns regarding this, as detailed in the report;
- (5) that the youth services and The Community Fridge had continued to operate throughout the summer at Community Central Hall;
- (6) of the work by Byres Community Hub, who had offered a broad educational programme, particularly aimed at school children and that further information could be accessed via <https://www.gla.ac.uk/schools/healthwellbeing/byrescommunityhub/>;
- (7) of the events carried out at Woodside Halls, including a successful event marking the centenary of the halls, as detailed in the report; and

- (8) of the news of the death of a teenager who had sadly drowned in the River Kelvin, having helped 2 others in difficulty and the Network offered its condolences to his family and friends.

After consideration, the Partnership noted the report and congratulated the Network for all the work carried out at Community Central Halls.

Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership – Report noted – Request to Chief Officer, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership.

12 There was submitted a report by the Chief Officer, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership (GCHSCP), advising of an update on health improvement within the north west of the city advising

- (1) that Glasgow City Child & Youth Health Improvement Team had released its Annual Report for 2024/25, which could be accessed at <https://www.stor.scot.nhs.uk/entities/publication/ae8aa397-9f68-400b-872b-45b755fe69c5>;
- (2) of the work by the Glasgow City Alcohol and Drug Partnership Prevention and Education Group and information could be accessed on its annual report 2024/25 at <https://www.stor.scot.nhs.uk/handle/11289/580432>;
- (3) of the Family Wellbeing Hub which provided support to parents/carers of children aged between 5-26 years of age, as detailed in the report;
- (4) of the links to Public Protection Bulletin, GCHSCP Matters Briefing, the Training Calendar, Cost of Living Guide and Youth Health Service and Quit your way, as detailed in the report; and
- (5) that the HENRY programme continued to be delivered in the north west of the city, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report; and
- (b) requested information regarding
 - (i) an update on Woodside Health Centre, which had previously been considered for social housing; and
 - (ii) the HENRY programme, to confirm if any workshops would be held within the Hillhead Ward.

Area Budget Evaluation noted.

13 There was submitted and noted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance regarding details of projects selected to complete an Evaluation Report,

- (1) advising that projects funded through the area budget were required to comply with the Council's Standard Conditions of Funding which stated that organisations must comply in full with evaluation requirements; and
- (2) detailing, at Appendix 1 of the report, information on 10% of projects funded during 2024/25, which had been selected to complete an Evaluation Report.

Area Partnership Development Plan noted.

14 With reference to the minutes of 29th January 2025 approving the proposed timeline for the development of Area Partnership plans, there was submitted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance advising of the work being carried out to address child and family poverty across the city and the need to align this with Area Partnership plans, with updated reports to be provided to future Partnership meetings.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (1) noted the report; and
- (2) requested that the plan looked at overcrowded housing, high rental charges and inequalities within the ward to target those who required the greatest support.