

GARSCADDEN/SCOTSTOUNHILL AREA PARTNERSHIP.

Minutes of meeting held on 2nd September 2025, Heart of Scotstoun Community Centre, Glasgow.

- Present:** Councillor Malcolm Mitchell (Chair), Councillor Bill Butler and Councillor Eva Murray, Glasgow City Council; Inspector Siobhan Paterson, Police Scotland; Lainey Bedingfield, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network; Joe McShannon, Kingsway Community Connections; Scott Donaldson, Scotstoun Community Council; Jamie O'Neill, Kingsway Youth Project; and Karen Venables, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.
- Apology:** Councillor Chris Cunningham, Glasgow City Council; Station Commander James Sullivan, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Sandra Barber, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Corey Stirton, DRC Youth Project and Sandy Busby, Yoker Community Council.
- Attending:** J Crawford (Clerk); S Johnstone (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance); and K McCormick and D Hay (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability).

Minutes of previous meeting approved etc.

- 1** The minutes of 15th April 2025 were submitted and approved, subject to noting.

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 regarding the membership of this Partnership, advising that James Sullivan had been nominated as the representative for Scottish Fire and Rescue Service replacing Graeme Morrow.

Police Scotland ward update noted.

- 3** There was heard and noted a verbal report by Inspector Siobhan Paterson, Police Scotland advising the Partnership that
- (1) Chief Inspector Colin MacLucas would be replaced by Chief Inspector Nigel Thacker as Area Commander for the North West;
 - (2) there had been a rise in number of incidents of theft at Knightswood Shopping Centre;

- (3) a police survey had been commenced on 17th April 2025 until 31st March 2026 <https://consult.scotland.police.uk/strategy-insight-and-innovation/your-police-2025-2026/>;
- (4) anti-immigration graffiti had been removed from locations and reassurances carried out in the area that this would not be tolerated; and
- (5) Police Scotland had conducted a day of action focused on e-bikes and e-scooters in Glasgow city centre in May 2025.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report and thanked Inspector Paterson for the update and all the work carried out by Police Scotland within the ward; and
- (b) raised a number of questions and concerns that were addressed by Inspector Paterson.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service ward update noted.

4 There was submitted a report by 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 <https://www.firescotland.gov.uk/get-involved/consultations/>

Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership Update - Consideration continued – Request to Chief Officer, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership.

5 The Partnership agreed to continue consideration of an update by Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership regarding the current issues and incidents in the ward to a future meeting of this partnership.

After consideration the Partnership requested a report at the next meeting.

Youth Work Provision Working Group noted.

6 There was submitted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance providing details of an initial meeting of a proposed Youth Work Provision working group, advising that

- (1) partners from across the ward had been invited to discuss youth provision, issues that affected young people in the ward and how best to support children and young people in the ward and had agreed;
 - (a) a multi-agency group would be created to meet regularly and feed into the Area Partnership;
 - (b) the addition of the Youth Strategy on the Partnership's agenda;
 - (c) support would be provided to partner organisations if they wished to for a Youth Consortium to apply for larger pots of money; and
 - (d) to investigate the viability of the property owned by Wheatley Group at Kingsway being utilised for Youth Provision; and
- (2) elected members were looking at additional premises and resources to support the ongoing work in the ward.

After consideration, the Partnership noted

- (a) the report; and
- (b) that arrangements for the first meeting and membership of the working group had still to be finalised.

Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network update noted.

7 There was heard and noted a report by Lainey Bedingfield, North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network providing an update on its work, advising

- (1) of the continued concerns regarding the cost of living crisis and the increased demand on services, with the loss of and reduced funding to the organisation;
- (2) that the youth services had to be properly funded by the Government to assist with gaps in the services that were required to help;

- (3) DRC Youth Project continued to roll out fantastic work for youths from the area <https://drcyouthproject.blogspot.com/>;
- (4) that the continued cuts to the Voluntary Sector meant that staff were working to breaking point; and
- (5) the Scottish Government recently held a Youth Violence summit, and the leader of Glasgow City Council had discussed a motion at Council around the rise in young people experiencing violence and the need to provide supports to help young people in the city.

After consideration, the Partnership noted

- (a) the report; and
- (b) thanked Lainey Bedingfield and DRC Youth Project for their continued good work in the ward.

Area Budget Evaluation noted.

8 There was submitted 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.

After consideration, the Partnership noted

- (a) the report; and
- (b) that in relation to the application from Knightswood Old Men's Club, the repair to the guttering remained outstanding.

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

9 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 Garscadden/Scotstounhill Area Partnership's Budget allocation for 2025/26 was £87,056 and to date had committed a total of £24,008 to various projects in the area, leaving a balance of £63,048; 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 allocations for 2025/26; and
- (b) dealt with the applications for funding as follows, the grant award being subject to the conditions detailed in the report:

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Decision</i>
Glasgow Clyde College – Anniesland Campus – Building Better Futures Community Hub	Towards the costs to carry out a 36-week programme to engage with young people between the ages of 12 to 24 years	Awarded £2,250
Buddies Clubs and Services	Towards the costs of resources for the planting and growing produce project	Awarded £1,822
Active Seniors	Towards the costs of an event to celebrate Scottish food and culture	Awarded £622
*Kingsway Community Connections	Towards the costs of a trip for staff to learn best practice from an organisation in London	Awarded £1,446
Knightwood Community Centre	Towards the costs of next phase of their garden project	Awarded £5,375
DRC Youth Project	Towards the cost additional Youth Work provision	Awarded £8,706 subject to clarification of £5,000 for group costs
Ignite Theatre	Towards the costs of Telling Tales Drama Project, a 26-week high quality drama workshops for 15 older adults	Awarded £5,916 subject to clarification of cultural activities
DRC Generations	Towards the cost of providing training and additional activities for their peer to peer buddy	Awarded £2,350

programme during October to December

Barnardos Blardardie Transition Programme	Towards the costs of supporting families and children to move from Primary School to Secondary School	Awarded £5,175 subject to clarification of schools that will be included
**We Step Together	Towards the cost of bus hire towards a programme of trips focused on mental health beginning in September 2025 and ending in December 2025	Awarded £993

*Lainey Bedingfield, Joe McShannon and Jamie O'Neill declared an interest in this item took no part in the discussion or decision.

** This was a late application and was authorised by the chair, Councillor Malcolm Mitchell, before the meeting.

Local Parks and Open Spaces update noted – Consideration continued – Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

10 With reference to the minutes of 16th April 2025, there was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS), regarding an update on the Local Parks and Open Space Improvement Fund for the Ward, advising that

- (1) the phased investigations being carried out at Knightswood Park pond were ongoing as water levels were still falling;
- (2) it was proposed at the April meeting that the £50,000 of funding allocated for the Knightswood Park project was to be re-allocated, this should remain and clarification was required regarding what the timeline and costs were; and
- (3) the clarification of timescales to be confirmed for the installation of 4 benches at Knightswood Park;

After consideration and having heard K McCormick, NRS, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report;
- (b) agreed
 - (i) to continue consideration of £50,000 for preliminary feasibility works at Knightswood Park; and

- (ii) the reallocation of £4,800 and £7,200 previously allocated to new finger signage for the Yoker Cycle Path to Knightswood Park Food Hub; and
- (c) requested clarification of the £14,800 works for the access to Knightswood Park as the work had not been completed.

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

11 With reference to the minutes of 16th 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;
- (3) approved the estimate for the work to be programmed on the following projects:-
 - (a) 13-004 - £50,000 - costings for fence to be installed at Daisy Park and clarification on what has to be replaced; and
 - (b) 13-010 - £9,500 - 1 re-deployable camera at Plean Street/Spirral Street confirmed, however other locations to be considered; and
- (4) requested that
 - (a) 13-008 – Ross MacPhail, NRS to get analysis on the speed camera's data and investigate whether other solutions could be taken forward, with an update to be provided at the next meeting of the Partnership;
 - (b) 13-009 – Ross MacPhail to get analysis from the Roads Department, with an update to be provided at the next meeting of the Partnership;
 - (c) an onsite walkabout at Scotstoun Primary School with the Roads Department at peak times; and
 - (d) that other proposals and solutions to be investigated for the next meeting.

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

12 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 Garscadden/Scotstounhill Area Partnership from other funds.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the lighting arrangements and the central funding available for the 2025/26 programme;
- (b) requested further information on the costs provided in the report;
- (c) a tree to be situated at Barnardos and an off-road switch on; and
- (d) 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.