

ANDERSTON/CITY/YORKHILL AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Minutes of meeting held on 25th September 2025, City Chambers, Glasgow.

Present: Bailie Christy Mearns (Chair), Councillor Eva Bolander, Councillor Phillip Braat and Councillor Angus Millar, Glasgow City Council; Inspector Jonathan Watters, Police Scotland; Shogufta Haq, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; James Stuart Duffin, North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network; James Rouse, Anderston Community Council; Irene Loudon, Blythswood and Broomielaw Community Council; Eileen Findlay, Dundasvale Community Council; Nora Hytiris, Garnethill Community Council; Gary Aitkinson, Merchant City and Trongate Community Council; Michael Glen, Townhead and Ladywell Community Council; John Gerard, Yorkhill and Kelvingrove Community Council; and Lise Fisher, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Apologies Station Commander James Sullivan, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and Inspector Iain Sibbald, Police Scotland.

Attending: J Crawford (Clerk); and R O'Sullivan (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance).

Chair's remarks.

1 The Chair referred to the recent death of Barney McFadyen, Townhead and Ladywell Community Council who had made a huge contribution to the Townhead and Ladywell community and extended the Partnership's condolences and best wishes to Barney's family.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

2 The minutes of 1st May 2025 were submitted and approved subject to noting at Item 6.8(a), 10-024, should read play park not car park.

Glasgow Community Planning Partnership Governance Framework – Membership noted.

3 With reference to the minutes of 1st May 2025, there was submitted and noted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration regarding the membership of this Partnership, advising that Station Commander James Sullivan had been nominated as the representative for Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

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/>

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report; and
- (b) agreed that Bailie Mearns would circulate an e-mail expressing the Area Partnership's concerns regarding the closure of Fire Stations in Ward 10 and the Community Councils would send e-mails of agreeance to Bailie Mearns.

Police Scotland ward update noted – Request to Police Scotland.

5 There was heard and noted a report by Inspector Jonathan Watters, Police Scotland, advising the Partnership

- (1) that there had been a bad batch of drugs that had caused deaths in the city centre and required a multi-agency response;
- (2) that Common Ground were assisting vulnerable people in the city centre at night [What is Common Ground? - Glasgow Council for the Voluntary Sector](#) ;
- (3) that an Against Crime Day would take place at the Vue Cinema on 20th November 2025;

- (4) that there had been some racist incidents on Dundas Street and Police Scotland had been in communication with Dundasvale Community Council to help resolve;
- (5) of the on-going protests at Buchanan Street and that Police Scotland would continue to monitor and safeguard staff and businesses;
- (6) of the football celebrations that occurred in the city and that Police Scotland would have to look at a multi-agency response and speak to the Football Clubs; and
- (7) that greater awareness of the third-party reporting of hate crime, as racism was on the rise.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report and thanked Inspector Watters for the update and all the work carried out by Police Scotland in the ward;
- (b) requested that Inspector Watters provide costs incurred by local organisations, residents and services following football celebrations in the ward;
- (c) requested that a meeting be scheduled to discuss solutions for the football celebrations; and
- (d) requested that Inspector Watters bring back information on 3rd party reporting of Hate Crime to a future meeting.

Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network update noted

6 There was heard and noted a report by Stuart Duffin, 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) the cost-of- living crisis had seen an increase of shoplifting and crime;
- (4) that the continued cuts to the Voluntary Sector meant that staff were working to breaking point; and
- (5) that the Marie Trust kitchen has been closed due to lack of funding,

After consideration, the Partnership noted

- (a) the report;
- (b) requested information from Health and Social Care Partnership services as to why funding was refused for the Marie Trust kitchen; and
- (b) thanked Stuart Duffin for their continued good work in the ward.

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

7 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 [Glasgow City Youth Health Improvement annual report 2024/25](#)
- (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;
- (b) thanked S Haq and requested that information on the funding for the Marie Trust kitchen be brought to a future meeting; and
- (c) requested ward specific information, including statistics, for the next meeting.

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

8 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 Anderston/City/Yorkhill 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 confirmation that the tree at Townhead was a live viable tree and could have lights for a switch on event and if unsuitable a cut tree be costed;
- (c) to confirm if living tree at Dundasvale could have lights for a switch on event and Dundasvale Community Council would link with Queens Cross Housing Association to discuss funding;
- (d) Garnethill Community Council requested a tree in Garnethill Park with lights and a switch on event; and
- (e) approved delegated authority to the Chair, in conjunction with the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance, to make the final decision on festive lighting arrangements for the ward.

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 May 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 report;
- (3) approved the estimate for the work to be programmed on the following projects:-

- (a) 10-027 - Garnethill Park, Rose Street - the cube lighting to be investigated and a site visit to be arranged;
 - (b) 10-031 – Maitland Street and Dunblane Street – trees/food growing - this had to be removed as the ground had been sold;
 - (c) 10-032 – Dundasvale Road – £25,000 (additional 5% for inflation) cobbles to be repaired – had been approved;
 - (d) 10-038 – St Vincent Street to Hope Street - £25,000 approved amount and possible match funding from the Council;
 - (e) 10-039 – Bath Street and Elmbank Street at Kings Theatre – £15,000- approved, including £3,750 for painting;
 - (f) 10-021 – St Vincent Street/Argyle Street/Elliott Street – pedestrian crossing to be approved and £80,000 and match funding from Active Travel Fund;
 - (g) 10-033 – grassed area behind the Italian Kitchen – to be removed as this ground was not Council owned;
 - (h) 10-035 – Candleriggs full length between Ingram Street and Wilson Street – to be removed as unable to pedestrianise Candleriggs due to private access and car parks. This is being taken forward as part of other public realm work in the city centre;
 - (i) 10-005 – Cobble repair on Mitchell Street – to be removed as road had been resurfaced;
 - (j) 10-015 - £100,000 approved for trees and location to be confirmed;
 - (k) 10-028 – Viewpoint at Hill Street – proposed fruit trees –further feedback requested from NRS regarding viable options;
 - (l) 10-034 – The Tron Steeple - £25,000 contribution approved;
 - (m) 10–037 – Footpath at Hanover Street – NRS to link in with the Avenues Team for proposals. NRS has requested Ops to progress the cutting back of shrubbery as business as usual;
 - (n) 10-030 – Planting of trees at Dunblane/Maitland/Milton Street – NRS to provide an update; and
 - (o) 10-036 – New bollard installation - site visit is to be scheduled with Townhead and Ladywell Community Council and there update to be provided.
- (4) requested that

- (a) Anderston Primary School play park at Houldsworth Street and Port Street - costings to be brought back to the next meeting;
- (b) costings be brought to next meeting for the Chookie Burdies (Garnethill Community Council project no 4) for lighting and a permanent fence for the bread oven (Garnethill Community Council Project no. 5);
- (c) new planting of 74 trees in Merchant City (project no 15);
- (d) new benches in Merchant City; and
- (e) other proposals and solutions to be investigated for the next meeting.

Area Budget Evaluation noted.

10 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.

11 With reference to the minutes of 13th February 2025 approving the proposed timeline for the development of Area Partnership plans, there was submitted and noted 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.

Area Budget 2025/26 – Application for funding dealt with etc – Declarations of interest.

12 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 Anderston/City/Yorkhill Area Partnership's budget allocation for 2025/26 was £62,446 and a total of £20,464 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £41,982; and
- (3) of the applications for funding from the Area Budget 2025/26.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the position regarding the Area Budget allocation for 2025/26; and
- (b) the 6 applications dealt with under delegated functions, as detailed in the report;
- (c) 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>
The Pyramid	Towards the cost of a series of popular community-led activities and events throughout the winter, to continue these activities in 2025/26	Awarded £5,000
Townhead Village Hall	Towards the cost of a Christmas party as well as Halloween party for local children in Townhead	Refused as similar events in the Townhead area
Music Broth	Towards the cost of a programme of structured weekly 3-hour group workshops over 10 weeks in Elliott Street	Awarded £5,000
Creative Hangouts	Towards the cost of term-time after school classes for the Anderston community for a two-block pilot for young participants (5-11 years) between 5th November 2025 and 25th March 2026	Awarded £2,160
Stepping Stones for Families	Towards the cost to replace and replenish their play resources and run cooking workshops for parents where appropriate, using food as a practical and social tool for learning	Awarded £4,460
ACVC Hub	Towards the cost of the Empowering the Community: Glasgow Craft and Culture Collective Project, to help the	Awarded £4,430

	organisation establish a multi-functional creative space that would serve as a gallery, exhibition space, taster session venue, retail outlet and workshop hub	
*Townhead Community Council	Towards the cost of delivering a Christmas light switch on event	Awarded £970
The Marie Trust	Towards the costs of printmaking and creative arts to help provide therapeutic activity and continue building on the routes out of homelessness by creating opportunities to develop new skills that will help people in recovery from addiction and mental illness	Awarded £5,000 Subject to condition of sourcing tables
Healy Arts	Towards the cost of providing free Design Workshops for Adults	Refused as not ward specific
The Alasdair Gray Archive	Towards the cost of running a range of sessions in Northwest Glasgow around raising awareness of the work of artist Alasdair Gray and would target a range of community groups, schools, and teachers	Awarded £2,625 subject to condition that applicant provides further information and confirms start date
Make it Glasgow	Towards the cost of materials and equipment for the “Big Scale Make” event for Anderston/City/Yorkhill residents to craft Bella’s Scales	Consideration continued to a future meeting

*Michael Glen declared an interest in this item and took no part in the discussion thereon.