

ANDERSTON/CITY/YORKHILL AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Minutes of meeting held on 13th February 2025, Committee Room, City Chambers.

Present: Bailie Christy Mearns (Chair), Councillor Eva Bolander and Councillor Angus Millar, Glasgow City Council; Station Commander Graeme Morrow, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Inspector Jonathan Watters, Police Scotland; James Stuart Duffin, North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network; James Rouse, Anderston Community Council; Irene Loudon, Blythswood and Broomielaw Community Council; Nora Hytiris, Garnethill Community Council; David Hughes, Merchant City and Trongate Community Council; and Michael Glen, Townhead and Ladywell Community Council.

Apologies: Councillor Philip Braat, Glasgow City Council; Shogufta Haq, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Gary Atkinson, Merchant City and Trongate Community Council; John Gerard, Yorkhill and Kelvingrove Community Council and Lise Fisher, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Attending: J Crawford (Clerk); R O'Sullivan (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance); and Claire Livingstone, Dundasvale Community Council.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

1 The minutes of 5th December 2024 were submitted and approved subject to noting that at Item 11(d), £100,000 of the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund (NIF) would not to be reallocated however clarification should be provided with regard to the planned programmes for installation of street trees in Ward 10, and this money could be used to support additional street trees in the ward that would complement existing programmes.

Glasgow Community Planning Partnership Governance Framework – Membership noted.

2 With reference to the minutes of the 5th December 2024, there was submitted and noted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration regarding the membership of this partnership, advising that

- (1) Dundasvale Community Council would be formally added to the Area Partnership; and
- (2) Rowan Evenstar had been nominated as the substitute representative for Blythswood and Broomielaw Community Council.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service ward update noted.

3 There was submitted and noted a report by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) regarding the current issues, incidents and work being carried out in the ward for Quarter 3, from 1st September to 31st December 2024, advising the Partnership that

- (1) the Service had attended 1,147 incidents in the North West area, these being 304 fires, 239 special services and 604 false alarms;
- (2) Q3 of 24/25 saw an overall reduction of 10% in incidents attended in the North West compared to last year's Q3 total;
- (3) the changes to Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS) response from 1st July 2023 had seen a decrease of 16% in the number of false alarm incidents attended by operation crews;
- (4) the figure of 170 Deliberate Fires in Q3 2024/25 showed a decrease of 21 from last year's quarter however remained below the 5-year average;
- (5) the figure of 65 Dwelling Fires in Q3 2024/25, had seen an increase of 3 from the previous year's quarter;
- (6) overall, there were 13 fire casualties in total, all of which were a result of accidental dwelling fires, of these, 11 resulted from accidental dwelling fires, while 2 occurred in outdoor settings; and
- (7) that during the Q3 period, SFRS attended 239 special service incidents, ranging from flood and water rescues to animal rescue; and
- (8) the review of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service draft SFRS Strategy 2025-28 could be viewed at [Draft SFRS Strategy 2025-28 - Scottish Fire and Rescue Services - Citizen Space](#)

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report and thanked Station Commander Morrow for the work carried out by the service; and
- (b) raised concerns and questions that were addressed by Station Commander Morrow.

Police Scotland ward update noted.

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

- (1) Capable Guardianship Street Team was a new youth safeguarding project that would run in conjunction with Common Ground and a date would be identified for a 12-week pilot;
- (2) action had been taken against e-bike riders by seizing bikes as part of a local action plan;
- (3) the protests at several locations within the ward have had an impact on resources and this had taken officers away from other issues in the ward;
- (4) domestic abuse cases had increased;
- (5) a spate of vehicle thefts had occurred during the cold weather, with people leaving cars unattended to defrost and Police Scotland advised people to be more vigilant and not leave their vehicle unattended at any time;
- (6) there was a focus on shoplifting offences and officers would be more visible in the area and plain clothed officers would also patrol the ward; and
- (7) there had been an increase in mobile phone thefts around the Hydro.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report;
- (b) raised concerns and questions that were addressed by Inspector Watters and Inspector Sibbald; and
- (c) thanked Inspector Watters and Inspector Sibbald for their reports and for the work carried out within the ward by Police Scotland.

Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership – Request to Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership.

5 The Partnership agreed to continue consideration of a ward update by Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership to a future meeting.

After consideration, the Partnership requested that a report on Homelessness be submitted to a future meeting.

Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network update noted.

6 There was submitted a report by Mr James Stuart Duffin, North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network (NWGVSN), providing an update on its work, advising

- (1) of the ongoing issues related to the cost-of-living crisis, and that more information could be found at <https://nwgvsn.org.uk/third-sector-funding/>; and

- (2) of the recent successful meeting with Community Support Officers from the Council regarding future action plans within the ward.

After consideration, the Partnership noted the report and thanked Mr Duffin for the update.

Winter Maintenance Plan 2024/2025 noted.

7 There was heard a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance, providing details of the 2024/25 Winter Maintenance Plan, advising that the Winter Maintenance Plan could be viewed at

<https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/wintermaintenance>

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report and that any issues could be emailed to Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability; and;
- (b) requested that Little Street and McIntyre Street at Cranstonhill Nursery was added to the map and gritting schedule.

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

8 With reference to the minutes of 14th September 2024, there was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS), regarding the Local Parks and Open Space Improvement Fund

- (1) providing an update on projects allocated within the ward for years 2021/22 and 2022/23 and proposed projects, as detailed in the appendices to the report; and
- (2) advising that the Partnership had requested that NRS liaise with Parks Department regarding the Dover Street playpark to provide options for redevelopment that could be funded through Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund (NIF) and that an update be provided.

Councillor Bolander, seconded by Councillor Millar, moved that the Partnership

- (a) note the report;
- (b) request that the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability provide a report detailing the work undertaken by Housing Associations and other partners within the ward which should include the spend; and
- (c) continue consideration of the funding award towards redevelopment of Dover Street playpark to a future meeting.

Bailie Mearns, seconded by Irene Loudon, moved as an amendment that the Partnership

- (a) note the report;
- (b) request that the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability provide a report detailing the work undertaken by Housing Associations and other partners within the ward which should include the spend; and
- (c) approve £44,300 to fund the development of Dover Street playpark through the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund (NIF) Option 1.

*On a vote being taken by a show of hands, 5 members voted for the amendment and 4 for the motion. The amendment was accordingly declared to be carried.

* It was noted following conclusion of the meeting and having sought advice from the Director of Legal and Administration, that voting on this matter was not carried out in accordance with paragraph 9.2 of the Glasgow Community Planning Partnership Governance Framework, where a two thirds majority of those present and voting must be met to approve, and therefore the decision taken would require to be re-submitted at the next meeting for a fresh decision to be taken.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund Programme – Community engagement update noted – Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

9 There was submitted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance, regarding the next stages for community engagement on the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund (NIIF) programme, advising

- (1) of the current NIIF allocation across the Area Partnerships and the challenges faced by Partnerships regarding generation of ideas, timescales of the funds, community engagement and allocation;
- (2) that Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability would provide a progress report to the next meeting of the Partnership, which would include up to date costings and allocations for each ward, information on the new internal processes for the NIIF and templates for the recording of ideas; and
- (3) that members should advise how the process of NIIF allocations should continue, how the remainder of the £1m fund should be allocated and what support would be required from the Communities Team.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report; and

- (b) requested an update to include a tracker for all monies spent and the remaining balance for the ward.

Development of Area Partnership Plans noted.

10 With reference to the minutes of 21st March 2024 noting the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP) and the service reform of Community Empowerment Services, there was submitted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance regarding the development of Area Partnership Plans, advising

- (1) that one of the key actions identified as a priority for the newly formed Communities Team was to support Area Partnerships in the development of Area Partnership Plans that would define local ward priorities and areas of need, highlight the resources and infrastructure available and ensure any future investment of resources were effectively targeted in response to the actions plans;
- (2) of the proposal to develop the action plans to leverage community-identified data and the work undertaken with colleagues from Strategic Information, Innovation & Technology in the development of Area Partnership dashboards, as detailed in the report;
- (3) that the proposed plans would have clear strategic links with the Child Poverty Programme, Thriving Places and or Local Place Plans and HSCP Sector Plans; and
- (4) the next steps and a proposed timeline of the process that would be undertaken in 2025/26 as detailed at Appendix 1 of the report.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report; and
- (b) approved the proposed timeline for the development of Area Partnership Plans as detailed at Appendix 1 of the report.

Additional meeting arrangements noted - Request to Head of Policy and Corporate Governance.

11 There was heard a report by Rory O'Sullivan, Communities team, regarding the next meeting on 27th March 2025 requesting items for discussion.

After consideration, the Partnership agreed further discussion regarding the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund, student accommodation, the City Centre Task Force and the City Centre Development Plan.

Area Budget - Final monitoring statement noted.

12 There was submitted and noted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance regarding the Area Budget for 2024/2025, providing a monitoring statement in relation to projects previously funded, confirming that £58,286 had been allocated to various projects in the Anderston/City/Yorkhill ward leaving a balance of £4,160.05.

Area Budget 2024/25 – Applications for funding dealt with etc.

13 With reference to the minutes of the Council's City Administration Committee of 21st March 2024, when the committee approved the 2024/25 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 2024/25;
- (2) that the Anderston/City/Yorkhill Area Budget for 2024/25 was £62,446.05 and that the Partnership had committed £58,286 to date, including £6,063 under the scheme of delegated functions and £2,620 towards Festive Lighting, leaving a balance of £4,160.05; and
- (3) of the applications for funding from the Area Budget for 2024/25.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the position regarding the Area Budget allocation for 2024/25;
- (b) the applications dealt with under the Council's Scheme of Delegated Functions, as detailed in the report; and
- (c) dealt with application for funding as follows, the grant award being subject to the conditions detailed in the report:

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Purpose of application</i>	<i>Decision</i>
St Mungo's Primary School and Nursery Class Parent Council	Towards a Fun Day which would be open to the local community on Saturday 29th March 2025	Awarded £2,627.05
Project Ability Ltd	Towards a Family Fun Day on 29th March 2025 which would provide family centred visual arts activities targeting families where one or more child is disabled	Awarded £1,033

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

14 There was submitted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance, advising

- (1) that the Area Budget had still to be agreed by the City Administration Committee and any revisions to Area Budget allocations for 2025/26 would be detailed in a future report;
- (2) that Area Partnerships had the option to approve a portion of funds from its 2025/26 Area Budget at the January/February 2025 cycle of meetings for any projects/services that would take place early in the 2025/26 financial year;
- (3) that any funding recommended would be subject to confirmation of available finances; and
- (4) that any applications considered at the January/February 2025 cycle of meetings should be time critical.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted
 - (i) that the Area Budget allocations for 2025/26 were subject to availability of funds following approval of Glasgow City Council's 2025/26 budget, with any revisions to current levels of budget being subject to a future report;
 - (ii) the interim arrangements which enabled the allocation of a portion of the funding from the 2025/26 Area Budget in the January/February for time critical applications;
 - (iii) that time critical awards of up to £500 could be allocated from the 2025/26 budget under the existing delegated authority arrangements; 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>
Active Schools St Thomas Aquinas Cluster	Towards the cost of running extra-curricular activity in schools to increase physical activity and participation in sport	Awarded £800

- (c) agreed the playscheme award for spring, summer and October holiday periods as follows:-

Playscheme	Venue	Spring 2025	Summer 2025	October 2025	Total Award
SIMY	Lister Street, Townhead	£352	£1,104	£176	£1,632