

HILLHEAD AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Minutes of meeting held on 4th November 2025, by video conference.

Present: Councillor Ken Andrew (Chair), Bailie Seonad Hoy and Bailie Martha Wardrop, Glasgow City Council; Lyndsay Thomson, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Anna Dyer, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network; Charlotte Noble, Hillhead Community Council; Particia Grant, 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: Inspector Iain Sibbald, Police Scotland; Station Commander James Sullivan, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; and Jean Charsley, Hillhead Community Council.

Attending: N Palmer (Clerk); T Monaghan (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance); and D Plizga and R Strachan (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability).

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

1 The minutes of 26th August 2025 were submitted and approved.

Glasgow Community Planning Partnership Governance Framework – Membership noted etc.

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

(1) Particia Grant had been nominated as the representative for North Kelvin Community Council, replacing Louise MacKenzie; and

(2) Christine Alison was no longer the substitute representative for North Kelvin Community Council, leave the position vacant.

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

3 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
 - (i) the lighting arrangements and the central funding available for the 2025/26 programme; and
 - (ii) that delegated authority had previously been approved by the Chair and ward councillors, in conjunction with the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance, approving £910 of area budget funding making a total spend of £4,510, which included central funding of £3,600; and
- (b) agreed the switch on event at St George's Cross on 2nd December 2025 at 1630 hours, that NRS Festive Team would arrange for an electrician to attend the event and the Chair would arrange catering at the event.

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

4 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 £55,141 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £6,698; and
- (3) that the Chair had approved an application from Glasgow Association for Mental Health – Christmas at GAMH Community Hub for £730 dealt with under delegated functions, after the papers had been published.
- (4) 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>
Make it Glasgow CIC	Towards the cost of to run a community event for Hillhead residents to collaborate on a unique public art project in the St Andrews Building, University of Glasgow, delivering 6 weekly event workshops	Consideration continued to the next meeting
Queens Cross Housing Association – Winter Warmers in Woodside	Towards the cost of running a community project designed to address social isolation and improve wellbeing among vulnerable groups in winter focussing on 2 strands of activity namely Brunch and Blether and Chat and Connect	Awarded £2,185 to Brunch and Blether
Cowcaddens Day Nursery – Enhancing Inclusive Sensory Play Environments	Towards the cost of sensory equipment to enhance and adapt the learning environments to better support the needs of children with additional support needs	Awarded £2,082
Visibility Scotland – Meeting Room and Sensory Toys	Towards the cost of enhancing the accessibility and functionality of the reception and meeting room as well as purchasing sensory toys and furnishing to improve the sensory room	Awarded £2,431

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund (NIIF) update noted.

5 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS) providing an update on the progress of the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund (NIIF) and governance arrangements, advising

- (1) that a report was submitted to Area Partnerships in August 2024 outlining the criteria of the NIIF and a process was agreed to ensure that all NIIF decisions were aligned to external audit requirements, as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report;

- (2) that between May and July 2025, NRS had prepared detailed NIIF reports for each area partnership that included estimates for proposed NIIF ideas and spend to date, with estimated costs for NIIF ideas presented to the August/September 2025 meetings totalling £13,070,936.78 in estimates, that was more than half of the NIIF budget;
- (3) of a breakdown of spend and estimates that had been considered for approval at each area partnership, as detailed in Appendix 2 of the report;
- (4) that NRS were currently formalising appropriate governance arrangements for the funding of murals through NIIF and were working closely with procurement colleagues to agree an approach for the delivery of murals; and
- (5) of the procurement legislation, continued management of the NIIF process and governance arrangements, as detailed in Appendix 3 of the report.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (1) noted the report,
- (2) requested that
 - (a) a work plan of all the existing murals in the ward area be collated in order to review and develop a coordinated approach with organisations and students;
 - (b) information be provided as to who was responsible for the maintenance, management and ownership of the murals;
 - (c) the work already undertaken at Great Western Road and St George's Road to Byres Road was of poor quality and required to be upgraded to a more robust material as these were areas of concern and trip hazards;
 - (d) information be provided regarding the crossing lights at Great Western Road/Hillhead steps as to whether these works would be considered "business as usual" or under NIIF fund process; and
 - (e) that an update on mobile CCTV and community consultation regarding the location at Ruskin Lane and Place be provided prior to the next meeting.

Date and time of next meeting noted.

- 6** The Partnership noted the next meeting on Thursday, 29th January 2026 at 1400 hours.