

CANAL AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Minutes of meeting held on 17th April 2025, Saracen House, Glasgow.

Present: Councillor Allan Gow (Chair), Councillor Robert Mooney and Lord Provost Jacqueline McLaren, Glasgow City Council; Watch Commander Paul Carby; Mhairi Shepard, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; and Jill Mackay, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network.

Apologies: Inspector Lynn Edwards, Police Scotland; Station Commander Graeme Morrow and Station Commander Ben Adams, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; and Ann McGinley, Ruchill Community Council.

Attending: P Yule (Clerk); K Gannon (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance); and F Lundie, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Appointment of substitute approved.

1 In terms of paragraph 6.10 of the Governance Framework, the Partnership noted that in the absence of the representative and the substitute representative from Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, the Chair had approved the attendance of Watch Commander Paul Carby.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

2 The minutes of 7th February 2025 were submitted and approved.

Glasgow Community Planning Partnership Governance Framework – Membership noted.

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

- (1) Inspector Lynn Edwards had been nominated as the new representative for Police Scotland and Area Commander Declan Todd as the new substitute; and
- (2) that Milton Community Council were now inactive.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service ward update noted.

4 There was heard a report by Watch Commander Paul Carbry, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service regarding the current issues, incidents and work being carried out in the ward for Quarter 4, advising the Partnership

- (1) that the service had attended 1,049 incidents in the North West area of which 112 were in the ward, 56 fires, 43 outdoor fires, 9 building, 4 car fires, and 24 special services, with no fatalities recorded;
- (2) of the Strategic Service Review and options for service delivery of modernisation of the fire service;
- (3) that the next phase of the public consultation would start around June 2025, and urged members to complete it; and
- (4) that the first Police, Ambulance and Fire Service initiative aimed at youth engagement had been held in the Calton Ward with the next one being held in Easterhouse and the collaborative engagement work undertaken.

After consideration, the Partnership noted the report and thanked Watch Commander Paul Carbry for the work carried out by the service.

Police Scotland ward update noted.

5 There was heard a report by Area Commander Declan Todd, Police Scotland, advising the Partnership

- (1) of the positive work in relation to theft within Ashler Village;
- (2) that 2 e-bike days of action had been held with bikes seized and would officers would continue to monitor the Milton area;
- (3) of the Easter Holiday Action Plan that was in place for the April holidays to tackle anti-social behaviour and youth disorder; and
- (4) of knife crime within the Ward.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted and thanked Area Commander Todd for the report; and
- (b) raised a number of questions and concerns that were addressed by Area Commander Todd.

Area Budget 2024/2025 - Final monitoring statement noted.

6 There was submitted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance regarding the Area Budget for 2024/2025, providing a final monitoring

statement in relation to projects previously funded, confirming that £108,282.15 had been allocated to various projects in the Canal Ward, representing a 99.4% spend.

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 Canal Area Partnership's Budget allocation for 2025/26 was £108,959 and that £8,156 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £100,803; and
- (3) of the applications for funding from the Area Budget for 2025/26.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted
 - (i) the position regarding the Area Budget allocation for 2025/26; and
 - (ii) the 6 applications dealt with under delegated functions, as detailed in the report; 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>
Cadder Housing Association	Towards the cost of employing community facilitators to aid with the delivery of various community activities	Consideration continued for further information
Chinese Recreation Group	Towards the cost of a mobile phone to support the day-to-day functions of the group for coordinating recreation programmes	Awarded £500
Queen's Cross Community Foundation	Towards the cost of a Gala Day event on the 16th August 2025 at Firhill Complex	Awarded £2,350

John Sutton Community Group	Towards the costs of funding its Walking Football programme, which is designed to support vulnerable members of the community	Awarded £1,925
International Woman's Group	Towards the cost of running an accredited IT course for women who attend the International Women's Group	Awarded £7,700
Love Milton – Block Party	Towards the cost of running their annual Milton Community Gala Day	Awarded £6,225
Love Milton – Summer Events	Toward the cost of funding the newly formed 4 walls group to take part in 2 planned summer activities out with their usual meeting time and activities	Awarded £1,000
The GK Experience	Towards the cost of running a residential for female members of the group which would include a series of preliminary workshops to help the attendees prepare for the residential and set expectations for the trip	Awarded £2,500
Hamiltonhill Claypits	To purchase an outdoor unit to assist with the delivery of community activities and partnerships	Awarded £5,694
*North Untied Communities	Towards the cost of providing a pop-up opera for young people in Ruchill/Maryhill, Wyndford and surrounding areas	Awarded £1,166.25

* Jill MacKay declared an interest in the application and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund (NIIF) update noted etc.

8 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

(1) of the background to the £1m NIIF programme;

- (2) that in December 2024, a small team of staff were tasked with reviewing the current process for NIIF and the backlog of requests already received, as well as devising clear guidance and processes for its management going forward;
- (3) that a review of information held within Area Partnership minutes, NRS services and across council departments had been carried out to allow a full breakdown of current committed spend, new proposals still to be costed and spend to date to be collated;
- (4) that some proposals previously discussed at Partnership meetings had been included in the report but had yet to be progressed to NRS for estimated costs and requested that the Partnership reviewed the information and confirmed that projects had been approved and should now be referred to NRS;
- (5) of the criteria for the fund, as detailed in appendix 1 to the report, and that all NIIF proposals must be approved at an Area Partnership meeting before being passed to NRS to be costed;
- (6) that NRS Neighbourhood Liaison Managers would attend each meeting to present the report produced by NRS and record all approved new proposals on an agreed template to be used internally by NRS;
- (7) that general enquiries, but not proposals, could be emailed to the NIIF mailbox at NIIFEnquiries@glasgow.gov.uk ; and
- (8) of the NIIF proposals to date, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report;
- (b) highlighted that there was a duplication of projects and that table 1 was already included in table 3 and therefore the reference numbers on table 1 should be removed; and
- (c) agreed all committed projects and actual spend, as detailed in the report, and the final costs to be brought back to a future meeting of this Partnership.

North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network - Update noted.

9 There was heard and noted a report by Jill MacKay, North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network, providing an update on youth disorder, advising

- (1) that youth disorder had been a key concern for many communities in the Canal Ward and that ARC had to be locked down due to young people being disruptive outside the building and a shop on Bilsland Drive had been raided following a youth session delivered by North United Communities;

- (2) that there had been several meetings between local people, Police Scotland, service providers, schools and other relevant agencies highlighting these issues; and
- (3) that strategies were being investigated to put in place to tackle youth disorder effectively however more work was required to resolve these issues.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report;
- (b) agreed that the elected members on this Partnership would meet offline to discuss how the Area Partnership could assist with the possibility of funding to tackle youth disorder in the ward.