

LANGSIDE AREA PARTNERSHIP.

Minutes of meeting held on 1st April 2025, Toryglen Community Base, Glasgow.

Present: Councillor Holly Bruce (Chair), Councillor Susan Aitken and Councillor Stephen Docherty, Glasgow City Council; Inspector Chris Thomson, Police Scotland; Debbie Fleming, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Graham Stark, Langside, Battlefield and Camphill Community Council; Judith Pollock, Mount Florida Community Council; Kevin Watson, Toryglen Community Council; Patricia Cahill, Sanctuary Housing Association; Jess Steele, South East Integration Network; and Karen Venables, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Apologies: Councillor Paul Leinster, Glasgow City Council, Station Commander Douglas Millar, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, Eveline McNair, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network and Marion McMillan, Cathcart and District Housing Association.

Attending: C Birrell (Clerk); A Abbott (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance); J Gilfillan and N McNair, Glasgow Life; C Lockhead, Cathcart and District Community Council; and I Scott, Shawlands and Strathbungo Community Council.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

1 The minutes of 11th February 2025 were submitted and approved, subject to noting that

- (1) Marion McMillan, Cathcart and District Housing Association should be added to the apologies within the sederunt; and
- (2) under Item 3(4), the project at Grange Road to Cathcart should be named the Letherby Triangle.

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 that

- (1) Judith Pollock had been nominated as the representative of Mount Florida Community Council and that the substitute representative position for Mount Florida Community Council was now vacant;

- (2) Diane Osprey had been nominated as the substitute representative for Langside, Battlefield and Camphill Community Council; and
- (3) Chris Tait had been nominated as the substitute representative for Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network.

Youth Engagement and Participation Programme - Presentation noted etc.

3 There was heard a presentation by John Gilfillan, Glasgow Life, regarding the Youth Engagement and Participation Programme, advising that Glasgow Life

- (1) worked with the Council to support young people's engagement in the decision-making process, which was underpinned by the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, incorporated in Scots Law;
- (2) intended to hold an event in June 2025 called Your Voice, Your Say for stakeholders including this Area Partnership and community councils to bring decision makers together with local young people.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) thanked John Gilfillan for his presentation and contribution; and
- (b) agreed that proposed dates for the Your Voice, Your Say event in the Langside Ward would be circulated to members for consideration.

Police Scotland ward update noted etc.

4 There was heard and noted a report by Inspector Chris Thomson, Police Scotland, advising the Partnership

- (1) that there had been no significant issues around events at Hampden;
- (2) that the vegetation had been cut back at Langside Halls;
- (3) that the Marlborough Nightclub had reopened and there had been no issues to date;
- (4) of the plans in place during the easter school holidays; and
- (5) that Castlemilk Police Office had now formally closed.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report and thanked Inspector Thomson for the update and all the work carried out by Police Scotland within the ward; and

- (b) raised a number of questions and concerns in relation to forthcoming football events at Hampden, that were addressed by Inspector Thomson.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service ward update noted.

5 The Partnership agreed to continue consideration of an update by Scottish Fire and Rescue Service regarding the current issues and incidents in the ward to a future meeting of this partnership.

Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership ward update noted.

6 There was submitted and noted a report by the Chief Officer, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership (GCHSCP) providing an update regarding work being undertaken by GCHSCP in the South area of the city, as detailed in the report.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund (NIIF) update noted etc.

7 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 and across Council services 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; and
- (b) agreed that all proposals, as detailed in the report, in respect of (Ref No 07-013), (Ref 07-014), (Ref 07-015), (Ref 07-017), (Ref 07-020), (Ref 07-024), (Ref 07-025), (Ref 07-026), (Ref 07-003), projects should be taken forward and costed before the next meeting.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund (NIIF) – Community engagement update noted etc.

8 With reference to the minutes of 11th February 2025 noting an update regarding the next stages for community engagement on the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund (NIIF) and agreeing various action, there was submitted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance providing a further update regarding the matter, advising

- (1) that the purpose of the report was to bring ideas for spending the NIIF that had been generated by communities to the Partnership for consideration;
- (2) that those ideas that the Partnership wished to go forward to the next stage would be assessed and costed by Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS) and brought to a future meeting when the Partnership would be asked to allocate funding;
- (3) of the next stages of the NIIF, as detailed in the report;
- (4) that community representatives had been gathering ideas for costing using a template based on the detail that NRS required and that when read alongside the previous agenda item on a progress update on the NIIF, the Partnership was able to see these ideas alongside any ideas that had already been costed, or costed and approved;
- (5) of all the ideas that had been gathered so far for the Langside ward, as detailed in an appendix to the report, which had come from local community councils, other community organisations, Local Place Plans and Liveable Neighbourhoods;
- (6) that if the ideas list was fairly short and covered the ward well, the Partnership could agree to submit those ideas for costing, however, if the list was quite lengthy and the Partnership was unable to shortlist it, it could be followed up with an informal meeting to prioritise ideas to get the list to a manageable size in advance of the next Partnership meeting; and

- (7) that the Partnership also needed to consider how it intended to make decisions about what to fund and choose one of the options, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report;
- (b) agreed
 - (i) the projects that should go forward to the next stage to be assessed and costed by NRS; and
 - (ii) to accept the option of waiting until all the ideas for projects had been submitted and costed before making a final decision of which projects should be funded and taken forward.

Area Budget 2024/25 - Final monitoring statement noted.

9 There was submitted and noted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance regarding the Area Budget for 2024/25

- (1) providing a final monitoring statement in relation to projects previously funded, as detailed in appendix 1 to the report; and
- (2) advising that £61,504.18 had been committed to various projects in the Langside ward, leaving a balance of £76.30.

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

10 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 Langside Area Partnership's budget allocation for 2025/26 was £61,581 and that a total of £6,100 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £55,481; 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) 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>
Better Football Scotland	Towards the cost of purchasing a pair of 11-a-side goals to further develop over 35's social football and to create social football opportunities in Langside to strengthen communities and increase opportunity for participation in sport which would develop social connections and improve physical and mental health.	Refused (not deemed value for money)
Charlie Miller Football Academy	Towards the cost of providing Friday night football and fitness sessions commencing in May 2025 for children 3 to 5 years living in poverty over a 4-month period.	Awarded £2,100
Southside Boxing Academy	Towards the cost of supporting a 22-week programme running on Saturday mornings from 1000 hours to 1300 hours at Geoff Shaw Community Centre, which would engage 50 young people and children recruited through local schools and an existing ecosystem of funded work and projects.	Awarded £5,793
Battlefield Primary School Parent Council	Towards the cost of a Trim Trail where 15 to 20 children at a time could follow an adventure/fitness trail with balancing, swaying and climb-and-crawl activities, which were structured in a loop which encouraged turn-taking and collaboration and problem solving as well as the physical benefits of improving strength and balance.	Awarded £6,154
Mount Florida Primary Family Partnership	Towards the cost of playground equipment and supplies to improve playground to create an engaging and stimulating environment for children as part of a planned 'Play and Grow' project.	Awarded £5,896

Toryglen Community Hall	Towards the cost of a detached and outreach youthwork service offering over 50 sessions of streetwork.	Awarded £6,000
*Inhouse CIC	Towards the cost of an annual programme of free community events to be held at Queens Park Arena during the summer (3rd July to 3rd August 2025).	Awarded £5,220
Cosgrove Care	Towards the cost of facilitating a Family Day event from 1000 hours to 1500 hours on 5th May 2025.	Awarded £3,270
Glasgow Life	Towards the cost of Southside Stars, which was a joint programme with the Pearce Institute and was a week long celebration of young people's talent in dance, arts, drama and music culminating in a final performance for family, friends and the local community to enjoy.	Awarded £500
Friends of Queens Park	Towards the cost of new plants and signage for the rose garden, new tools, purchasing banners, chair and gazebo hire for educational events and fees for visiting bird watchers/poets etc to facilitate community events.	Awarded £1,122
Cathcart and District Community Council	Towards the cost of supporting programmes of events and initiatives throughout the year, as detailed in the report.	Awarded £922

*Councillor Stehpen Docherty declared an interest in this item of business and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon.