

GARSCADDEN/SCOTSTOUNHILL AREA PARTNERSHIP.

Minutes of meeting held on 16th April 2025, Yoker Resource Centre, Glasgow.

Present: Councillor Malcolm Mitchell (Chair), Councillor Bill Butler, Councillor Chris Cunningham and Councillor Eva Murray, Glasgow City Council; Inspector Siobhan Paterson, Police Scotland; Station Commander Ben Adams, Scottish Fire and Rescue Services; Sandra Barber, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Corey Stirton, DRC Youth Project; Jamie O'Neill, Kingsway Youth Project; Scott Donaldson, Scotstoun Community Council; Lainey Bedingfield, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network; Sandy Busby, Yoker Community Council; and Karen Venables, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Also present: Sergeant Magdalena Ross, Police Scotland; Station Commander Brian Torrance, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; and Martina Johnston-Gray, Third Sector Interface.

Apology: Arthur McNeaney, DRC Youth Project.

Attending: A Wyber (Clerk); K Gannon (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance); and J McDonald (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability).

Minutes of previous meeting approved etc.

1 The minutes of 4th February 2025 were submitted and approved, subject to noting that

- (1) in relation to paragraph 3(1) it should read that there was a new Area Commander, Chief Inspector Colin Lucas and not Inspector Colin MacLucas; and
- (2) in relation to paragraph 9(a) regarding requesting Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability to confirm costs for projects for funding from the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund Programme, the project for fencing at Daisy Park had been omitted from the list of projects.

Glasgow Community Planning Partnership Governance Framework – Membership update noted.

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

- (1) Jamie O'Neill had been nominated as the co-opted representative for Kingsway Youth Project; and

- (2) Arthur McNeaney had been nominated as the co-opted representative for the DRC Youth Project and Corey Stirton as the co-opted substitute representative.

Police Scotland ward update noted.

3 There was heard and noted a verbal report by Inspector Siobhan Paterson, Police Scotland advising the Partnership that

- (1) Police Scotland's national roll out of body worn video cameras had commenced on 26th March 2025 and was expected to be introduced in Glasgow by the end of the year;
- (2) there had been a rise in number of incidents of theft at Knightswood Shopping Centre;
- (3) Police Scotland would be arranging a Day of Action in May 2025 and once the date had been confirmed, the community would be advised of it;
- (4) there had been a reduction in the number of housebreakings compared to the figures for last year and 2 arrests had been made which had resulted in a reduction in housebreakings within the Ward;
- (5) Police Scotland had conducted a day of action focused on e-bikes and e-scooters in Glasgow city centre on 4th March 2025;
- (6) Police Scotland were working closely with young people in the Ward following the tragic incident which led to the death of a young local teenager who had attended the Kingsway Community Connections; and
- (7) Police Scotland had issued a statement amid concerns of filming around playparks following incidents across the city.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service ward update noted.

4 There was heard a report by Station Commander Ben Adams, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service regarding the current issues, incidents and work being carried out in the ward since the last Quarter, quarter 3, from 1st September to 31st December 2024, advising

- (1) that the service had attended 1,400 incidents in the North West area of the city and 33 of the incidents had been in Garscadden/Scotstounhill Ward, with 18 of the incidents being outdoor fires and 8 of the incidents being fires in relation to vehicles;

- (2) that over the current quarter there were 55 accidental dwelling fires with 6 of them being in the Garscadden/Scotstounhill Ward, however this was below average and the main cause of the fires were in relation to cooking;
- (3) of the 6 fires in the Garscadden/Scotstounhill Ward there was 1 casualty which was due to slight smoke inhalation, however they did not require any treatment;
- (4) that for the current quarter for the North West area of the city, there had been 21 deliberate fires, which had mainly been as a result of refuse being set on fire; and
- (5) of the work Scottish Fire and Rescue Service in relation to providing special services which included the opening of locked doors to enable the Scottish Ambulance Service to gain access to a property and also assisted the Police with incidents on the River Clyde.

After consideration, the Area Partnership noted

- (a) the update by Station Commander Ben Adams, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service regarding the current issues, incidents and work being carried out in the ward since the last Quarter; and
- (b) that Station Commander Ben Adams, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service would provide details at the next meeting in relation to the fire on 13th April 2025 at an industrial estate at Halley Street, Yoker which was within the Garscadden/Scotstounhill Ward.

Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership ward update noted.

5 There was heard and noted a report by Sandra Barber, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership (GCHSCP) providing an update regarding work being undertaken by the GCHSCP in the Garscadden/Scotstounhill ward in relation to the Community Benefit Gateway.

Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network update noted.

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

- (1) of the continued IT recycling project “Plugged In” and that information could be accessed via <https://nwgvsn.org.uk/plugged-in-it-project/> who would accept any old IT equipment to be refurbished;
- (2) of the tragic death of a local teenager who had attended Kingsway Community Connections following an incident;

- (3) that there had been a sharp increase in knife crime and youth disorder in the North West area of the city;
- (4) that youth work in the city was vastly underfunded and that the Third Sector were worried regarding funding;
- (5) of the need to invest in the workers who were having to support young people and their families as a result of knife crime; and
- (6) of the issues within the Anderston City/Yorkhill, the Canal and the Drumchapel/Anniesland wards.

After consideration and having heard Ms Martina Johnston-Gray, North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network, the Partnership

- (a) noted
 - (i) the report; and
 - (ii) the work undertaken by Police Scotland and the Youth Organisations with the young people in the Ward following the tragic death of Amen Teklay; and
- (b) agreed to arrange within the Ward a round table discussion to share good practices to help prevent youth disorder and knife crime and that 4 elected members on this Partnership would have such discussions at a city-wide level.

Area Budget 2024/25 - Final monitoring statement noted.

7 There was submitted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance regarding the Area Budget for 2024/25, providing a final monitoring statement in relation to projects previously funded, confirming that £87,055 had been allocated to various projects in the Garscadden/Scotstounhill Ward, representing a 100% spend.

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

8 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 Garscadden/Scotstounhill Area Partnership's Budget allocation for 2025/26 was £87,056 and to date had committed a total of £1,600 to various projects in the area, leaving a balance of £85,456; 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 allocations for 2025/26; and
 - (ii) that the amount of funding requested by Glasgow Clyde College – Anniesland Campus was £9,000 and not £11,250, as indicated in the report; and
- (b) dealt with the applications for funding as follows, the grant award being subject to the conditions detailed in the report:

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Decision</i>
Glasgow Clyde College – Anniesland Campus – Building Better Futures Community Hub	Towards the costs to carry out a 36-week programme to engage with young people between the ages of 12 to 24 years, including external activities	Awarded £2,250
Linkes SCIO – Rise High project	Towards the costs of running activities to support local people, including drop-in sessions for families	Awarded £8,000
Parent's Community Sports Trust	Towards the costs of hosting a Community Gala Day	Awarded £5,000, subject to conditions that permission was sought for the use of the park and there were costings for the hire of a public audio system
Heart of Scotstoun	Towards the costs of providing a range of services to build a stronger sense of community and empower local residents, including Cognitive Behaviour Therapy sessions and counselling to support	Authorised the Chair, in consultation with the Communities Team to approve an award of funding of up to £8,706, following clarification of costings

	wellbeing amongst vulnerable residents	and the project structure
*Kingsway Connections	Towards the costs of the continued provision of a breakfast club for local people until mid-December 2025	Awarded £1,900
†Westfest Ltd	Towards the costs to deliver Community Connections, a new initiative designed to expand the community-led cultural festival beyond its traditional base in Hillhead	Refused (due to lack of community engagement)

† The Chair accepted this item of business for consideration, as a matter of urgency in view of the timescale involved.

*Lainey Bedingfield, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network and Jamie O'Neill, Kingsway Youth Project declared an interest in this application and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon.

Local Parks and Open Spaces update noted – Re-allocation of funding options – Consideration continued – Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

9 With reference to the minutes of 4th February 2025, there was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS), regarding an update on the Local Parks and Open Space Improvement Fund for the Ward, advising

- (1) of the progress of the phased investigations being carried out at Knightswood Park pond, in order to locate the area where the water may be leaking from the pond;
- (2) that if the pond continued to lose water, the relining of the pond might be required and it was estimated that the cost of these works, as detailed in the report would be in the region of £600,000;
- (3) that NRS were working with a consultant on a design to divert some of the gullies at Waldemar Road to a new swale system which would provide treatment and convey surface water from the road to the Knightswood Park pond;
- (4) that the possible presence of a central plug was being investigated so that it can be ruled out as a potential point of failure and the works might involve a drain-down of the pond so that all areas can be safely viewed and the work

would be scheduled for the appropriate time of year to minimise the impact on the species in the pond;

- (5) of the progress of the projects allocated within the ward from the Local Parks and Open Space Improvement Fund for 2021/22 and 2022/23;
- (6) that it was proposed that £50,000 of funding allocated for the Knightswood Park project and £7,200 of funding allocated for the Yoker Cycle Path projects from the Fund for Local Parks and Open Space Improvement 2022/23, as detailed in the report be re-allocated;
- (7) of 2 options for the re-allocation of the £57,200 of remaining funding from the Local Parks and Open Space Improvement Fund for 2022/23.

After consideration and having heard Ms Joyce McDonald, NRS, the Partnership

- (a) noted
 - (i) the report; and
 - (ii) that the costs to reline the pond at Knightswood Park was anticipated to be in the region of £600,000;
- (b) agreed to continue consideration of the 2 options for the allocation of the remaining £57,200 of funding from the Local Parks and Open Space Improvement 2022/23 for Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability to provide further details and costing for the projects;
- (c) expressed their concerns at the lack of progress in relation to work being carried out at Knightswood Park Pond; and
- (d) requested the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability to arrange for an officer from his department to attend the next meeting of this Area Partnership to give a presentation on the work to be undertaken at Knightswood Park Pond, the timescales for the work and when the works would be completed.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund (NIIF) update noted etc.

10 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 confirm that the 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) agreed

(i) the proposals, as detailed in the report, in respect of

<i>Reference Number</i>	<i>Proposed item description and location</i>	<i>Decision</i>
13-002	Replacement fence – Elderslie walkway (between Elderslie and River Clyde)	To submit these proposals to NRS for costings and that the fence should be the same as that which would be in front of the houses at Elderslie Estate
13-004	Request for costings for fence to be installed at Daisy Park	To submit these proposals to NRS for costings and requested that NRS engage with Scotstoun Community Council in relation to ENV funding for play parks
13-006	Resurfacing of Crescent Road/Anniesland Road and Garrion Road	To progress this project and allocated £60,000, plus a 10% contingency for the works

13-007	Signalised crossing at Danes Drive (Between Kingsway Estate and Danes Drive Bowls Park)	To progress this project and allocated up to £60,000, plus a 10% contingency for the works and arrangements be made for officers from NRS to do a walk about with the local community to determine the exact location and whether it can be accommodated in the road layout
13-011	Install digitalised crossing at Danes Drive Park	To submit these proposals to NRS for costings

- (ii) that in relation to project Reference 13-008, signalised crossing at South Street/Balmoral Street junction, before a decision was made, further discussions needed to be taken within NRS as road safety improvements had already taken place in that area and NRS would provide an update on the project;
 - (iii) that NRS would come back to the next meeting with the designs for project Reference -009, 4 sets of speed cushions around the Clyde Campus; and
 - (iv) that project Reference 13-010, 4 re-deployable cameras be taken forward and that NRS would provide details of ongoing maintenance costs for the cameras and would look into the waste ground at the top of Plean Street being a possible location for a re-deployable camera to be installed;
 - (v) to delete project Reference 13-012, resurfacing of Crescent Road as it was a duplication of the works for project Reference 13-006; and
- (b) noted a summary of this Partnership's spend from the NIIF to date.