

GARSCADDEN/SCOTSTOUNHILL AREA PARTNERSHIP.

Minutes of meeting held on 15th April 2026, Yoker Resource Centre.

Present: Councillor Malcolm Mitchell (Chair), Councillor Bill Butler, Councillor Chris Cunningham and Bailie Eva Murray, Glasgow City Council; Inspector Siobhan Paterson, Police Scotland; Station Commander, Kenneth MacSwan, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Sandra Barber, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Lainy Bedingfield, Kingsway Community Connections; Jo Jarvis, Linkes (SCIO); Scott Donaldson, Scotstoun Community Council; Sandy Busby, Yoker Community Council; Jamie O'Neill, Kingsway Youth Project; Arthur McNeaney, Delivering Real Change Youth Project and Ross MacPhail, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Attending: J Crawford (Clerk); and K Gannon (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance).

Minutes of previous meeting approved etc.

1 The minutes of 3rd February 2026 were submitted and approved, subject to noting that Scott Donaldson had advised that locations for the CCTV cameras for item 6.1 for the Scotstounhill area had still to be identified by Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

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 membership of this Partnership, advising that since the last meeting,

- (1) Fiona Proctor had replaced Sarah Johnstone as the substitute representative of Yoker Community Council: and
- (2) Joanna Jarvis had replaced James Gow as the representative of Linkes (SCIO).

Police Scotland ward update noted.

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

- (1) the Violence Prevention Partnership had been initiated in the North West of the city, to assist in the prevention of anti-social behaviour of people in the area;

- (2) body-worn video cameras had come into force on 23rd March 2026;
- (3) sessions named Coffee with a Cop are to be hosted to discuss any issues that were arising in the ward and that dates along with locations would be supplied; and
- (4) that officers would continue to monitor e-bikes and scooters due to being an on-going issue within the ward.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report and thanked Inspector Paterson for the update and all the work carried out by Police Scotland within the ward; and
- (b) Councillor Butler advised that the Partnership would send a letter to the local MP for clarification on the regulations on the use of E-bikes.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service ward update.

4 There was heard and noted a report by Station Commander Kenneth MacSwan, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) regarding the current issues, incidents and work being carried out in the ward for Quarter 4, from 1st January to 31st March 2026, advising the Partnership

- (1) that the service had attended 991 incidents in the North West area that included 187 fires, 225 non-fire incidents and 479 false alarms, 248 Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS) with 7 non-fire fatalities recorded;
- (2) of the 14 road traffic collisions in the North West Area, there was 1 fatality and 3 persons had been rescued by firefighters;
- (3) of the accidental dwelling fire casualties 4 were non-fatal, 0 were fatal and 3 people had been rescued by firefighters; and
- (4) that there had been 304 Home Fire Safety checks completed in the North West Area.

After consideration, the Partnership thanked Station Commander Kenneth MacSwan and the firefighters from the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service for their service on the City Centre fire on Union Street.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund (NIIF) update noted etc – Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

5 With reference to the minutes of 16th April 2025, 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 a progress update in relation to the NIIF, including proposals submitted for estimate and a summary of committed spend and actual spend for the ward, as detailed in tables 1 and 3.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (1) noted the proposals and spend to date, as detailed in the report; and
- (2) requested that the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability provide further information to the next meeting on the following projects:
 - (a) 13-008 – R MacPhail would liaise with Safety Cameras Scotland and ask what information was restricted, as only data on vehicle movement had been requested;
 - (b) 13-009 – costing for fencing around Clyde Campus;
 - (c) 13-025 – R MacPhail to bring back further update regarding estimate for repair and improvement of raised junctions at Scotstoun Avenue to the next meeting;
 - (d) 13 - 024 – Yoker Sports Centre site visit to be scheduled with NRS; and
 - (e) 13-002 – the costing of £120,000 for a replacement fence at Ellerslie Walkway could not be facilitated and as such an update was to be provided to the next meeting on an alternative solution; and
- (3) the partnership agreed for costings and to investigate the feasibility of bollards to be located at Henrietta Street and Balmoral Street to stop fly tipping in the area.

Festive Lighting 2026/27 update noted – Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability – Delegated authority approved.

6 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 2025/26 festive displays and switch-on events and asked the Partnership to confirm whether these should be included in the 2026/27 programme;
- (2) of the standard pricing schedule for the 2024-2028 festive lighting programme following the procurement exercise carried out to deliver the programme;

- (3) that approved funding in excess of the central funding would be met by Garscadden/Scotstounhill Area Partnership from other funds; and
- (4) NRS had been informed that the current Horticultural Contract, which included the supply of Christmas Trees, had come to an end whilst the Councils Procurement team would establish a new framework to invite suppliers to tender, and as such this may now impact the cost of Christmas Trees by 15% to 20%.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the lighting arrangements and the central funding available for the 2026/27 programme;
- (b) approved the funding for a tree to be situated on Anniesland Road and a free on road switch on event; and
- (c) approved delegated authority for 2 more columns on Anniesland Road, when costings provided by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, to the Chair, in conjunction with the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance.

Area Budget 2025/26 - Final monitoring statement noted.

7 There was submitted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance regarding the Area Budget for 2025/26, providing a final monitoring statement in relation to projects previously funded, confirming that £87,056 had been allocated to various projects in the Garscadden/Scotstounhill Ward, representing a 99.6% spend.

Area Budget 2026/27 – Applications for funding dealt with etc – Declaration of interest.

8 With reference to the minutes of the Council's City Administration Committee of 12th March 2026, when the committee approved the 2026/27 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 2026/27;
- (2) that the Garscadden/Scotstounhill Area Partnership's Budget allocation for 2026/27 was £90,292 and to date had committed a total of £1,500 to various projects in the area and that 3 applications had been dealt with under delegated authority totalling £1,533.13, leaving a balance of £87,258.87;
- (3) that as of April 2026, a new online application form would be introduced; and
- (4) of the applications for funding from the Area Budget for 2026/27.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the position regarding the Area Budget allocations for 2026/27; and
- (b) dealt with the applications for funding as follows, the grant award being subject to the conditions detailed in the report:

Applicant	Purpose	Decision
Scotstoun Primary School (in partnership with St Paul's and Stepping Stones for Families)	Towards the cost of a partnership 4 week summer programme in partnership with St Paul's Primary and Stepping Stones for Families	Awarded £3,426
Create Your Dream	Towards the cost of a programme which seeks to empower young people from the age of 15-25 who may face barriers to employment to education and training	Awarded £5,175 subject to further clarification on breakdown of cost and to delegate authority to the chair, as time critical
Barnardo's Scotland	Towards the cost of delivering a transitions programme for P1 and P7 pupils at Blairdardie Primary School	Awarded £5,175
Healing for the Heart	Towards the cost of setting up a wellbeing hub in Heart of Scotstoun every Thursday, for 3 hours for 45 weeks with the anticipation of 15 people attending the sessions	Awarded £8,706
Halo Arts	Towards the cost of beginning an 8-week pilot of youth theatre on Thursday nights in Heart of Scotstoun Community Centre, consisting of 2sessions for ages 5-9 and 10-16 over 2sessions	Refused due to lack of local engagement
Abercorn Secondary School	Towards the costs of a residential trip to Italy with pupils	Awarded £682

*DRC Generations	Towards the costs of a programme of family days out for participants in their exceptional minds group	Awarded £8,706 subject to further clarification on breakdown of cost and to delegate authority to the chair, as time critical.
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*Sandy Busby declared an interest in this item took no part in the discussion or decision thereon.

Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership - Update noted.

9 There was submitted a report by the Chief Officer, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership (GCHSCP), advising of an update on health improvement within the Ward, advising that

- (1) on the 1st January 2026 GCHSCP introduced a dedicated Huntington's Disease (HD) pathway, existing patients, new patients, and their families residing in Glasgow City who are affected by HD will receive a coordinated, specialist led support, whilst also benefiting from integration across the wider health and social care services available within the partnership. More information can be found here <https://hdscotland.org/>
- (2) the Glasgow's safer drug consumption facility, known as the Thistle, marked its first year in operation on the 13th January 2026 and that the facility had been accessed 11,348 times by 575 people (448 male and 127 female) who had so far registered to use the service;
- (3) the Scottish Government and COSLA had launched the new 2026 to 2029 action plan for [Creating Hope Together](#) and that the new plan had set out Scotland's continued commitment to reducing suicide, improving support for people and communities affected by suicide;
- (4) the GCHSCP funds mental health provision was quickly and easily accessible to a range of children and young people dependent on their needs and could be accessed at [Children and Young People's Mental Health Support Guide \(Glasgow City\) - NHSGGC](#) to mental health supports and services for children and young people in Glasgow;
- (5) GCHSCP's Community Respiratory Team (CRT) is a multidisciplinary team of 20 staff, including physiotherapists, respiratory nurse specialists, occupational therapist, pharmacist, support workers and business support that respond when someone has a flare up of COPD and aimed to prevent avoidable hospital admissions by providing timely care in the community; and

- (6) that NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde had partnered with Glasgow City Football Club to encourage more 25–29year-olds to attend their cervical screening appointment as less than half of this age group take the test.

Living Well Community Referral – Presentation noted.

10 There was heard and noted a presentation by Gary Watt, Glasgow Life, regarding the Living Well Community Referral (LWCR) advising that

- (1) the community-based wellbeing referral programme supported people who experienced barriers to reconnect with their communities and take part in opportunities that improved health and wellbeing;
- (2) the pilot project operated in Calton and Shettleston areas and following an independent evaluation this project had now expanded to 10 wards which included Garscadden/Scotstounhill;
- (3) LWCR was a free service open to anyone over 18, who required support reconnecting to their community; and
- (4) referrals were welcome online, by phone or in-person.

After consideration, the partnership,

- (a) noted the presentation; and
- (b) raised questions that were addressed by Gary Wall, Glasgow Life.