Item 1

13th November 2026

NORTH EAST AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Minutes of meeting held on 4th September 2026, GESH, 1 Redcastle Square, Glasgow.

Present: Councillor Donna McGill (Chair) and Councillor Ruari Kelly, Glasgow City Council; Inspector Stephen Gow, Police Scotland; Chloe Frew, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; James Dean, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network; Angela McIntosh, Garthamlock, Craigend & Gartloch Community Council; Denise McGuigan, Ruchazie Community Council; Patricia Armstrong, Gartloch Community Alliance; Tom Kelly, Lochview Residents Association; Lynda O'Neill, Blairtummock and Rodgerfield Partnership; Maureen Ferrie, GESH; and Ross MacPhail, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Apologies: Councillor Sharon Greer, Glasgow City Council; Station Commander Russell McKinlay, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; and Margaret McQuade, Molendinar Community Council.

Attending: L Richards (Clerk); A Martin, (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance); T Armstrong, C Keane and R Strachan, (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability).

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

1 The minutes of the previous meeting of 17th April 2026 were submitted and approved.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund (NIIF) - Funding Approved – Progress Update noted etc.

2 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 the NIIF provided an opportunity to implement participatory budgeting at a scale with an approved budget that was set in 2021/22 of £23 million and that £1 million of this was allocated to each ward;

(2) the funding was capital expenditure and therefore could be carried forward to be spent in future financial years, although should be fully committed by March 2027; and

(3) of the progress to date, as detailed in appendix 1 of this report.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report;

(b) agreed to approve the following proposals, as detailed in the report

  (i) Ref 21-056 – £1,979.11 towards the introduction of dropped kerbs in the Craigend area;

  (ii) Ref 21-073 - £124,353.72 towards the renewal of the football pitch next to St Philomena's Primary School;

  (iii) Ref 21-075 - £95,197.28 towards improvement/installation/upgrade of lighting to improve safety within Croftcroighn Park; and

  (iv) Ref 21-052 - £10,000 towards introducing street furniture, planters and/or benches at Easterhouse Sports Centre; and

(c) to remove the following proposals, as detailed in the report

  (i) Ref 21-047 - this request should have been for Croftcroighn Park which was duplicated in Ref 21-075; and

  (ii) Ref 21-043 - thise project had been assessed as not feasible; and

(d) to retain the following proposals for further discussion, as detailed in the report

  (i) Ref 21-017 – Reconfiguration of pavements and pathways outside Towerview Nursery;

  (ii) Ref 21-035 – Playpark at Craigend Shops;

  (iii) Ref 21-036 – Relocate pedestrian crossing on Gartloch Road closer to GESH;

  (iv) Ref 21-040 – Plant cherry blossom trees and plant bulbs, introduce a seating area and playpark outside the shopping area at Mossvale Road;

  (v) Ref 21-041 – Introduce a system that would encourage people to use the car park at the shopping area on Mossvale Road; and

  (vi) Ref 21-042 – Introduce a solution to deter parking near paths on Glenraith Walk.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund (NIIF) – New Proposals update noted.

3 There was submitted and noted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance, providing a list of ideas for funding from the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund (NIIF) that had been submitted by community organisations.

After consideration, the Partnership

(1) noted the report; and

(2) agreed that none of the proposals would be able to be progressed as there was insufficient NIIF funding remaining.

Festive Lighting 2026/27 update noted – Funding approved.

4 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 asking the Partnership to confirm whether these should be included in the 2026/27 programme;

(2) that the Partnership should notify NRS of any locations for a proposed switch on event for either a Christmas or natural tree;

(3) that members should approve the necessary funding for any additional costs over and above the central funding;

(4) that approved funding in excess of the central funding would be deducted from the Shettleston Area Partnership 2026/27 Area Budget allocation;

(5) 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%; and

(6) that permission had been granted from NRS street lighting to install

(a) column mounted features and a Christmas tree at Gartloch Village;

(b) a Christmas tree at Craigend shops; and

(c) a Christmas tree at Molendinar Community Centre noting that the electrical supply to the Christmas tree at Molendinar Community Centre would be provided privately via the Community Centre due to

street column replacement works being carried out on Provanmill Road.

After consideration, the Partnership;

(i) noted the lighting arrangements and the central funding available for the 2026/27 programme;

(ii) approved additional funding of £150 over the central funding for a Christmas tree, the supply and installation of a residual current circuit breaker with overcurrent protection and adaptation of a street lighting column for power at Gartloch Village, as detailed in the report;

(iii) requested that the previous agreement regarding the location of a Christmas tree should be rotated between Gartloch and Craigend areas, be noted; and

(iv) discussed that Ruchazie Community Council would liaise privately with NRS regarding the festive display at Gartloch Road.

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

5 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 North East Area Partnership's Budget allocation for 2026/27 was £92,293 and that £64,862 had been allocated to date; leaving a balance of £27,431;

(3) of the 4 applications that had been dealt with under delegated authority, as detailed in the report;

(4) of the ineligible application that had been received, as detailed in the report; and

(5) of the applications for funding from the Area Budget for 2026/27.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the position regarding the Area Budget allocation for 2026/27;

(b) dealt with applications for funding as follows, the grant awards being subject to the conditions detailed in the report:

Applicant	*Purpose of application*	*Decision*
*Ceann Creige Hurling and Comogie Club	Towards the purchase of equipment and resources and the cost of a residential trip	Awarded £710
**Greater Easterhouse Supporting Hands	Towards the cost of hosting a Christmas party for the local community	Awarded £800
East End Recovery Sunday	Towards delivering a Christmas event and training for volunteers to support this and future events	Awarded £2,860
Lochend High School	Towards the costs to support the delivery of in school and after school activities, using the school's existing facilities	Continue consideration due to insufficient information and a lack of funds
Brighter East End	Towards funding a residential trip to Dalguise Outdoor Centre for 24 local young people	Awarded £1,500
Connect Community Trust	Towards the costs to support The Easterhouse Over 60s Telephone Befriending Pilot which aims to address social isolation through telephone contact by trained volunteers	Awarded £5,235
***Gartloch Community Alliance	Towards funding for a Christmas themed event in Gartloch Village	Awarded £1,750
****St Paul's Youth Forum	Towards delivering a series of free activities in response to strong local demand for greater local daytime exercise provision	Awarded £3,786
*****The Pavilion	Towards multiple fishing trips and educational workshops for the Men's Shed group, hosted by The Pavilion	Awarded £2,060

Mindful Man Scotland	Towards developing a lunches and memories group that will support the wellbeing and inclusion of older residents	Awarded £2,067
******The Daffodil Club	Towards supporting a Halloween, Burns Supper,Christmas and pantomime event for older people to attend	Awarded £3,157
*******Fuse	Towards hosting the Glasgow East Comic Con Festival at Platform, Easterhouse	Awarded £2,900
Easterhouse Phoenix Development Limited	Towards equipment to support the delivery of the group's activities	Awarded £456

*Denise McGuigan declared an interest in this item of business and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon.

**Maureen Ferrie declared an interest in this item of business and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon.

***Patricia Armstrong declared an interest in this item of business and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon.

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

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Police Scotland Ward update noted.

6 There was heard a report by Inspector Stephen Gow, Police Scotland, advising the Partnership that

(1) crimes of dishonesty had remained high and the public was encouraged to safeguard their property as much as possible by ensuring homes and cars are locked and secured at all times;

(2) fuel theft had increased with HGVs and vans being targeted, and that a team of offenders had been apprehended;

(3) funding for the retail crime group had been approved and a day of action was to be held in in Asda Robroyston and Glasgow Fort to give staff additional training;

(4) body worn video cameras had now been in operation and was now business as usual for the force which were having a positive effect;

(5) a local initiative between Police Scotland, community groups and Lochend High School had been successful last year and that a similar initiative aimed at younger school children was now in place;

(6) no serious violence had been reported in the area over the Summer period;

(7) there had been a wider scale issue with misinformation on social media which had resulted in an uprising of protests and demonstrations; and

(8) issues with surron bikes and electric scooters had continued and there had been difficulty in seizing these and identifying riders due to face coverings.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report and thanked Inspector Gow for the update; and

(b) raised a number of questions and concerns that were addressed by Inspector Gow.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service ward update noted.

7 There was submitted and noted a report by Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, advising the Partnership of the incidents that had taken place in the North East Ward over the last quarter, which included 4 accidental dwelling fires, 49 deliberate fires, 7 unwanted fire alarm signals and 4 road traffic collisions.

Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership – Update noted.

8 There was submitted and noted a report by the Chief Officer, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership (GCHSCP), advising of an update on GHSCP activity at a city and North East locality level throughout March to August 2026, as detailed in the report.