

DRUMCHAPEL/ANNIESLAND AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Minutes of meeting held on 18th February 2026, Drumchapel Community Centre.

Drumchapel/Annie'sland Area Partnership.

Present: Bailie Anne McTaggart (Chair), and Councillor Davena Rankin, Glasgow City Council; Sergeant Magdalena Ross, Police Scotland; Watch Commander Chris Miller, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Alex Durie, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Ellen Wright, High Knightswood and Annie'sland Community Council; Elspeth Kerr, Drumchapel Community Council; Paul Maher, Blairdardie and Old Drumchapel Community Council; Paul Smith, The Hut Youth Project; and Ross MacPhail; Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Apologies: Councillor Fyeza Ikhlaq, Glasgow City Council; Inspector Siobhan Paterson; Police Scotland, Station Commander Kenneth MacSwan, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; and Douglas Taylor, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network.

Attending: N Palmer (Clerk); S Johnstone (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance); and K McCormick (for Executive Director for 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 Police Scotland and Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, the Chair had approved the attendance of Sergeant Magdalena Ross and Watch Commander Chris Miller.

Minutes of previous meeting approved – Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

2 The minutes of 26th November 2025 were submitted and approved, subject to noting that

- (1) at item 1(3) Ellen Wright highlighted an error in the paper which should have stated Ellen Wright on behalf of High Knightswood and Annie'sland Community Council and had requested information on where funds allocated to the Christmas lights should be returned to for £1,500;
- (2) Elspeth Kerr highlighted under matters arising that the Christmas lights in Drumchapel were of poor quality and did not function properly and that the lights were connected only one day beforehand, which was insufficient notice;
- (3) Ellen Wright raised concerns that the High Knightswood and Annie'sland Christmas lights were of poor quality and that the trees, which were supposed to have been cut back, had not been trimmed; and

- (4) Paul Maher highlighted that the planned switch-on event at Moraine Avenue/Kirkhope Drive, scheduled for the 1st December 2025, did not proceed. The contractor's truck initially broke down, and when a replacement vehicle arrived, the hydraulics for the stabilisers were not functioning. As a result, the switch-on could not go ahead despite payment having been made for the service. This led to significant disappointment among the nursery and primary school children, particularly as arrangements such as face painting had already been paid for.

After consideration, the Partnership requested the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability reimburse the 3 community councils for the cost of the festive lighting, on the grounds that it was of poor quality, did not function properly, and did not represent good value for money.