CANAL AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Minutes of meeting held on 18th September 2026, Saracen House, Glasgow.

Present: Councillor Allan Gow (Chair), Councillor Fiona Higgins; and Councillor Robert Mooney, Glasgow City Council; Mhairi Shephard, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Jill Mackay, Glasgow Third Sector Organisation; Graham Elliot, Parkhouse Community Council; Heather Roberston, Milton Community Council; and Sadie Gordon, Possilpark Community Council.

Apologies: Lord Provost Jacqueline McLaren, Glasgow City Council; Inspector Emma Mark, Police Scotland; Station Commander James Sullivan, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; and Ann McGinley, Ruchill Community Council.

Attending: N Palmer (Clerk); K Gannon (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance); and R MacPhail (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability).

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

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

Glasgow Community Planning Partnership Governance Framework – Membership 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 that Nancy Bryson was nominated the main representative and Heather Roberston was nominated as the substitute representative for Milton Community Council.

Festive Lighting 2026/27 update noted – Funding approved.

3 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; 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; and

(b) approved the total additional funding of £10,350 through using the Area Budget 2026/27.

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

4 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 Canal Area Partnership's Budget allocation for 2026/27 was £114,353 and that £55,318 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £59,035; and

(3) 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; and

(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*
International Women's	Towards the costs to add capacity by paying for an additional advocacy worker to support expanding case load and reduce wait time to provide support to a growing waiting list of New Scots	Awarded £7,820

	Women who depend on this support in a trusted environment	
Clay Community Church	Towards the cost of improvements to the shop front at 'The Grove' on Saracen Street and the church building on Bardowie Street	Awarded £4,297.50 towards Bardowie Street Hall aspect of the application
Dance 4 Health LTD	Towards the cost of musical entertainment provision, catering and hall hire	Refused due to lack of specific information about the proposed activity within the ward
Central and West Integration Network SCIO	Towards the cost of running integration sessions in their plot at Lambhill Allotment, the project would assist with integration with those involved in the project and allow for community building and building practical skills	Refused due to applicant not providing requested information to confirm levels of participation from the ward
John Sutton Community Club	Towards the cost of delivering an 18-week netball programme and an 18-week futsal programme at Firhill Complex	Awarded £778
The GK experience	Towards the cost of an October residential experience at the Bunkhouse in Aberfeldy, specifically venue hire which would provide young people with a high-quality outdoor experience	Awarded £1,500
BOOM Community Arts	Towards the cost of organising a santa saunter for the people of Ruchill and Possilpark and it was hoped that the events wouldbring together the community	Awarded £2,535.50
Chirnsyde Primary School	Towards the cost of organising a two-day sailing experience with transport at Bardowie Sailing Centre for 31 pupils	Awarded £2,000

*Milton Community Council	Towards the cost to hold a winter festival and Christmas switch on event to bring the whole community together in celebration	Awarded £3,250
Healing for the Heart	Towards the cost to run various activities in Cadder for the remainder of the year	Awarded £9,290
Concrete Garden	Towards the cost of a replacement fence and removal of the old one, a new fence for the garden would be more visibly appealing, safe and secure	Awarded £9,200
Pinkston Water Sports	Towards the cost of development of youth sessions which until this stage had been self-funded and this funding would see a storage container converted to a classroom/learning hub for indoor activity when the weather isn't suitable	Awarded £4,200

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

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund – Funding Approved Progress update etc – Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

5 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) 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) that this 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;

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

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report; and

(b) approved

(i) Ref 16-022 – £100,000 - upgrade and renew pedestrian crossing including reinstating zebra crossing and zigzag lining, road carriageway on crossing is in poor condition and pavements on both sides - near to shops at 56 Skirsa Street, Cadder;

(ii) Ref 16-023 – £66,550 - Levelling up and resurfacing of footpaths within open space and parkland between Ashfield Street and Claddens Quadrant Parkhouse; and

(c) agreed to remove Ref 16-022(a) - road carriageway on crossing is in poor condition and pavements on both sides near to shops at 56 Skirsa Street, Cadder - from future reports as this request would be completed as business as usual.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund - Community Engagement update noted – Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

6 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 that had been submitted by community organisations within the ward.

After consideration, the Partnership

(1) agreed

(a) to submit the following ideas for costing

(i) £150,000 ring fenced to develop a MUGA at Milton Play Park; and

(ii) £30,000 ring fenced for a mural within the Possilpark area of local football legend Bobby Dinnie; and

(b) to ring fence the remainder of the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund (NIIF) towards pavement works within the Canal Ward.