

ANDERSTON/CITY/YORKHILL AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Minutes of meeting held on 30th April 2026, Impact Arts, 105 Brunswick Street, Glasgow.

Present: Bailie Christy Mearns (Chair), Councillor Phillip Braat and Councillor Angus Millar, Glasgow City Council; Station Commander Kenneth MacSwan, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Chief Inspector Stephen McManus, Police Scotland; Stuart Duffin, North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network; Irene Loudon, Blythwood and Broomielaw Community Council; Eileen Findlay, Dundasvale Community Council; Nora Hyteris, Garnethill Community Council; Rachel Angus, Merchant City and Trongate Community Council; Michael Glen, Townhead and Ladywell Community Council; Anne McPherson, Yorkhill and Kelvingrove Community Council; and Lise Fisher, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Apologies Councillor Eva Bolander, Glasgow City Council; and Sandra Barber, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership.

Attending: J Crawford (Clerk); and R O'Sullivan (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance).

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

1 The minutes of 12th February 2026 were submitted and approved. The Partnership would like to convey their best wishes to Councillor Eva Bolander for a swift and complete recovery.

Glasgow Community Planning Partnership Governance Framework – Membership noted etc.

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, the following change have been made to the membership,

- (1) Rachel Angus had replaced David Hughes as the representative of Merchant City and Trongate Community Council;
- (2) Rowan Evenstar was no longer the substitute representative for Blythwood and Broomielaw Community Council, leaving the substitute position vacant; and

- (3) Inspector Alex Marshall had replaced Inspector Iain Sibbald as substitute member for Police Scotland.

After consideration the Partnership thanked;

- (a) David Hughes from Merchant City and Trongate Community Council for his commitment and hard work in the community and for the Partnership; and
- (b) Inspector Iain Sibbald from Police Scotland, and wished him a happy retirement.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service ward update noted etc. – Request to Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

3 There was heard and noted a report by Station Commander Kenneth MacSwan, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service 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;
- (4) that there had been 304 Home Fire Safety completed in the North West Area; and
- (5) of the new tri service first Police, Ambulance and Fire Service initiative (PAFS) aimed at youth engagement which had been held in the Calton, Easterhouse and Pollok fire stations to experience emergency services and would be rolled out the North West this year.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report;
- ((b) requested an update at next meeting regarding vapes and vape legislation; and
- (c) 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.

Police Scotland ward update noted etc.

4 There was heard and noted a report by Chief Inspector Stephen McManus, Police Scotland, advising the Partnership

- (1) Inspector Iain Sibbald had retired from Police Scotland;
- (2) 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;
- (3) body-worn video cameras had come into force on 23rd March 2026;
- (4) that after the attack in London, they have increased Police presence in and around the synagogues;
- (4) that the new City Centre dispersal zone had resulted in 578 warnings been issued with arrests taken place for re-offending again in the area; and
- (5) that Police Scotland would be conducting a high-visibility day of action on the 22nd May 2026 with patrols in Glasgow to deter crime, prevent anti-social behaviour, and improve public safety.

After consideration, the Partnership noted the report and thanked Chief Inspector McManus for the update and all the work carried out by Police Scotland in the ward.

Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership update noted.

5 There was submitted and noted a report by the Chief Officer, Glasgow City Social Care Partnership (GCHSCP), providing an update during the last quarter regarding health improvement and of the ongoing work within the North West of the city.

Festive Lighting 2026/27 update noted etc– 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 Anderston/City/Yorkhill 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 10% to 15%.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the lighting arrangements and the central funding available for the 2026/27 programme;
- (b) requested that the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability provide costings for
 - (i) a natural tree in Garnethill Park with lights and a switch on event, with a site visit to take place to see if power can be brought into the park or another location needs identified;
 - (ii) the existing natural tree at Dundasvale Community Council could be considered for lighting in place of a new tree; and
- (c) approved delegated authority to the Chair, in conjunction with the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance, to make the final decision on festive lighting arrangements for the ward.

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

7 With reference to the minutes of 1st May 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 report;
- (2) agreed the proposals and spend to date, as detailed in the report;
- (3) requested that the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability
 - (a) provide further information to the next meeting on the following projects:

- (i) Ref No 10-047 – to be checked to see if this could be completed as business as usual;
 - (ii) Ref No 10-049 – to be moved to Table 1, as no funding has been approved for this project, and project is still to be costed;
 - (iii) Ref No 10-043 – NRS to liaise with Streetscape for design for the bench's;
 - (iv) Ref No 10-021 – site visit to be arranged with Councillors and Community Councillors for the new crossing at East side of St Vincent Street/Argyle Street/Breadalbane Street/Elliot Street;
 - (v) Ref No's 10-045, 10-046, 10-047, 10-048 and 10-049 – costings be provided;
- (b) provide an accurate and updated spreadsheet be brought back to the next meeting; and
 - (c) request for a separate meeting to discuss Trees with Rachel Smith and all Community Councils, where any technical questions could also be answered.

Area Budget 2026/27 – Application 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 Anderston/City/Yorkhill Area Partnership's budget allocation for 2026/27 was £63,093 and a total of £4,332 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £58,761;
- (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 2026/27.

After consideration, the Partnership

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

- (ii) that there had been 2 applications dealt with under delegated functions; and
- (b) dealt with applications for funding as follows, the grant awards being subject to the conditions detailed in the report:

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Purpose of application</i>	<i>Decision</i>
West Fest	Towards the cost of delivering WestFest's Community Roots & Education programme which would take place from the 6th of June to 28th June 2026	Awarded £3,639
Halo Arts	Towards the cost to run a free ASN Youth Theatre for young people aged 6–16 living in the Anderston/City/Yorkhill ward, from May 2026 to March 2027	Awarded 5,010
G3 Growers	Towards the cost to extend G3 Growers' initiative of food growing in the community and expand the local food pantry	Awarded £1,695
*Yorkhill & Kelvingrove CC	Towards the costs for infrastructure and core activities for the Yorkhill Gala Day on (or around) 30 th August 2026, which will be jointly run with Yorkhill Housing Association	Awarded 3,980
Toonspeak Young People's Theatre	Towards the costs of 40 free workshops at Townhead Village Hall over 5 months, for 20 vulnerable young people aged 5 to 8 across Ward 10	Awarded £3,735
Anderston Primary School	Towards the cost for 212 children and support staff and families, to go to Blair Drummond Safari Park	Awarded £3,000
The Pyramid	Towards the cost for the new Anderston Gala, to be held in September 2026	Awarded £3,980

LGBT Unity Glasgow	Towards the cost for a 20 week art therapy programme for LGBT people seeking asylum in Glasgow	Defer to next meeting
The Cooperation Band	Towards the cost to purchase essential clothing for participants, which would ensure the band looked professional	Rejected
GMAC Film	Towards the cost to run weekly film club screenings and events for the local schools and upcoming holiday programmes	Awarded £4,542
Townhead Ladies Social Group	Towards the cost for hall hire (monthly) and a summer excursion for the group	Awarded 1,150
St Mungos Primary School	Towards the cost of a local Commonwealth Games themed Family Fun Day in June 2026	Awarded £2,500

*Anne McPherson declared an interest in this item and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon.

Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network update noted etc.

9 There was heard and noted a report by Stuart Duffin, North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network providing an update on its work, advising

- (1) that NHS, Health and Social Care Partnership, the Council and third sectors planning had to align so that demand would not shift onto charities without resources;
- (2) that Improved transparency would be required for local funding decisions to allow voluntary organisations to plan with more confidence;
- (3) the cost-of-living crisis had seen an increase of shoplifting and crime; and
- (4) that rising work intensity, increased costs, recruitment challenges and posts not being renewed, would deepen the instability for local services.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report; and
- (b) thanked Stuart Duffin for their continued good work in the ward.