

CALTON AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Minutes of meeting held on 3rd September 2025, City Chambers, Glasgow.

Present: Councillor Greg Hepburn (Chair), Councillor Cecila O'Lone and Councillor George Redmond, Glasgow City Council; Inspector Maxwell Shaw, Police Scotland; Morven Bell, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Lesley Ward, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network; Colin Harkins, Bridgeton and Dalmarnock Community Council; Mark Taylor, Calton Community Council; Margaret Storrie, West of Scotland Housing Association; Maggie MacBean Orr, Possibilities for Each and Every Child; and Ross MacPhail, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Apologies: Bailie Linda Pike, Glasgow City Council; Station Commander Russell McKinlay and Station Commander Gary Canning, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Angela Anderson and Gary Thomson, Barrowfield Community Council; Patricia Fort, Calton Community Council; and Susan McKeown, Parkhead Housing Association.

Attending: A Croall (Clerk); K McIntosh (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance); and M Bradley and K McCormick (for the Executive Director of 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 substitute representative from Calton Community Council, the Chair had approved the attendance of Mark Taylor.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

2 The minutes of 16th April 2025 were submitted and approved.

Glasgow Community Planning Partnership Governance Framework - Membership noted.

3 There was submitted and noted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration providing an update regarding membership of the Partnership advising that Caitlin Longman was no longer the representative for Calton Community Council and the position was now vacant.

Police Scotland ward update noted.

4 There was heard a report by Inspector Maxwell Shaw, Police Scotland, advising the Partnership that

- (1) statistics for reports of violent crime and anti-social behaviour had remained static whilst vandalism had decreased along with drug possession charges and stressed the importance of reporting by the public and encouraged the Partnership and residents of the ward to continue to report incidents to build up intelligence;
- (2) Police Scotland had a very challenging period due to events that had taken place, Celtic title, TRNSMIT and Donald Trump's visit however prior engagement and planning had been undertaken, and those events had not been problematic;
- (3) theft and shoplifting had risen nationally and to combat this issue in the ward officers had engaged with local traders, the community and had held days of action which resulted in 5 individuals been charged at Morrisons Barrowlands;
- (4) Police Scotland had provided a reassurance in relation to the recent asylum protests that had taken place outwith the ward and that work continued with the Council; and
- (5) of the planning and organisation of operation "Moonbeam" that was underway for Bonfire night.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report and thanked Inspector Shaw for the update; and
- (b) raised a number of questions and concerns regarding
 - (i) the drug consumption facility "The Thistle";
 - (ii) e-scooters, e-bikes and road traffic collisions within the ward; and
 - (iii) of the congregation of large groups in the playing park at the People's Palace that was addressed by Inspector Shaw.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service ward update noted.

5 There was submitted and noted a report by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service regarding the current issues, incidents and work being carried out in the ward for Quarter 1, from 1st April to 30th June 2025.

Area Budget Evaluation 2024/25 – Annual report noted.

6 There was submitted and noted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance regarding details of projects selected to complete an Evaluation Report,

- (1) advising that projects funded through the area budget were required to comply with the Council's Standard Conditions of Funding which stated that organisations must comply in full with evaluation requirements; and
- (2) detailing, at Appendix 1 of the report, information on 10% of projects funded during 2024/25, of which £98,126.97 had been allocated in the Calton ward and had been selected to complete an Evaluation Report.

Area Budget 2025/26 – Applications for funding dealt with etc – Request to Head of Policy and Corporate Governance.

7 With reference to the minutes of the Council's City Administration Committee of 13th March 2025, when the committee approved the 2025/26 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 2025/26;
- (2) that the Calton Area Partnership's Budget allocation for 2025/26 was £99,512 and £29,599 had been allocated to date, therefore leaving a balance of £69,913; and
- (3) of the applications for funding from the Area Budget for 2025/26.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted
 - (i) the position regarding the Area Budget allocation for 2025/26;
 - (ii) the 6 applications dealt with under delegated functions, as detailed in the report;
 - (iii) the 4 ineligible applications, as detailed in the report; and
- (b) requested that a development day/session be organised regarding the issues and key priorities surrounding applications for Area Budget funding; and
- (c) 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>
Bridgeton Library Local History Group	Towards the costs to publish a history of the streets of Bridgeton and Dalmarnock	Awarded £1,000

Daughters of Charity (The Listening Heart)	Towards the costs to upgrade kitchen, attend a Christmas meal and transport for 35 guests	Awarded £1,700 Refused gifts and consideration continued for further information with regard to training
Parkhead Housing Association	Towards the costs to provide soup, tea, coffee, cakes and light activities at Parkhead Schoolhouse	Consideration continued for further information
Reidvale Adventure Play Association	Towards the costs of new sporting equipment for tennis, basketball and group support activities	Awarded £3,975 subject to condition that a breakdown of number of participants provided
Menself+	Towards the costs to provide resources and a community BBQ at Whiterose Hall	Awarded £527
Bridgeton Family Learning Centre	Towards the costs to purchase sensory equipment	Awarded £2,131

Area Partnership Development noted.

8 With reference to the minutes of 5th February 2025 noting the timetable for the development of Area Partnership plans, there was submitted and noted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance advising of the work undertaken to address child and family poverty across the city and of the need to align this with Area Partnership plans, with updated reports to be provided to future Partnership meetings.

Festive Lighting 2025/26 update noted – Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability and Director of Legal and Administration.

9 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 2024/25 festive displays and switch-on events and asked the Partnership to confirm whether these should be included in the 2025/26 programme;

- (2) of the standard pricing schedule for the 2024-2028 festive lighting programme following the procurement exercise carried out to deliver the programme; and
- (3) that approved funding in excess of the central funding would be met by the Area Partnership from other funds.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the festive lighting arrangements and the central funding available for the 2025/26 programme; and
- (b) requested that the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS)
 - (i) investigate and provide information regarding the procurement costs to supply their own Christmas tree and cost to have NRS put lights on that tree;
 - (ii) provide information regarding the environmental and financial impact of the provision of a different kind of Christmas tree that was more sustainable;
 - (iii) provide information regarding the finding of the Barra's lights and provide costings to reinstate for Christmas lighting; and
 - (iv) ensure that a relevant officer was in attendance to answer questions in relation to festive lighting; and
- (c) requested that the Director of Legal and Administration arrange a special meeting for festive lighting.

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

10 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 of a progress update in relation to the NIIF, including proposals submitted for estimates, requiring more information and actual spend for the ward, as detailed in tables 1, 2 and 3.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (1) noted the report; and
- (2) approved

- (i) the initial cost for a Lighting Impact Assessment in respect of project Ref 09-003; and
 - (ii) that the estimate for work to be programmed for the following projects and that 10% over the estimate would be acceptable without requiring further approval from the Partnership in respect of projects, Ref 09-004, Ref 09-005, Ref 09-010, Ref 09-014 and Ref 09-018; and
- (3) agreed
 - (i) to remove proposal Ref 09-007 for the introduction of an additional crossing and that repainting of the existing zebra crossing be treated as “business as usual” for NRS work to be carried out;
 - (ii) to remove proposal Ref 09-008; and
 - (iii) to defer proposal Ref 09-016 to investigate exact location/site; and
- (4) requested that the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability
 - (i) provide a specific cost for the deferred proposal Ref 09-016; and
 - (ii) investigate further and provide costs for the following projects, Ref 09-021, Ref 09-015 and Ref 09-006.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund (NIIF) - Community Engagement update noted etc.

11 With reference to the minutes of 2nd April 2025 providing an update on Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund (NIIF) Community Engagement there was submitted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance providing additional ideas for funding as detailed in an appendix to the report.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (1) noted the report; and
- (2) agreed that the 48 proposals, as detailed in the appendix, should go forward to the next stage to be assessed and to be costed by Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.