

DENNISTOUN AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Minutes of meeting held on 16th September 2025, City Chambers, Glasgow.

Present: Bailie Anthony Carroll (Chair), Councillor Allan Casey and Councillor Elaine McDougall, Glasgow City Council; Station Commander John Allan, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Sergeant Craig Thomson, Police Scotland; Ceri Chalmers, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Ruth Johnston, Dennistoun Community Council; Andy Cuthbertson, Rosemount Development Trust; Charles Lunn, Spireview Housing Association and Ross MacPhail and Michelle Main, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Apologies: Inspector Maxwell Shaw, Police Scotland; Station Commander Russell McKinlay, Scottish Fire and Rescue; Jennifer Johnstone, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Kirsteen Marshall, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network and Josephine Donachy, Milnbank Housing Association.

Attending: A Wyber (Clerk); K McIntosh (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance); and K McCormick and R Strachan (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 the substitute representative for Police Scotland, the Chair had approved the attendance of Sergeant Craig Thomson, Police Scotland.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

2 The minutes of the previous meeting of 29th April 2025 were submitted and approved, subject to noting that Michelle Main, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability had been appointed as a co-optee to this Partnership.

Glasgow Community Planning Partnership Governance Framework - Membership update noted.

3 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, Michelle Main, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability had been appointed as a Co-optee and the position of the substitute representative was currently vacant.

Police Scotland ward update noted – Request to Police Scotland.

4 There was heard a report by Sergeant Craig Thomson, Police Scotland, advising the Partnership, advising that

- (1) crimes of violence had been down slightly since last quarter;
- (2) crimes of dishonesty were again down slightly, this included thefts, housebreakings and thefts from motor vehicles;
- (3) in relation to shoplifting, there were no emerging trends, however the Retailers Against Crime action plan continued to run and had been successful so far with 5 apprehensions totalling over 100 charges for theft by shoplifting;
- (4) drug offences had increased, which highlights the proactivity that was being conducted in the ward area over the last quarter and there had been 3 significant arrests during the weekend of 13th September 2025 for drug dealing offences, which would hopefully have had a positive impact on issues around the necropolis and the Drygate area which were hot spot areas;
- (5) disorder offences continued to be stagnant;
- (6) driving offences had increased slightly, however this was down to positive detection rate and pro-activity;
- (7) operation moonbeam was a policing operation which would run around Guy Fawkes night to minimise disruption and proactive work would also be carried out in schools by Fire, Campus Officers and there would also be a joint approach with Trading Standards to engage with retailers regarding the sale of fireworks; and
- (8) a local Policing action plan had been developed as well as a wider divisional operation to minimise disruption and disorder.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report;
- (b) thanked Sergeant Craig Thomson, Police Scotland for the update and the work carried out by Police Scotland within the ward; and
- (c) requested that Sergeant Craig Thomson send the Clerk details of the statistics that he had provided to enable them to be circulated to the members of the Partnership.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service ward update noted.

5 There was submitted 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, advising the Partnership that

- (1) the service had attended 903 incidents in the North East area, these being 397 fires, 151 non-fire incidents and 355 false alarms;
- (2) that there had been 25 road traffic collisions, with 18 incidents having non-fatal casualties and 2 of the incidents had resulted in people being rescued by Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; and
- (3) as a result of a system change, the figures for Home Fire Safety Visits were not available this quarter and the figures for Fire Safety Enforcement were also not available this quarter due to a data quality issue.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report; and
- (b) thanked Station Commander Allan for his update.

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 for 2024/25 were required to comply with the Council's Standard Conditions of Funding which stated that organisations must comply with the evaluation requirements; and
- (2) detailing in Appendix 1 to the report, information on 10% of the projects which had been selected as part of the area budget monitoring and evaluation process.

Area Budget 2025/26 – Applications for funding dealt with etc – Declaration of interest.

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 Dennistoun Area Partnership's budget for 2025/26;

- (2) that the Dennistoun Area Partnership's Budget allocation for 2025/26 was £65,665;
- (3) of the applications for funding from the Dennistoun Area Budget for 2025/26;
- (4) of 4 applications dealt with under delegated authority; and
- (5) of 4 applications that had been deemed ineligible as a result of recent changes to the criteria for funding from Area Partnerships.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the position regarding the area budget allocation for 2025/26; and
- (b) dealt with the 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>
St Roch's Childcare Service	Towards cost of delivering toy library in partnership with Make Do and Grow, the purchase of STEAM resources and to fund family trips to the Science Centre	Awarded £5,520
Sighthill Nursery	Towards cost of creating 2 outdoor spaces, 1 for children ages 0-2 years and 1 for children ages 3 to 5 years	Awarded £1,000
Econic Life	Towards cost of facilitating Neuro-Kind Network to run 8 peer-led support sessions which included information sharing on natural supports for ADHD, such as functional mushrooms and methylation pathways	Refused, due to lack of evidence in relation to effectiveness of functional mushrooms
Dennistoun Early Years Centre	Towards cost of waterproof suits to support access to outdoor learning	Awarded £1,000
Rosemount Lifelong Learning	Towards cost of 3 collaborative desks to create more available	Awarded £5,357

	space and encourage collaboration	
*Spire View Housing Association	Towards funding a mural on corner of James Nisbet Street and Rhymer Street and towards cost of a series of workshops with children from St Roch's and Royston Primary Schools to design creative signage around dog fouling	Awarded £6,490
Wise Mentoring CIC	Towards providing mentoring programme for 45 children aged 9 to 11 years	Awarded £5,904

*Charles Lunn declared an interest in this application and left the room during its consideration.

Area Partnership Development etc noted.

8 With reference to the minutes of 18th February 2025, there was submitted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance advising of the work being carried out to address child and family poverty across the city and the need to align this with Area Partnership plans, with updated reports to be provided to future Partnership meetings.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (1) noted the report; and
- (2) expressed its concerns that in future the number of meetings per year might be reduced, which was currently 4 each year.

Festive Lighting programme 2025/26 – Funding approved.

9 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding the Festive Lighting programme 2025/26, advising

- (1) that each Area Partnership had been awarded £3,600 of central funding to meet the costs of erecting and maintaining festive lighting;
- (2) of the 2024/25 festive displays and switch-on events and for the Partnership to considered whether these should still be included in the 2025/26 programme;

- (3) of the standard pricing schedule for the 2024-28 festive lighting programme, following a new procurement exercise carried out to deliver the programme; and
- (4) that any approved funding in excess of the central funding would require to be met from the Dennistoun Area Partnership budget.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the lighting arrangements and the central funding available for the 2025/26 programme; and
- (b) approved additional funding of £11,910 over and above the central funding for the 2025/26 festive lighting, as detailed in the report.

**Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund - Update noted etc –
Proposals approved - Dissent.**

10 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) of the background of the £1m NIIF programme;
- (2) that the new process for the management of NIIF proposals had been implemented and a breakdown of current commitments and spend was detailed in the report;
- (3) that proposals for the use of the NIIF can only be costed by NRS if these are discussed and approved at an Area Partnership meeting and that NRS are unable to accept proposals submitted out with the process;
- (4) that all proposals must be costed by NRS and estimates should not be provided by external suppliers as part of the proposal process;
- (5) that there had been a number of challenges in relation to the volume of requests for CCTV as part of the NIIF funding; and
- (6) of an update on the NIIF proposals and progress to date, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) agreed to
 - (i) the proposals as detailed in the report, in respect of projects Reference 22-009, Coll Street, installation of CCTV cameras, Reference 22-013, new eastern entrance at the Necropolis, subject to further investigations,

- (ii) withdraw projects Reference 22-002, Castle Street at junction 15, improve pedestrian facilities, project Reference 22-005, Alexander Parade, additional crossing, Reference 22-007, Townmill Road, installation of CCTV cameras, Reference 22-008, Alexandra Parade/Onslow Drive, installation of CCTV, Reference 22-014, installation of Puffin Crossing, Reference 22-015, Charles Street to St Rollox retail park, feasibility study, Reference 22-017, Bowling Green at Glenconner Park and Provanhall Street and frontage onto Royston Road, 2 redeployable CCTV cameras, Reference 22-019, land to the west of Firpark Street, alongside the Necropolis improved landscaping, Reference 22-021, Pedestrian crossings, Cumbernauld Road at Duke Street, Alexandra Parade at Alexandra Park Street and Duke Street at Bellgrove, shorter waiting time at each push button crossings, Reference 22-022, junction at Onslow Drive and Craigpark and Reference 22-023, Duke Street and Alexandra Parade, tactile paving/raised tables;
 - (iii) continue consideration of project Reference 22-016, Glenconner Park, improvement to green space for NRS to report back with further options in relation to utilising space at the back area of the park; and
- (b) noted
- (i) the progress in relation to projects Reference 22-011, Ark Lane, feasibility study, Reference 22-012, delivery of arts memorial trial and Reference 22-018, Sighthill Park, outdoor exercise equipment;
 - (ii) the progress in relation to project Reference 22-020, Hogarth Park/Todd Street, improvements and upgrades and agreed that to progress the project further, £500 be allocated for placemaking; and
 - (iii) that in relation to project reference 22-004, Coll Place, greenspace works, NRS were in the early stages of preparing a contract for the works to the ply area and that the works for project Reference 22-006, Broompark Drive at Ark Lane, installation of CCTV cameras had been completed.

Ruth Johnston, Dennistoun Community Council, dissented in relation to project Reference 22-013, new eastern entrance at the Necropolis.

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

11 With reference to the minutes of 29th 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 a further update on Community Engagement, advising

- (1) of the description and location of the potential works; and
- (2) of the 2 options to consider as to how the Partnership wished to proceed with making a decision as to which works were to be carried out in Ward 18, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report; and
- (b) requested the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability to provide costings for the undernoted projects:-

<i>Location</i>	<i>Project</i>
Abernethy Street	Upgrade of play equipment and groundwork
Alexandra Park	Repair and upgrade of Saracen Fountain
Sighthill Park	Provision of CCTV cameras
North of Todd Street	Improvements to pedestrian crossing