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Glasgow Community Planning Partnership.

Drumchapel Anniesland Area Partnership.

Report by Blairdardie and Old Drumchapel Community Council

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Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund (NIIF) – Community Engagement Update.

Purpose of Report:

To provide the Area Partnership with a prioritised list of projects for funding for the NIIF that have been submitted by community organisations in the ward.

Recommendations:

The Area Partnership is asked to:

- (1) note the community engagement; and
- (2) agree the order of projects in the report.

Introduction

The purpose of this paper is to bring the details of the projects for spending NIIF that have been decided by community engagement by Blairdardie & Old Drumchapel Community Council guided by the principles of the [Participatory Budgeting Charter](#) and the [National Standards for Community Engagement](#)

The projects, in order of priority, will go forward to the next stage while waiting to be assessed and costed by Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS) and brought to a future meeting when the Area Partnership will be asked to allocate funding.

Background

As previously reported at the Area Partnership meeting on 30 April 2025, The Council's Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund provides an opportunity to implement participatory budgeting at scale with an approved budget set in 2021/22 of £23million. The budget assigned the decision making in relation to this fund to Area Partnerships, with £1million allocated to each ward.

It was agreed at the Area Partnership meeting on 18 September 2024 that the Communities Team would arrange a meeting with the 3 community councils to agree a collective approach to the allocation of the £1m for the ward. As a result, Blairdardie and Old Drumchapel Community Council have been awarded £333,333.

Steering Group

To help as many people as possible, using different methods, vote on priority projects for the fund, the Community Council set up a steering group with stakeholders including the Blairdardie Primary School Parent Council, Glasgow City Council's Communities Team, Glasgow Life and other interested organisations to organise and oversee all the actions relating to community engagement with local people.

What are we asking the community to vote on?

Top 5 Projects to be voted on:

	Description of work required	Location of Work required
1	Build Multi Use Games Area	Green Space area between Moraine Avenue and Blairdardie Drive
2	Build Children's Play Area	Green Space area between Moraine Avenue and Blairdardie Drive
3	Install paths and 6 picnic benches	Green Space area between Moraine Avenue and Blairdardie Drive
4	Install either two, fixed or deployable, CCTV Cameras	Land beside the Keystore at 475 Blairdardie Road and across from the shops at Moraine Drive and Moraine Avenue

5	Install four streetlights	At the side of the path between Blairdardie Road and Kirkhope Drive
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Additional Projects:

6	Upgrade the path and stairs	Leading from Blairdardie Road near the Keystore, 475 Blairdardie Road to the Canal
7	Install 20 metal parking prevention barriers	On the roundabout at 234 Moraine Avenue

Who should be the focus of the engagement?

- Primary School Children
- Primary Schools
- Parent Council
- Nursery School Children
- Nurseries
- Secondary School Young People
- Secondary Schools
- Community Council
- Local Residents (Adults and Older People) – Homeowners
- Local Residents (Adults and Older People) - Wheatley Group Tenants

How do we engage with them?

- Organise opportunities to vote at the Community Fun Day on Saturday 31 May 2025 at Blairdardie Primary School.
- Organise online voting which is open for at least 2/3 weeks prior to the event
- A5 flyers distributed to Schools, Nurseries, Flats and Shops between Monday 16 May 2025 and Friday 23 May 2025.
- A4 Posters in Schools, Nurseries, Flats and Local Shop between Monday 16 May 2025 and Friday 23 May 2025.
- Organise opportunities to vote at a Special Meeting of the Community Council on Monday 18 August 2025 between 6-8pm at Blairdardie Primary School.
- Organise online voting which is open for at least 3 weeks prior to the meeting
- 500 A5 flyers distributed to households between Monday 07 Jul 2025 and Friday 15 Aug 2025.

- A4 Posters in Schools, Nurseries, Flats and Shops between Monday 07 Jul 2025 and Friday 15 Aug 2025.

Publicity and Promotional

- Create a Digital Flyer for social media/ emailing
- A4 Posters
- A5 Flyers

Reporting






- Monthly Steering Group meetings
- Update provided to the Community Council for the meeting on 16 June 2025.
- Final Proposal Report to be provided to the Community Council for the meeting on 17 September 2025.
- Final Report including Community Priorities to be provided to the Anniesland/ Drumchapel Area Partnership for approval at the meeting on Wednesday 19 September 2025.

Voting

The online voting opened on Friday 09 May 2025 and closed on 22 August 2025, people were able to vote for up to five of the projects. People were also able to provide comments at the end of the online voting.

By Friday 30 May 2025, 41 people had voted online. 91 people voted in-person at the Community Fund Day on Saturday 31 May 2025 and were added to the online votes, by 30 June 2025 over 200 people had voted. The final total number of people who voted was 267.

Below is a final breakdown of the votes of the projects:

1. Please select the project(s) you would like to see funded through the NIIF				
			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Build children's play area		55.64%	148
2=	Build multi use games area		51.88%	138
2=	Install either two, fixed or deployable, CCTV cameras		51.88%	138
4	Install paths and six picnic benches		46.24%	123
5	Install four streetlights		19.55%	52

Additional Comments

There were 77 additional comments in total. Over two thirds were supportive of at least one or more of the proposals suggested. In particular, most of the positive responses focused on facilities for children to play and be active, although a fifth of the responses relating to facilities for children to play and be active were negative.

The following were mentioned by a small number of people:

- More bins to help with litter and dog waste
- CCTV in the area would help people feel safe
- Improving car parking and widening roads

The Community Councils intend to use the information to engage with the community to find out what other ideas and projects they might want to be involved in to help improve the area.

Recommendations

The Area Partnership is asked to endorse and agree the priorities in the report and their progress in order.

Note the case study (Appendix 1) which has been forwarded to be included in the digital photography project which will be displayed at the Civic Function to celebrate 50 years of Glasgow's Community Councils.

Glasgow City Council - Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund Blairdardie & Old Drumchapel Community Council - Case Study

The Council's Neighbourhood Infrastructure and Improvements Fund provides opportunities to deliver Participatory Budgeting at scale across Glasgow, with £1million allocated to each ward in the city in 2021/22. The responsibility for decision making in relation to this fund was allocated to the Glasgow Community Planning Partnership's 23 Area Partnerships. Area Partnerships are made up of members from public organisations and community organisations, including Community Councils.

Because the funding is designated for capital expenditure, it must be spent on Council infrastructure - physical things in Council ownership. The funding can be utilised for improvements relating to open and green spaces; spaces for leisure and play; and pavements, roads and streets.

It was agreed at the Drumchapel/ Anniesland Area Partnership in September 2024 that the 3 Community Councils represented were responsible for an equal shared of the funding, and as a result, Blairdardie and Old Drumchapel Community Council were offered a third of a million pounds.



To help as many people as possible, using different methods, vote on priority projects previously identified through community engagement which included installation of streetlights, CCTV, paths and picnic benches, a children's play area and a multi-use games area. The Community Council set up a steering group with local stakeholders to organise and oversee all the actions. Early on the steering group identified who should be the focus of their community engagement, including People from Black, Minority and Ethnic groups, Primary School Children, Parent Councils, Nursery School Children, Nurseries, Secondary School Children, Young People, Adults and Older People.

To help as many people as possible choose which projects are important to them, using online and in-person voting, the Community Council attended a Community Fun Day at Blairdardie Primary School, organised online voting, posted information on social media, successfully applied for funding for publicity, distributed flyers and posters with a QR code to schools, nurseries, flats and houses weeks in advance on the events and the online voting opening. To help older people who might want to vote in-person a special meeting of the Community Council was held. All the votes were counted by the end of August 2025 and a report including the priorities decided by the local community was provided to the Area Partnership for approval.

Paul Maher, Chair of Blairdardie & Old Drumchapel Community Council said, *"From a Community Council point of view, we looked on the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund as an opportunity to vastly improve our area which has been under funded for years, with assets been lost. We set up a steering group, we engaged with different bodies in our community and brought them on board. We hope this work will raise awareness of the good work we do and encourage young people to join the Community Council to help make a difference and improve the area"*