

EAST CENTRE AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Minutes of meeting held on 27th August 2025,
Buddies Out of School Care, 2 Hallhill Road, Glasgow.

Present: Councillor Declan Blench (Chair), Bailie Annette Christie and Councillor Kieran Turner, Glasgow City Council; Station Commander John Allan, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Chief Inspector Max Shaw, Police Scotland; Najes Mehdizadeh, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Eddie Andrews, Gartcraig Community Council; Maire McCairns, Cranhill Community Council; Alison Cairns, Springboig and Barlanark Community Council; Jim Smith, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network; Sharon Baldwin, Fuse Youth Café; Eddie Cusick, Calvary Housing Association and Meabh Bradley, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Apologies: Bailie Ann Jenkins, Glasgow City Council; Nikki Ferguson, Cranhill Development Trust; and Paul Conroy, Springboig and Barlanark Community Council.

Attending: A Wyber (Clerk); A Moore (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance); Constable Stevie Barr, Police Scotland; Watch Commander Donna James, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; and J MacDonald (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability).

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

1 The minutes of the previous meeting of 2nd April 2025 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, no changes had been made to the membership.

Variation in order of business.

3 The Partnership agreed to vary the order of business as hereafter minuted.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service ward update noted.

4 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) 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 updates.

Area Partnership Development noted.

5 With reference to the minutes of 29th January 2025, there was submitted and noted 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.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund - Update noted etc – Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

6 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 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 could 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) all proposals must be costed by NRS and estimates should not be provided by external suppliers as part of the proposal process;

- (5) 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

- (i) the proposals as detailed in the report, in respect of

<i>Reference Number</i>	<i>Proposed item description and location</i>	<i>Decision</i>
18-006	Provision of speed bumps at Gartcraig Road	Requested NRS to provide costings
18-007	Provision of benches and planters at Carntyne Sqare	Requested NRS to provide costings for demolition of toilet block and that utilities remain in place if possible and a hold on the benches and planters at this stage
18-008	Provision of lighting on pathway at pedestrian bridge over M8 at Cranhill	Requested NRS to provide costings and ownership details of the pathway leading onto the bridge from the Longstone Road end
18-015	Provision of lighting and improvements at Cranhill Pedestrian Bridge	Requested NRS to provide costings as above
18-016	Improvements at Cranhill Park	Requested NRS to arrange for a full survey of the park to be carried out to enable it to be developed into a functional park space for the community

- (ii) to withdraw projects Reference 18-002, Eskbank Street Carriageways and Reference 18-018, Carntyne and Cranhill Safe Streets Scheme (Routes to Schools), as these projects had not been requested by the Partnership;
 - (iii) to not proceed with projects Reference 18-005, Springboig Road, installation of fencing at green space and Reference 18-009, Budhill

Park, Budhill Avenue, sports surfacing and a bench and 18-017, Greenfield Pitches Entrance and Gap site; and

- (iv) to continue consideration of project Reference 18-004, installation of fencing at St Maria Goretti Primary School and Bellrock Street at Burlington Court Care Home entrance for Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability to provide further information; and
- (b) noted that £1,7000 had been allocated for project Reference 18-014 for 2 benches to be located at Budhill Park and £1,880.03 for project Reference 18-019 for festive lighting utilities at Carntyne Square.

Local Parks and Open Space Improvement Fund update noted etc – Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

7 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, regarding an update on the Local Parks and Open Space Improvement Fund and the Scottish Government Play Area Renewal programme,

- (1) advising that the Council had allocated £3m of funding to Area Partnerships for investment in Local Parks and Open Space for 2021/22 and 2022/23; and
- (2) providing an update and progress on projects allocated within the ward for years 2021/22 and 2022/23, as detailed in the report; and
- (3) summarising the play areas identified for renewal works for funding from the Scottish Government Play Area Renewal programme, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted
 - (i) the report;
 - (ii) the 2021/22 and 2022/23 projects that had now been completed, as detailed in the report;
 - (iii) the 3 projects that had still to be completed, as detailed in the report; and
- (b) requested the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability to
 - (i) revisit the Budhill Play Area in relation to the gate opening the wrong way and Danny's Park in relation to there being no resurfacing works done, the removal of a fallen tree and that soft landscaping had not been carried out; and

- (ii) provide information in relation to the ongoing project at Barlanark MUGGA and further information in relation to Strone Road Playpark, Barlanark Park, Greenfield Park, Barlanark Small Playpark, Cranhill Park and the Sensory Garden located at the Cranhill Water Tower, as detailed in the report and the further comments made at the meeting.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund - Community Engagement update noted etc.

8 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 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) agreed to proceed with the undernoted projects as follows, subject to Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability providing costings:-

<i>Location</i>	<i>Project</i>
Bellrock Street/Skerryvore Road,	Installation of a handrail and road safety barrier
Tanfield Street	Replacement/repair of steps and handrails
Tynecastle Crescent	Replacement/repair of steps and handrails
Fastnet Street	Assessment of cutting of overgrown trees and installation of salt bins
Budhill Square	Replacement/repair of benches on Crammond Terrace/Balgair Terrace, provision of 2 new benches, to be placed at the bus-stop side on Budhill Avenue, flower troughs and maintenance of surrounding trees and bushes

Eastbank Street	Provision of pedestrian/zebra crossing
Hallhill Road	Provision of traffic signage, to reduce speed before Budhill roundabout
Hallhill Road	Provision of pedestrian crossing before the railway bridge and after Budhill roundabout
Hollowglen Road	Provision of speed bumps
Pendeen Road	Replacement/repair of steps and handrails
Glenduffhill Road	Provision of pedestrian/Zebra crossing
Inverleith Street and Murrayfield Street Junction	Provision of CCTV camera
Bellrock Street at Burlington Care Home	Provision of CCTV camera
High flats between Fastnet Street and Longstone Road	Update on provision of CCTV cameras

Festive Lighting programme 2025/26 update noted – Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability – Authority to Chair 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 East Centre Area Partnership budget.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the lighting arrangements and the central funding available for the 2025/26 programme;
- (b) requested the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability to provide costings for:-
 - (i) 6 Street Columns at Bellrock Street between St Maria Goretti Primary School and Cranhill Primary School;
 - (ii) an additional 6 Street Columns at Edinburgh Road/Carntynehall Road;
 - (iii) 6 Street Columns at Carntyne Road (heading down to Murrayfield Street); and
 - (iv) a switch-on event to be held at Budhill Square; and
- (c) authorised the Chair, in conjunction with the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance, once costings had been provided by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, to approve the proposals at (b) above, subject to the costs being met from the Area Partnership's central funding allocation.

Work of Fuse Youth Café noted etc.

10 There was heard a report by Ms Sharon Baldwin, Fuse Youth Café regarding the work of the organisation, advising

- (1) that Fuse Youth Café was a charity working in the East of the city providing a variety of free services to young people in the area;
- (2) of the risks and challenges facing the young people as a result of high deprivation in the area; and
- (3) of funding for the organisation, including a bid for funding from the Cashback for Communities programme which was a Scottish Government initiative that reinvests money seized from criminal assets into free activities and programmes for young people across Scotland.

After consideration, the Partnership noted

- (a) the work of the Fuse Youth Café; and
- (b) that Ms Baldwin would circulate to members of the Partnerships details of their programme of work.

Police Scotland ward update noted.

11 There was heard a report by Chief Inspector Max Shaw, Police Scotland, advising the Partnership

- (1) that there had been an increase in the number of stolen vehicles, however there was no trend as to the type or models being stolen;
- (2) that anti-social behaviour was down from the previous quarter, with calls in relation to disorder being down by a third and vandalism being significantly down;
- (3) of issues around drug offences and of Police Scotland's success in dealing with such offences;
- (4) that road traffic issues, including speeding had been up by a third;
- (5) that shoplifting had significantly increased, this was mainly as a result of a number of large retailers cutting back on their security;
- (6) of the challenges the Police had faced as a result of President Trump's visit and the increased number of protests held in the city;
- (7) that enforcement action against illegal bikes had continued;
- (8) that reports of all suspicious activity should be reported to Police Scotland by calling 101 or via Crimestoppers at 0800 555111;
- (9) that there had been no issues in relation to asylum seekers, however Police Scotland were being vigilant; and
- (10) of up-coming work, including working jointly with Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability in relation to fireworks.

After consideration, the Partnership noted the report and thanked Chief Inspector Max Shaw for the update and the work carried out by Police Scotland within the ward.

Area Budget 2024/25 - Annual report noted.

12 There was submitted and noted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance regarding the Area Budget for 2024/25, in relation to projects previously funded in 2024/25, of which £114,591.36 had been allocated in the East Centre ward and that 10% of projects funded during 2024/25 had been selected as part of the Area Budget monitoring and evaluation process, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report.

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

13 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 East Centre Area Partnership's budget for 2025/26;
- (2) that the East Centre Area Partnership's Budget allocation for 2025/26 was £114,591 and that £24,817 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £89,774;
- (3) of the applications for funding from the East Centre Area Budget for 2025/26;
- (4) of 3 applications dealt with under delegated authority; and
- (5) of 2 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>
Cranhill Primary School - Cranhill Can Play	Towards new football equipment, including new goals to establish an on-site football facility	Awarded £5,990
Our Lady of Peace - More Pupils cycling More Often	Towards the delivery of a 12-week programme, 2 days per week to provide every child from P1 to P3 the chance to learn to cycle	Consideration continued for further information on the delivery of the programme
Sandaig Nursery School	Towards a project to support numeracy skills which involves parents and guardians	Awarded £900
Buddies Out of School Care	Towards replacing the existing windows within the building	Awarded £9,500
*Calvay Housing Association Ltd	Towards upgrading the current CCTV system	Awarded £2,330

Cranhill Arts Project	Towards the delivery of skills building, multimedia arts and crafts, digital photography and introductory computer/IT skills workshops for local vulnerable adults	Awarded £2,800, subject to further information on how the workshops would be promoted within Ward 18
Cranhill Development Trust	Towards hosting a strategy day	Refused, not beneficial to community
Barlanark Greyfriars Parish Church	Towards a project to engage young people to learn new skills in all aspects of festival production, stage and technical management, hosting, public speaking and evaluation	Awarded £6,968

*Eddie Cusick declared an interest in this application and left the room during its consideration.