

CANAL AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Minutes of meeting held on 5th September 2025, City Chambers, Glasgow

Present: Councillor Allan Gow (Chair), Councillor Fiona Higgins, and Councillor Robert Mooney, Glasgow City Council; Chief Inspector Declan Todd, Police Scotland; Station Commander James Sullivan, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Mhairi Shepard, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Jill Mackay, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network; Graeme Elliott, Parkhouse Community Council; Ann McGinley, Ruchill Community Council; and Ross MacPhail, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Attending: A Croall (Clerk); K Gannon (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance); and K McCormick and R Strachan, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

- 1** The minutes of 17th 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,

- (1) Station Commander James Sullivan had been nominated as the new representative for Scottish Fire and Rescue Service replacing Station Commander Ben Adams;
- (2) Station Commander Kenny MacSwan had been nominated as the new substitute for Scottish Fire and Rescue Service replacing Station Commander Graeme Morrow; and
- (3) Graham Elliott had been nominated as the representative for Parkhouse Community Council and Fiona Mills as the substitute representative.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service ward update noted.

3 There was heard and noted a report by Station Commander James Sullivan, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service regarding the current issues, incidents and work being carried out in the ward for Quarter 1, advising the Partnership

- (1) of the incidents that had taken place in the ward over the last quarter which included 5 accidental dwelling fires, 1 casualty, 1 non-fire casualty, 67 deliberate fires, 2 non-domestic fires, 26 unwanted fire alarm signals and 1 road traffic collision;
- (2) that to combat anti-social behaviour a pilot tri-service programme had been designed aimed at teenagers over a 10 week period named PAFS (Police, Ambulance, Fire Service) to build their confidence and develop skills to make the best possible choices; and
- (3) that the Strategic Service Review and options of service delivery had been progressing and an update would be provided at a future meeting.

Police Scotland ward update noted.

4 There was heard a report by Chief Inspector Declan Todd, Police Scotland, advising the Partnership

- (1) of the continued focus in the ward to combat nuisance road traffic incidents and the fruitful recovery and seizure of vehicles that included detection of cannabis cultivation off the street;
- (2) that school visits carried out in the ward for road traffic safety had been well received along with good feedback from participants;
- (3) of the use of e-cigarettes in schools that was problematic; and
- (4) that funding had been secured for the kit and training of the SelectaDNA spray that would assist officers as a tool to target off-road bikes and that through a uniquely coded invisible DNA mark could be detected under a UV light to collaborate and tackle problems.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted and thanked Chief Inspector Todd for the report; and
- (b) raised a number of questions and concerns that were addressed by Chief Inspector Todd.

Festive Lighting 2025/26 update noted – Funding approved.

5 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 asking 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 Canal Area Partnership from other funds.

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- (a) noted the report; and
- (b) approved additional funding of £10,230 over and above the central funding for the 2025/26 Festive Lighting programme, as detailed in the report.

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 £108,959.02 had been allocated in the Canal ward and been selected to complete an Evaluation Report.

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 Area Partnership's budget for 2025/26;
- (2) that the Canal Area Partnership's Budget allocation for 2025/26 was £108,959 and that £38,966.25 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £69,992.75; 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; and
 - (ii) the 3 applications dealt with under delegated functions, as detailed in the report; and
 - (iii) the 2 ineligible applications, as detailed in the report; 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>
Cadder Housing Association	Towards the cost of employing community facilitators to aid with the delivery of various community activities	Approved £10,896
Milton Arts Project	Towards the cost of procuring an expert in fundraising within the creative arts space	Consideration continued for further information
Queen's Cross Housing Association	Towards the cost of expanding weekly mindfulness sessions to include meditation to support local people with mental health	Awarded £2,340
LAR Housing Trust	Towards the costs of designing and painting of a mural as part of their new development of Ruchill	Awarded £10,896
Love Milton (on behalf of Milton Events Group)	Towards the cost of Milton Winterfest to be held various dates leading up to Christmas	Awarded £2,100
Glasgow Water Sports	Towards the cost of purchasing equipment to support provision to younger children	Awarded £7,981.70
The GK Experience	Toward the cost of funding a residential trip to Glassie Farm in Aberfeldy during the October school break for 24 young people	Awarded £1,500
St Matthew's Centre	Towards the costs related to the centre's 24th Anniversary	Awarded £500

celebration on 20th September 2025 for the local community

Possilpark Business Improvement District	Towards the cost of various items to support Christmas events in the Possilpark area	Awarded £4,800
*North Untied Communities	Towards the cost of running 2 new activities for young people in Ruchill and Milton	Awarded £3,150
Chirnside Primary School	Towards the cost of a 2-day outdoor sailing experience at Bardowie Sailing Club for 33 pupils	Awarded £1,980
Chirnside Primary School	Towards the cost of travel to and from a pantomime at the Kings Theatre for whole school	Awarded £3,000
Milton Food Hub	Towards the cost of essential electrical repairs and tanking of basement to the church at Liddesdale Square	Consideration continued for further information
Maryhill Activity Directory	Towards the cost of developing a leafleted and online version Maryhill Activity Directory	Refused – Application conflicts with funding awarded to develop 'Let's get communities connected' app
Make It Glasgow	Towards the cost of a 2-day trip to Stoke for a visit to The British Ceramics Biennial for volunteers	Awarded £750
Boom Community Arts	Towards the cost of a 'Santa Saunter' event which will take Santa through Ruchill and Possilpark	Consideration continued for further information

* Jill MacKay declared an interest in the application and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund (NIIF) update noted etc.

8 With reference to the minutes of 17th April 2025, there was submitted and noted 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 committed spend and actual spend for the ward, as detailed in table 3.

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

9 With reference to the minutes of 17th April 2025 providing an update on Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund (NIIF) Community Engagement there was submitted and noted a report providing a further update on Community Engagement, advising

- (1) of the description and location of the potential works; and
- (2) of the options that the partnership should consider as to how they wish to proceed with splitting the NIIF allocations.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report;
- (b) agreed that the 6 proposals, as detailed in the appendix to the report, should go forward to the next stage to be assessed and costed by Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability

Area Partnership Development noted.

10 With reference to the minutes of 7th February 2025 when the Partnership noted 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.

North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network - Update noted.

11 There was submitted a report by Jill MacKay, North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network, providing an update on activity taken and local issues identified within the Ward, advising

- (1) of upcoming events organised by Courtyard Pantry Enterprise and St Matthews Centre during September;
- (2) that local organisations had seen an overwhelming demand for the Children's Food Programme which had included in-house activities and day trips;

- (3) that a funding bid had been submitted by a consortium to tackle the high levels of youth disorder in the North West and of the upskilling of staff to target concerns regarding young people that had been groomed for drug dealing; and
- (4) of the initial meetings that had taken place amongst interested parties and residents to discuss an application for the Community Renewable Energy Fund for the school site of Mingulay Place, Milton.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report and thanked the third sector groups for all their had work that had been undertaken; and
- (b) that the Partnership extended their help to the third sector groups to support the issues in the ward.

Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership – Update noted.

12 There was submitted and noted a report by the Chief Officer, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership (GCHSCP), advising of an update on health improvement within the north west of the city advising

- (1) that Glasgow City Child & Youth Health Improvement Team had released its Annual Report for 2024/25, which could be accessed at [Glasgow City Youth Health Improvement annual report 2024/25](#);
- (2) of the work by the Glasgow City Alcohol and Drug Partnership Prevention and Education Group and that information could be assessed on its annual report 2024/25 at <https://www.stor.scot.nhs.uk/handle/11289/580432>
- (3) of the Family Wellbeing Hub which provided support to parents/carers of children aged between 5-26 years of age, as detailed in the report;
- (4) of the links to Public Protection Bulletin, GCHSCP Matters Briefing, the Training Calendar, Cost of Living Guide and Youth Health Service and Quit your way, as detailed in the report; and
- (5) that the HENRY programme continued to be delivered in the north west of the city, as detailed in the report.