

LINN AREA PARTNERSHIP.

Minutes of meeting held on 24th April 2025, by video conference.

Present: Bailie Paul McCabe (Chair), Councillor John Carson, Councillor Catherine Vallis and Bailie Margaret Morgan, Glasgow City Council; Inspector Chris Thomson, Police Scotland; John Harkins, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; John Lawless, Carmunnock Community Council; Christopher Tait, Castlemilk Community Council; Mhairi Taylor, Cathcart and District Community Council; Mark Caldwell, Simshill and Old Cathcart Community Council; Kelly C Bruce, Castlemilk Youth Complex; Liz Copper, Fair Deal; Karen Venables, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability; and Jess Steele, South East Integration Network.

Apologies: Station Commander Douglas Millar, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

Attending: P Yule (Clerk); H McMillan and D Speirs (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance).

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

1 The minutes of 19th February 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 on the membership of this Partnership, advising that Liz Copper had been nominated as the representative for Fair trade.

Police Scotland ward update noted.

3 There was heard a report by Inspector Chris Thomson, Police Scotland, advising

- (1) of the current progress that Police Scotland was making within the ward and of the current statistics in relation to incidents in the ward including the positive engagement work that had been carried out;
- (2) of the success of the local actions plans that were in place in respect of the April holidays and the traditional 'School Leaver' celebrations in April to tackle anti-social behaviour and youth disorder;
- (3) that Castlemilk Police Station had now closed and that the main office contact would be Cathcart Police Station; and

- (4) that Police Scotland had conducted a day of action focused on e-bikes and e-scooters.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) thanked Inspector Thomson for the update and all the work carried out by Police Scotland within the ward;
- (b) raised concerns regarding graffiti on Croftfoot Road, Arden Craig Road and Linnpark Golf Club house and surroundings areas that were addressed by Inspector Thomson; and
- (c) raised a number of questions that were addressed by Inspector Thomson.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service – Consideration continued.

4 The Partnership agreed to continue consideration of an update by Scottish Fire and Rescue Service regarding the current issues and incidents in the ward to a future meeting of this partnership.

Health and Social Care Partnership - South Glasgow update noted.

5 There was submitted and noted a report by John Harkins, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership (GCHSCP), regarding an update on the south of the city, advising

- (1) that the re-commencement of the Quit Your Way stop smoking service remained positive, with successful engagement in face-to-face clinics as well as telephone support and that the Face to Face clinic continued to thrive at Kellock Pharmacy;
- (2) of the staff support implementation of agreed actions for vaping, mental health, anti-social behaviour and development of processes aligned to Castlemilk Locality Plan; and
- (3) that the carers service had continued to review and develop throughout 2024/25 and there had been proactive carer engagement, early intervention and support structures.

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

6 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 Linn Area Partnership's Budget allocation for 2025/26 was £80,437 and that £6,942 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £73,495; 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 2 applications dealt with under delegated functions, 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>
Glasgow Living Waters	Towards the costs of a range of activities as part of a mental health programme aimed mainly at ethnic minorities and refugees in the Linn ward between May 2025 to March 2026	Refused due to not enough evidence of delivery in the area
Cojac	Towards the costs of repairing the roller shutters which are now defunct	Awarded £2,107
Glasgow Life	Towards the costs of Southside Stars, a joint programme with The Pearce Institute of a weeklong celebration of young people's talent in dance, arts, drama and music culminating in a final performance for family, friends and the local community to enjoy	Awarded £500
Carmunnock Gala Community	Towards the costs of running the annual Carmunnock Gala Day on 14th June 2025	Awarded £5,000
*Cathcart and District Community Council	Towards the costs of supporting the community council's 2024/25 programme of events	Awarded £922
**Steam Club	Towards the costs of running 2	Awarded £7,052

	blocks of coding as part of the regular STEAM club, towards various resources/equipment for the club and to provide a free breakfast during club time	
Friends of King's Park	Towards the costs of relining the rose garden's paths with sandstone setts replacing the current rotting wood lining and to upgrade the paths with golden quartzite gravel	Awarded £4,006
Castlemilk Youth Complex	Towards the costs of providing a detached and outreach youth work service throughout the year in the Castlemilk area, aimed at young people aged 11 to 18 who are not currently engaged in youth work	Awarded £6,200
***Food Soup'er Heroes	Towards the costs of equipment and resources for the new hub in Castlemilk Shopping Centre	Awarded £1,048
The Jeely Piece Club	Towards the costs of equipment to support the service provided by the Jeely Piece	Refused, advising that the organisation should seek match funding for future applications
Carmunnock Primary School Parent Council	Towards the costs of purchasing play equipment for the playground	Awarded £8,000
Indigo Group	Towards the costs of purchasing equipment to be used by children across all of Indigo's services within Castlemilk as part of its digital programme	Awarded £7,716
Castlemilk Hall	Towards the costs of commencing timber works, as part of the bigger restoration project of Castlemilk Hall	Awarded £4,991
Charlie Miller Football Academy	Towards the costs of providing Friday night football sessions and fitness sessions commencing May 2025 for children aged 3 to 5 living	Consideration continued for further information

in poverty over a 4-month period
with healthy meal packs and
snacks for children and their
families provided

Carmunnock Heritage Society	Towards the costs to maintain and repaint directional fingerposts	Awarded £808
Simshill and Old Cathcart Community Council	To purchase 10 flower baskets and inserts to be placed around the shops at Croftfoot roundabout to improve appearance of the area	Awarded £1,444

*Mhairi Taylor declared an interest in this application and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon.

**Heather McMillan declared an interest in this application and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon.

***Chris Tait declared an interest in this application and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund update noted etc.

7 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 to the £1m NIIF programme;
- (2) that in December 2024, a small team of staff were tasked with reviewing the current process for NIIF and the backlog of requests already received, as well as devising clear guidance and processes for its management going forward;
- (3) that a review of information held within Area Partnership minutes, NRS services and across council departments had been carried out to allow a full breakdown of current committed spend, new proposals still to be costed and spend to date to be collated;
- (4) that some proposals previously discussed at Partnership meetings had been included in the report but had yet to be progressed to NRS for estimated costs and requested that the Partnership reviewed the information and confirmed that projects had been approved and should now be referred to NRS;
- (5) of the criteria for the fund, as detailed in appendix 1 to the report, and that all NIIF proposals must be approved at an Area Partnership meeting before being passed to NRS to be costed;

- (6) that NRS Neighbourhood Liaison Managers would attend each meeting to present the report produced by NRS and record all approved new proposals on an agreed template to be used internally by NRS;
- (7) that general enquiries but not proposals could be emailed to the NIIF mailbox at NIIFEnquiries@glasgow.gov.uk; and
- (8) of the NIIF proposals to date, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report and that the suggested project for the repair works, toilets and outdoor lighting at the Birgidale complex did not qualify for the NIIF, as confirmed by K Venables, NRS;
- (b) agreed that
 - (i) the proposals, as detailed in the report, in respect of projects Ref 01-003, Ref 01-008, Ref 01-017 and Ref 01-009 be submitted to NRS costings;
 - (ii) Ref 01-014 be submitted to NRS for costings for the resurfacing work on Croftfoot roundabout only and that the resurfacing work on pathways/carriageway on Old Castle road would be dealt with by NRS under business as usual; and
 - (iii) Ref 01-020 additional information to be provided to NRS to allow the projects to be costed before the next meeting;
 - (iv) to include the following projects for costings to the next meeting, not detailed in the report
 - (A) Barlia outdoor gym with fence additional information to be provided to NRS to allow the project to be costed;
 - (B) Lost lives gardens on Castlemilk drive requires a new fence between the sports centre carpark and the back of the garden, dropped curbs and handrails;
 - (C) flood prevention on the Daffodil walk within Castlemilk Park with possibility of new drainage;
 - (D) CCTV camera from Birgidale to Downcraig lane; and
- (c) approved the estimate costings for Ref 01-012 and Ref 01-018, as detailed in the report.