

HILLHEAD AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Minutes of meeting held on 1st April 2025, Hybrid meeting.

Present: Councillor Ken Andrew (Chair), Bailie Seonad Hoy and Bailie Martha Wardrop, Glasgow City Council; Inspector Iain Sibbald, Police Scotland; Lyndsay Thomson, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Anna Dyer, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network; Charlotte Noble, Hillhead Community Council; Christine Alison, North Kelvin Community Council; Stewart Leighton, Woodlands and Park Community Council; Stephen Rhind, Woodside Community Council; Matthew Gordon, Scottish Youth Parliament; and Martin Neill, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Apologies: Station Commander Graeme Morrow, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Jean Charsley, Hillhead Community Council; and Louise MacKenzie, North Kelvin Community Council.

Attending: E Miller (Clerk); I Singh (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance); and K McCormick (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability).

Minutes of previous meeting approved – Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

1 The minutes of 29th January 2025 were submitted and approved, subject to noting at

- (1) Item 9(b)(i) regarding the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund, that Scottish Water had completed its' work at Clarendon Street; and
- (2) Item 9(b)(ii) that repairs to the Hillhead steps had been replaced by tarmac and not cobbles and requested that Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability investigate how the steps could be listed or protected to avoid this happening again.

Glasgow Community Planning Partnership Governance Framework – Membership noted etc.

2 There was submitted and noted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration providing an update regarding membership of this Partnership, advising

- (1) Mathew Gordon had been nominated as the representative for Scottish Youth Parliament;

- (2) Christine Alison had been nominated as the representative for North Kelvin Community Council, replacing Joyce Khatri; and
- (3) Lyndsay Thomson had been nominated as the representative for Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership, replacing Alex Durie.

Police Scotland ward update noted – Request to Councillor Andrew.

3 There was heard a report by Inspector Iain Sibbald, Police Scotland, advising the Partnership

- (1) that statistics for reported incidents, crimes recorded, thefts and break-ins had decreased;
- (2) of the attendance by Police Scotland at pro Palastinian protests;
- (3) of the increased patrols following the murder of a teenager at Clarendon Street;
- (4) that complaints at Chez Nous and other guest houses continued to be monitored, with some residents re-housed;
- (5) that enforcement action against illegal bikes continued;
- (6) that officers would meet with community council Chairs to provide updates to take forward to their meetings; and
- (7) that reports of all suspicious activity should be reported to Police Scotland by calling 101 or via Crimestoppers at 0800 555111.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report and thanked Inspector Sibbald for the update and all the work carried out by Police Scotland within the ward;
- (b) raised a number of questions and concerns that were addressed by Inspector Sibbald;
- (c) requested that the Partnership write to Social Work Services regarding the continued issues with the residents at Chez Nous to request that a more rigid vetting process be put in place.

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.

Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership – Consideration continued.

5 The Partnership agreed to continue consideration to a future meeting an update by Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership, regarding health matters within the ward.

Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network update noted.

6 There was heard a report by Ms Anna Dyer, North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network (NWGVSN) providing an update on its work, advising

- (1) of the continued IT recycling project “Plugged In” and that information could be accessed via <https://nwgvsn.org.uk/plugged-in-it-project/> who would accept any old IT equipment to be refurbished;
- (2) of the continued concerns with regards to the cost of living crisis and the increased demand on services;
- (3) of the shocked community following the death of a teenager who had been found seriously injured at Clarendon Street;
- (4) that a small centre with industrial washing machines would be opened to allow people in supported accommodation access to a free to use laundrette;
- (5) that the cuts to funding and services for young people had led to a reduction in support and opportunities for young people leaving school without qualifications; and
- (6) of the concerns around safety, in particular the treatment of schoolgirls and women with a published report by 2 MSP’s as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the Partnership noted

- (a) the report and congratulated the Network for all the work carried out at Community Central Halls; and
- (b) that bakery products for the community food banks, kitchens etc could be sought from Freedom Bakery, and that more information could be found on the organisation at <https://www.freedombakery.org/>.

Community Learning Development report noted – Request to Chief Executive, Glasgow Life.

7 There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive, Glasgow Life, regarding Community Learning Development, advising of activities and events within the ward, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (1) noted
 - (a) the report; and
 - (b) that the author Alan Bissett would be available to visit schools to discuss his book LADS, which had been written for teenage boys, with the aim of helping them navigate relationships, negative online influences etc; and
- (2) requested that
 - (a) a report regarding an update on the progress of work at Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum to the next meeting of the Partnership and information on how to book a room for community groups or for an exhibition;
 - (b) Woodside Library be considered for more events; and
 - (c) Jonny Howes link in with Matthew Gordon, Scottish Youth Parliament, regarding extending youth events within the ward.

Glasgow Life – New Youth and Community Development Team report noted.

8 The Partnership heard a report by Patricia Park, Glasgow Life regarding Glasgow Life's new Youth and Community Team, advising

- (1) of the successful Twilight event carried out in the ward;
- (2) that the event had been attended by 230 young people across the northwest of the city, including 55 from Hillhead, who had fully engaged in all aspects of it; and
- (3) that the team hoped to purchase equipment, including headsets for silent discos and a photo booth, to allow further engagement events to be carried out.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the presentation and thanked Patricia Park for the information; and
- (b) highlighted the importance of the work carried out by the team to encourage and promote engagement and communication within the ward's libraries.

Local Parks and Open Spaces update noted – Declaration of interest.

9 With reference to the minutes of 29th January 2025, there was submitted a report by the Kevin McCormick, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS), regarding the Local Parks and Open Space Improvement Fund providing an update on projects allocated within the ward for years 2021/22 and 2022/23 and information on lighting within Kelvingrove Park and a herbaceous border, as detailed in the report and appendices to the report.

After consideration, the Partnership noted

- (1) the report;
- (2) that further community consultation would be carried out by NRS with regard to lighting and the herbaceous border, including consultation with University of Glasgow, Hillhead Primary School and Friends of Kelvingrove Park;
- (3) concerns regarding safety and conservation issues around lighting and the herbaceous border within the park, which Kevin McCormack would investigate; and
- (4) that a progress report would be provided to the next meeting of the Partnership.

Councillor Wardrop declared an interest in this item of business and took no part in the discussion thereon.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund (NIIF) update noted etc.

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 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
 - (i) the report and that the Woodside area of the ward had been represented from the start of the NIIF and that money had been allocated from the fund to that area; and
 - (ii) that NRS would clarify if the proposal for resurfacing work at Queen Margaret Road/Kelvinside Terrace South had been fully completed;
- (b) agreed and approved the proposals and spend to date, as detailed in the report; and
- (c) would consider further projects for costing to allow the remaining budget to be spent.

Area Budget 2024/2025 - Final monitoring statement noted.

11 There was submitted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance regarding the Area Budget for 2024/2025, providing a final monitoring statement in relation to projects previously funded, confirming that £61,838.56 had been allocated to various projects in the Hillhead Ward, representing a 100% spend.

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

12 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 Hillhead Area Partnership's Budget allocation for 2025/26 was £61,839 and that £863 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £60,976; 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 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>
WestFest	Towards the costs of a community led, free cultural festival with over 100 Glasgow based organisations, community groups and local artists delivering a mixture of events, activities and projects	Awarded £6,184, on the condition that the organisation do not submit any future funding requests from the area budget to support community events programs and agreed that the organisation should look to secure more long-term funding to support future sustainability
Sahara – Scotland	Towards the costs of delivering an additional programme of Social Prescribing which involves person led workshops designed for people aged 18 and over from a Black and Minority Ethnic background, residing in the southwest and southeast of the city whose physical and mental health has been impinged by their social and economic circumstances	Awarded £3,225, on the condition the organisation provided information on where its' marketing is promoted

BARTA – Bank Street Area Resident and Traders Association	Towards the costs of purchasing additional hoops for plastic bags, trolleys for storing equipment and transporting rubbish collected for its ongoing programme of litter-picking in the local area	Awarded £470
Arlington Baths Club	Towards the costs of the Arlington Street Community Gala Event on 21st June 2025	Awarded £3,183, on the condition the organisation confirmed that the event is free for the public to attend
Project Ability	Towards the costs of delivering 2 visual art workshops each day during Learning Disability Awareness Week 2025 from the 8th to 14th September 2025	Awarded £600
Enable Glasgow	Towards the costs of building capacity for Glasgow Buddies to grow and reach more students with learning disabilities and run various activities	Awarded £3,339
International Film Festival Glasgow (IFFG)	Towards the costs of curating and delivering an education programme, educator's fees, equipment and audiovisual support along with travel support and provisions for attending schools for its festival, which takes place between 12th to 16th November 2025	Awarded £4,240, on the condition that the organisation do not submit any future funding requests from the area budget to support community events programs and agreed that the organisation should look to secure more long-term funding to support future sustainability
*Halo Arts	Towards the costs of funding its Hillhead Summer Sparks free youth summer holiday activity programme which will be hosted	Awarded £4,900, on the condition the organisation provided a report on its beneficiaries'

at Woodside Halls from 30th June to 11th July 2025

experience and future funding by the organisation must have secured match funding if they wish to apply for Area Budget Funding for these events in the future

Queens Cross
Community Foundation

Towards the costs of marquees, power generator and children's rides for a Gala Day event on 16th of August 2025 which will be held at the Firhill Complex

Awarded £1,400

John Sutton
Community Club SCIO

Towards the costs of funding its Walking Football programme, which is designed to support vulnerable members of the community

Awarded £1,925

*Community Central
Halls

Towards the costs of funding the purchase of a 17-seater accessible minibus

Awarded £4,000

* Anna Dyer declared an interest in the applications and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon.