

ANDERSTON/CITY/YORKHILL AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Minutes of meeting held on 1st May 2025, City Chambers, Glasgow.

Anderston/City/Yorkhill Area Partnership.

Present: Bailie Christy Mearns (Chair), Councillor Eva Bolander and Councillor Angus Millar, Glasgow City Council; Station Commander Graeme Morrow, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Inspector Jonathan Watters, Police Scotland; Shogufta Haq, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; James Stuart Duffin, North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network; James Rouse, Anderston Community Council; Irene Loudon, Blythswood and Broomielaw Community Council; Claire Livingstone, Dundasvale Community Council; Nora Hytiris, Garnethill Community Council; David Hughes, Merchant City and Trongate Community Council; Michael Glen, Townhead and Ladywell Community Council; John Gerard, Yorkhill and Kelvingrove Community Council; and Lise Fisher, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Attending: C Jack (Clerk); R O'Sullivan (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance); and S Shaw (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability).

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

1 The minutes of 27th March 2025 were submitted and approved.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service ward update noted – Request to Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

2 There was heard a report by Station Commander Graeme Morrow, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, regarding the current issues, incidents and work being carried out in the ward for Quarter 4, from 1st January to 31st March 2025, advising the Partnership

- (1) of statistics related to the current issues and incidents within the ward;
- (2) of the new Police, Ambulance and Fire Service (PFAS) initiative which aimed to reduce deliberate and accidental fires, as well as educate local youths on the type of work that PFAS would engage with;
- (3) of the Strategic Service Review and options for service delivery of modernisation of the fire service;
- (4) of the second phase of the public consultation that would start on 1st July 2025, whilst encouraging all members to complete it when available; and

- (5) in further detail of the Water Safety campaign.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report and thanked Station Commander Morrow for the update and all the work carried out by the service in the ward; and
- (b) requested a further update on the Water Safety Campaign at the next meeting.

Police Scotland ward update noted – Request to Police Scotland.

3 There was heard and noted a report by Inspector Jonathan Watters, Police Scotland, advising the Partnership

- (1) that the Common Ground group and the Glasgow Guardians group had commenced their 12-week programme in the city centre, with the aim of diverting young people away from crime and anti-social behaviour in the city centre and an evaluation would be carried out at the end of the programme to gauge the success of the initiative;
- (2) that child exploitation continued to be a concern in the city centre and other parts of the city;
- (3) that a speeding day of action had been held on 19th March in Greater Glasgow whereby 173 vehicles were stopped and 43 offences detected that ranged from speeding, no insurance and disqualified driving;
- (4) that a day of action regarding illegally modified e-bikes had been held on 16th April, with a focus on the Dumbarton Road area, with 4 e-bikes seized and 28 e-bikes stopped;
- (5) of the planned future days of action;
- (6) of the work of the Public Protection Unit that focussed on violence against women and girls and the collaboration with partners;
- (7) in further detail of youth people travelling into the city centre and that the majority were not involved in crime; and
- (8) that the start of a national roll out of body-worn cameras had started in Dundee and it was hoped to have it in Glasgow by the end of the year.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report and thanked Inspector Watters for the update and all the work carried out by Police Scotland in the ward; and

- (b) requested that Inspector Watters provide costs incurred by local organisations, residents and services following football celebrations in the ward.

City Development Plan - Presentation noted etc.

4 There was heard a presentation by Sarah Shaw, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, regarding student accommodation within the City Development Plan (CDP2), advising of

- (1) the CDP2 stages and timescales;
- (2) work undertaken in order to provide evidence related to student accommodation within the city centre and non-city centre sites;
- (3) of the key findings and statistics and that figures for 2024/25 had not yet been published;
- (4) that engagement with the public and developers on CDP2 would take place in early 2026 with a formal representation period on the proposed plan to take place during summer to autumn 2026; and
- (5) of the next steps and proposed plan.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the presentation and thanked Sarah Shaw for her presentation and contribution;
- (b) raised questions and concerns that were answered by Sarah Shaw; and
- (c) agreed to provide ideas in advance of the consultation.

Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network update noted.

5 There was submitted a report by James Duffin, North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network (NWGVSN), providing an update on the priority issues in the ward, as detailed in the report, namely

- (1) supporting vulnerable people and community wellbeing;
- (2) mental health and social isolation;
- (3) food insecurity support for older people;
- (4) fundraising and volunteering engagement;
- (5) capacity building and organisational development;

- (6) responding to urban and demographic diversity; and
- (7) partnership and representation.

After consideration, the Partnership noted

- (a) the report and thanked Mr Duffin for the update; and
- (b) that in order that representation be made for more youth services in the ward, an analysis would be carried out and passed to Planning officers.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund (NIIF) update noted etc.

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 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 was 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) agreed

<i>Ref No</i>	<i>Details</i>
10-004	To be removed – list of locations to be provided for Business as Usual (BAU).
10-005	To be changed to Mitchell Street (Gordon Street to Argyle Street) - Regent Moray cobble repairs went ahead which was under a separate project and list of locations to be provided for BAU .
10-006	To be removed – NRS to look at improvements being made outwith NIIF in terms of pedestrian safety and the central refuse.
10-007	To be removed.
10-014	To be removed – project being progressed with NRS and funded by Road Safety Improvement Fund.
10-021	To be costed.
10-022	To be removed - report and tracker for LED Lighting Column Replacement programme (£100,000)
10-024	Costings approved. Dover Street car park Option 1 - £44,300 Option 2 - £25,000 Option 3 - £7,000

(b) noted in terms of the summary spend to date

- (i) that £100,000 had been allocated to trees with the locations to be discussed at a future meeting and NRS to provide a map of tree coverage in the ward;
- (ii) that Ref No 10-010 had been completed under BAU; and
- (iii) that Ref No 10-019 funding would be allocated to St Patrick's Green Wall as opposed to raised beds and as the raised beds were no longer going ahead, £3,042 had been re-allocated to the Green Wall.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund (NIIF) – Community engagement update noted etc.

7 With reference to the minutes of 27th March 2025 noting a report regarding the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund (NIIF) potential funding allocation methods and projects ideas for this Partnership and agreeing various action, there was submitted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance providing an update regarding the matter, advising

- (1) that the purpose of the report was to bring ideas for spending the NIIF that had been generated by communities to the Partnership for consideration;
- (2) that those ideas that the Partnership wished to go forward to the next stage would be assessed and costed by Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS) and brought to a future meeting when the Partnership would be asked to allocate funding;
- (3) of the next stages of the NIIF, as detailed in the report;
- (4) that community representatives had been gathering ideas for costing using a template based on the detail that NRS required and that when read alongside the previous agenda item on a progress update on the NIIF, the Partnership was able to see these ideas alongside any ideas that had already been costed, or costed and approved;
- (5) of all the ideas that had been gathered so far for the Anderston/City/Yorkhill ward, as detailed in the appendix to the report, which had come from local community councils, other community organisations, Local Place Plans and Liveable Neighbourhoods;
- (6) that if the ideas list was fairly short and covered the ward well, the Partnership could agree to submit those ideas for costing, however, if the list was quite lengthy and the Partnership was unable to shortlist it, it could be followed up with an informal meeting to prioritise ideas to get the list to a manageable size in advance of the next Partnership meeting; and
- (7) that the Partnership also needed to consider how they intended to make decisions about what to fund and choose one of the options, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report; and
- (b) agreed that the following project ideas should go forward to the next stage to be assessed and costed by NRS;

Community Council

Ref No

Garnethill

Ref Nos 1 and 2

Dundasvale

Ref Nos 6, 7 and 8

Merchant City and Trongate	Ref Nos 11, 12 and 13
Townhead and Ladywell	Ref Nos 16, 17 and 18 (to be combined) and Ref No 19
Blythswood & Broomielaw	Ref Nos 21 and 22
Anderston	Ref No 24 being taken forward as Ref No 10-021

Area Budget 2024/25 - Final monitoring statement noted.

8 There was submitted and noted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance regarding the Area Budget for 2024/25, providing a final monitoring statement in relation to projects previously funded, as detailed in appendix 1 to the report.

Area Budget 2025/26 – Application for funding dealt with etc – Vacation of Chair – Declarations of interest.

9 With reference to the minutes of the Council's City Administration Committee of 13th March 2025 (Print 7, page 31), 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 Anderston/City/Yorkhill Area Partnership's budget allocation for 2025/26 was £62,446 and a total of £2,430 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £60,014; and
- (3) of the applications for funding from the Area Budget 2025/26.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the position regarding the Area Budget allocation for 2025/26; 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>
*Yorkhill and Kelvingrove Community Council	Towards the cost of equipment and activities for a Gala Day for the community to come together, discuss issues, share awareness of initiatives and build relationships.	Awarded £3,433

**Glasgow Marriage Counselling Services	Towards the cost of delivering Health Relationship learning and development to community groups within the Anderston, City Centre and Yorkhill areas and to make contact and referrals for those most in need for individual and partner counselling to improve their quality of life.	Awarded £4,372 subject to condition that a progress update is provided from the applicant
PEEK	Towards the cost of enabling PEEK to provide an additional after school arts-based programme for 40 children from St Patricks Primary School, with sessions to take place outside of school time.	Awarded £4,054
Clover	Towards the cost of the Bee Garden Project, which would include the installation of a herb sensory planter and the provision of signs in order to encourage people to engage with the herb plants, the creation of a woodland pathway at the back of the garden and the design and installation of printed information boards.	Awarded £1,500
***ACVC HUB	Towards the cost of the Empowering the Community: Glasgow Craft and Culture Collective Project, with funding to be used to help the organisation establish a multi-functional creative space that would serve as a gallery, exhibition space, taster session venue, retail outlet and workshop hub.	Refused as not ward specific
Townhead Friendship Club	Towards the cost of the Townhead Village Hall hire for the organisation, which provided support in the Townhead area to prevent isolation and loneliness.	Awarded £1,313
LGBT Unity	Towards the cost of delivering a family fun day event in June 2025, which would be a barbeque event that would provide games and	Refused

activities for the children attending,
as well as music and dancing.

WestFest

Towards the cost of a community
led free cultural festival, with
funding going towards The Big
Sunday Event on 29th June 2025,
the Kelvingrove Outdoor Ceilidh
Event on 1st June 2025, the
Sambayabamba & Friends Event
on 14th June 2025 and the
Vinicombe Street Gala Event on
7th June 2025.

Refused

International Film
Festival Glasgow
(World of Film)

Towards the cost of curating and
delivering an education
programme, educator's fees,
equipment and audiovisual support
along with travel support and
provisions for attending schools.

Awarded £500

*John Gerard declared an interest in this item and took no part in the discussion thereon.

**James Duffin declared an interest in this item and took no part in the discussion thereon.

***Bailie Christy Mearns vacated the chair which was taken by Councillor Eva Bolander for the remainder of the meeting.