

DENNISTOUN AREA PARTNERSHIP.

Minutes of meeting held on 29th April 2025, City Chambers, Glasgow.

Present: Bailie Anthony Carroll (Chair) and Councillor Elaine McDougall, Glasgow City Council; Inspector Maxwell Shaw, Police Scotland; Jennifer Johnstone, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Kenny Trainer, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network; Ruth Johnston, Dennistoun Community Council; Josephine Donachy, Milnbank Housing Association; Andy Cuthbertson, Rosemount Development Trust and Fran Lundie, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Apology: Councillor Allan Casey, Glasgow City Council Station Commander John Allan, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

Attending: P Yule (Clerk); K McIntosh and D Speirs (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance); and D Dunsire (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability).

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

- 1** The minutes of 18th 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 regarding membership of this Partnership advising that

- (1) Inspector Lindsay Scott had been nominated as the new substitute for Police Scotland replacing Chief Inspector Nigel Thacker; and
- (2) Andy Cuthbertson had been nominated as a co-opted member for Rosemount Development Trust.

Police Scotland ward update noted.

3 There was heard a report by Inspector Maxwell Shaw, Police Scotland, advising the Partnership that

- (1) violent crime had decreased by 14%;

- (2) drug dealing had decreased by 57% and with intelligence from the community concerns had seen a reduction in calls reporting and that reports of all suspicious activity should be reported to Police Scotland by calling 101 or via Crimestoppers at 0800 555111;
- (3) house break-in reports had saw an increase and there had been a spate in shoplifting theft;
- (4) road safety campaigns and action plans had been set up to tackle the ongoing issues relating to quad-bikes and e-bikes;
- (5) with regard to the recent social media interest in allegations of filming children in parks, Operation Bivouac had been established to collate all such incidents to ensure a concerted police response with 1 incident in Paisley that had resulted in a charge and all other reports had been investigated with no criminality established; and
- (6) that parking issues around schools continued to be a problem and continue to engage with the parents and working with Neighbourhood and sustainability to tackle these issues.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report and thanked Inspector Shaw for the update and the work carried out by Police Scotland within the ward; and
- (b) raised a number of questions and concerns that were addressed by Inspector Shaw.

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.

Area Budget 2024/2025 - Final monitoring statement noted.

5 There was submitted 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, confirming that £65,142.53 had been allocated to various projects in the Dennistoun Ward, leaving a balance of £521.98.

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

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 Dennistoun Area Partnership's Budget allocation for 2025/26 was £65,665 and that £500 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £65,165; 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 4 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>
PEEK	Towards the costs of a welcoming safe space in Dennistoun Parish Church	Awarded £2,632
*Friends of Glasgow Necropolis	To purchase 190 Remembrance Crosses towards remembrance of the 80th anniversary of WWII	Awarded £570
Achieve More Scotland	Towards the costs of providing a 10-week ASN parent carer support group based within Haghill Park Primary	Awarded £1,205
Haghill Primary School	Towards the costs of providing 30 Primary 7 children with a High School transition pack	Awarded £938
Sighthill Youth Centre	Towards the costs of supporting additional opening hours for the Youth Centre on a Friday and Saturday night in providing sports and dance activities	Awarded £5,017

Dennistoun Parish Church	Towards the costs of bus hire and for 30 members to have a high tea	Awarded £800
St Paul's Youth Forum	Towards support towards a community summer curriculum that encourages healthy eating, exercise, learning and empowerment	Refused due to not in the ward and not seen as beneficial to the ward
**Milnbank Residents Social Club	Towards the cost of a gala day in Alexandra Park Sports Hub on 7th June 2025	Awarded £2,000 with a condition that would the building be reopened to access the toilets

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

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

Dennistoun Place Based Approach within the Glasgow Community Plan noted.

7 There was submitted and noted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance, regarding the Place Based Approach within the Glasgow Community Plan, advising

- (1) that the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act required the Glasgow Community Planning Partnership to prepare and publish a Local Outcomes Improvement Plan;
- (2) that the Community Planning Executive Board approved a report on 27th March 2024 proposing that 8 areas in Glasgow be invited to be part of the updated place-based approach, as detailed in appendix 1 of the report;
- (3) that Council's City Administration Committee allocated £1.5m over 3 years to support the place-based work in the identified areas with a local anchor organisation identified in each area and funding used primarily to employ a Community Connector to ensure local people were fully engaged in the work of preparing a local action plan;
- (4) that the Council's Centre for Civic Innovation had been tasked with developing a support model for the 8 areas identified for place-based work and that the current focus was on those areas that do not have an anchor organisation in place; and
- (5) of the ongoing work to develop a process whereby local organisations were informed about the place-based work and invited to engage with the process as well as to potentially express interest in becoming the local anchor organisation that could support the investment available, which for most areas

included the employment of a community connector, and support the process of bringing partners and local people together to create an action plan for the area.

After consideration the Partnership noted the report and raised questions that were addressed by D Speirs and that an update would be provided at the next meeting of the Partnership.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund update noted etc.

8 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;

- (ii) its disappointment that the same proposals that had been approved for funding during the last 3 years had still to be costed;
- (b) requested that (Ref 22-005) and (Ref 22-014) still be considered for costings;
- (c) the proposals, as detailed in the report, in respect of projects (Ref 22-007), (Ref 22-008), (Ref-009), (Re 22-010), (Ref 22-011) and (Ref 22-013) to be submitted to NRS costings; and
- (d) that projects (Ref 22-011) and (Ref 22-013), would be dealt with by Derek Dunsire, NRS through Liveable Neighbourhoods,

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

9 With reference to the minutes of 14th February 2025 noting an update regarding the next stages for community engagement on the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund (NIIF) and agreeing various action, there was submitted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance providing a further 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 this ward, as detailed in an 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 it 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
- (b) agreed that all other projects should go forward to the next stage to be assessed and costed by NRS, as detailed in the report;
- (c) approved
 - (i) £15,000 for a feasibility study to be carried out for the proposed works at 160 Charles Street; and
 - (iii) £16,000 for CCTV at the bowling green at Glenconner Park Provanhill Street and frontage on to Royston Road.