

MARYHILL AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Minutes of meeting held on 25th April 2025, Acre Community Centre.

Present: Councillor Abdul Bostani (Chair), and Councillor Franny Scally, Glasgow City Council; Inspector Lynn Edwards, Police Scotland; Watch Commander Craig Ryder, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Ayisha Azam, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Sharon Bowers, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network; Liane Coia, Maryhill Integration Network; Sharon Mather, North Maryhill, Acre and Summerston Community Council and Alana Forsyth, Glasgow North West Citizens Advice Bureau.

Apologies: Station Commander Ben Adams and Station Commander Graeme Morrow, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

Attending: P Yule (Clerk); S Keenan and H Hamilton (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance); and K McCormick and M Bradley, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Appointment of substitute approved.

1 In terms of paragraph 6.10 of the Governance Framework, the Partnership noted that in the absence of the representative and the substitute representative from Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, the Chair had approved the attendance of Watch Commander Craig Ryder.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

2 The minutes of 14th February 2025 were submitted and approved.

Glasgow Community Planning Partnership Governance Framework – Membership noted.

3 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) Alana Forsyth had been nominated as the representative for Glasgow North West Citizens Advice Bureau and Angela Kelly had been nominated as the substitute representative; and
- (2) Inspector Lynn Edwards had been nominated as the new representative for Police Scotland and Chief Inspector Declan Todd had been nominated as the new substitute representative.

Police Scotland ward update noted – Request to Head of Policy and Corporate Governance.

4 There was heard and noted a report by Inspector Lynn Edwards, Police Scotland regarding the priorities within the Ward, advising that

- (1) an action plan and increased patrols had been set up in priority areas to address youth disorder, resulting in referral pathways for offenders being utilised and that drop-in sessions to discuss this approach would be provided if requested;
- (2) a police presence was more visible within priority locations to tackle drug misuse and drug dealing;
- (3) road safety campaigns and action plans had been set up to tackle the ongoing issues relating to quadbikes and e-bikes; and
- (4) increased patrols had been set up for targeted locations in relation to ongoing issues related to organised crime groups.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) raised a number of questions and concerns that were addressed by Inspector Edwards;
- (b) noted that moving forward, the visibility of community officers and drop-in sessions were a priority; and
- (c) requested that the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance contact local youth networks and invite them to a future meeting of this Partnership to discuss the lack of youth provision within the Ward.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service ward update noted.

4 There was heard a report by Watch Commander Craig Ryder, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service regarding the current issues, incidents and work being carried out in the ward for Quarter 4, advising

- (1) that the service had attended 1,049 incidents in the North West area with 56 in the ward namely 21 fires, 11 Special Services and 24 false alarms, with no fatalities recorded;
- (2) of the Strategic Service Review and options for service delivery of modernisation of the fire service;
- (3) of the next phase of the public consultation that would start around June 2025, whilst urging members to complete it; and

- (4) of the first Police, Ambulance and Fire Service initiative aimed at youth engagement which had been held in the Calton Ward with the next one being held in Easterhouse and the collaborative engagement work undertaken.

After consideration, the Partnership noted the report and thanked Watch Commander Ryder for the update and the work carried out by the service.

Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership – Consideration continued.

- 6 The Partnership agreed to continue consideration of a ward update by Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership to a future meeting.

North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network - Update noted.

- 7 There was submitted a report by Sharon Bowers, North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network providing an update of activity undertaken and local issues identified.

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 the report;
- (a) highlighted that the costings for Scottish Canals Stockingfield Bridge community arts project mural Ref 15-001 had been agreed with an equal share with Canal Ward of £34,000 and not £36,000, as detailed in the report;
- (b) agreed that
 - (i) the proposals, as detailed in the report, in respect of projects Ref 15-007, Ref 15-010 and Ref 15-011 be submitted to NRS for costings;
 - (ii) Ref 15-005 be submitted to NRS for costings for the repairs to potholes and pathways in the Acre Community Car Park and from 1 Arce Drive to the U Save shop; and
 - (iii) Ref 15-009 and Ref 15-008 should be removed from the list due to more information being required and more work being carried out to identify in which parks were a priority.

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

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
 - (i) that the Community Councils would link in with S Keenan to gather information on further proposals; and
 - (ii) that all other projects should go forward to the next stage to be assessed and costed by NRS.

Local Parks and Open Spaces update noted – Funding approved.

10 With reference to the minutes of 14th February 2025, there was heard a report by the Kevin McCormick, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, regarding the Local Parks and Open Space Improvement Fund providing further update.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report; and
- (b) approved
 - (i) £6,500 for the upgrade of path networks at wetland area within Maryhill Park; and

- (ii) £6,500 for the installation of a welcome signage in the Summerston area.

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 2024/25, providing a final monitoring statement in relation to projects previously funded, confirming that £66,443.71 had been allocated to various projects in the Maryhill Ward, representing a 100% spend.

Area Budget 2024/25 – Applications for funding dealt with etc.

12 With reference to the minutes of the Council's City Administration Committee of 21st March 2024, when the committee approved the 2024/25 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 2024/25; and
- (2) that the Maryhill Area Partnership Budget allocation for 2024/25 was £66,443.71 and that £2,431,81 had been committed under the Scheme of Delegated Functions.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the position regarding the Area Budget allocation for 2024/25; and
- (b) the 6 applications dealt with under delegated functions, as detailed in the report.

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

13 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 Maryhill Area Partnership's Budget allocation for 2025/26 was £66,444 and that £6,288 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £60,156; 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 1 ineligible application for Area Partnership funding, 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>
Achieve more Scotland	Towards the costs for ESOL classes for adults which will be based in Bellcraig Centre in Summerston	Refused due to duplication and already available in the ward
West Fest Ltd	Towards the costs to deliver Community Connections, a new initiative designed to expand the community-led cultural festival beyond its traditional base in Hillhead	Refused that there was no community engagement
Glasgow Clyde College	Towards the costs to carry out a 36-week programme to engage with young people between the ages of 12 to 24 years, including external activities	Refused due to not in the ward and not seen as beneficial to the ward
Home Start	Towards the costs for an accessible door in the New family hub located in the Janitors house in Maryhill Community Centre	Awarded £5,678
Queens Cross Community Foundation	Towards the costs of a Gala Day on 16th August 2025 at Firhill Complex	Awarded £1,250
Children 1 st	Towards the costs to deliver a peer support group in Maryhill for up to 40 parents and carers of children and young people with a range of needs	Refused due to not seen as good value of money due to running costs
Children's wood	Towards the costs for a mains water supply to the Children's wood	Consideration continued for further information

Maryhill Community Tennis Club	Towards the costs of a free coaching summer camp for children, equipment and refreshments	Awarded £1,500
North United Communities	Towards the costs of providing a pop-up opera for young people in Ruchill/Maryhill, Wyndford and surrounding areas	Awarded £1,134
Shakespeare Street Youth Group	Towards the costs of essential roof and gutter repairs	Awarded £2,300
Summerston Community and Environmental Group	Towards the costs of 5 diverse culture and leisure themed programmes	Awarded £5,125
Maryhill Hub steering group	Towards the costs of 11 monthly tea dance events and 2 Christmas events in Maryhill Burgh halls	Awarded £5,670