

GOVAN AREA PARTNERSHIP.

Minutes of meeting held on 14th April 2026, Kinning Park Complex, Cornwall Street, Glasgow.

Present: Councillor Richard Bell (Chair), and Councillor Dan Hutchison, Glasgow City Council; Sergeant Martin Madden, Police Scotland; Station Commander Martine Barr, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Melih Caner Inancli, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Carol Ball, Drumoyne Community Council; Alice Connelly, Govan East Community Council; Avril Williamson, Ibrox and Cessnock Community Council; Thomas Napper, Kinning Park Community Council; Deidre Gaughan, Central Govan Action Plan; Ethan McInally, Govan Youth Information Project; and Karen Venables, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Apology: Councillor Imran Alam and Councillor Stephen Dornan, Glasgow City Council; and Corrine Alan, Glasgow Life.

Attending: L Richards (Clerk); K Dooley (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance); J Ellis, R Strachan and T Henderson (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability); and G Watt (Glasgow Life).

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

1 The minutes of 3rd February 2026 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 since the last meeting, no changes had been made to the membership.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service ward update noted.

3 There was submitted and noted a report by Station Commander Martine Barr, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) regarding the current issues, incidents and work being carried out in the ward for Quarter 4, from 1st January to 31st March 2026, advising the Partnership that

(1) the service had attended 797 incidents in the South area, these being 211 fires, 212 non-fire incidents and 314 false alarms;

- (2) there had been a rise in deliberate and secondary fires in the area;
- (3) the service had reached out and offered further support to student accommodation premises as they had numerous fire alarm call outs;
- (4) the service continued to work in partnership with Social Work Services to ensure the safety of vulnerable groups; and
- (5) of a new system that had been introduced to report statistics.

Police Scotland Ward update noted.

4 There was heard a report by Sergeant Martin Madden, Police Scotland, advising the Partnership that

- (1) a new Chief Inspector had been appointed;
- (2) all front line Police Officers had now been equipped with body worn video cameras;
- (3) although some staff had been replaced that there had been no loss in the number of staff;
- (4) the Easter Action Plan was coming to an end and that the Summer Action Plan would be commencing that would focus on locations of youth disorder;
- (5) officers would continue to focus on target areas for a Traffic Action Plan, particularly E-bikes that was a recurring problem within the ward;
- (6) the City Centre exclusion zone, aimed at the dispersal of youths from the City Centre should not affect the Govan area;
- (7) policing plans would be in place for future protests and that the number of officers on the ground would be reflected by this; and
- (8) Police Scotland had been working with local organisations to clean up local shopping areas and keep them clean.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report and thanked Sergeant Madden for the update; and
- (b) raised a number of questions and concerns that were addressed by Sergeant Madden.

Live Well Community Referral – Presentation noted.

5 There was heard and noted a presentation by Gary Watt, Glasgow Life, regarding the Live Well Community Referral (LWCR) advising that

- (1) LWCR was a Glasgow Life wide service that supported people who experienced barriers to participation in physical activities and assisted them to reconnect with their communities;
- (2) LWCR was a free service open to anyone over 18, who required support; and
- (3) that the Live Well Community Referral Team welcomed referrals online, by phone or in-person.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund (NIIF) Progress Update noted etc – Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

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 of a progress update including proposals submitted for estimate and a summary of committed spend and actual spend for the ward, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (1) noted the report;
- (2) approved £80,000 for section 7 and £42,000 for section 8, as detailed in the report, in respect of Ref 05-018 - resurfacing areas of Govan Road;
- (3) agreed to remove proposal Ref 05-009 – seating area outside the Good Coffee Cartel - as detailed in the report, as the Partnership no longer wanted to continue with this proposal;
- (4) agreed to continue consideration of
 - (a) Ref 05-021 - tree planting along motorway – as detailed in the report, until NRS contact AMEY to enquire if the trees currently being removed in Plantation Park and Kirkwood Street area would be replaced; and
 - (b) Ref 05-006 – green space beside Cessnock Subway – as detailed in the report, until NRS investigate exactly what is currently being funded by Strathclyde Passenger Transport; and
- (5) requested that Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability
 - (a) revisit an original proposal with Kinning Park Community Council to upgrade and extend the swing park located in Plantation Square North;

- (b) highlight any empty buildings around Central Govan which could potentially be utilised by the Govan Youth Project, in respect of proposal Ref 05-011, as detailed in the report; and
- (c) provide an update on Ref 05-022 – create youth clubs and hang out areas – as detailed in the report.

Festive Lighting 2026/27- Update noted - Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

7 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS), regarding Festive Lighting within the Ward, advising of the central funding of £3,600 available to meet the costs of erecting and maintaining festive lighting and the proposed costs and locations advising

- (1) of the 2025/26 festive displays and switch-on events and asking the Partnership to confirm whether these should be included in the 2026/27 programme;
- (2) that the Partnership should notify NRS of any locations for a proposed switch on event for either a Christmas or natural tree;
- (3) that members should approve the necessary funding for any additional costs over and above the central funding;
- (4) that approved funding in excess of the central funding would be deducted from the Govan Area Partnership 2026/27 Area Budget allocation; and
- (5) NRS had been informed that the current Horticultural Contract, which included the supply of Christmas Trees, had come to an end whilst the Councils Procurement team would establish a new framework to invite suppliers to tender, and as such this may now impact the cost of Christmas Trees by 15% to 20%;

After consideration, the Partnership;

- (a) noted the lighting arrangements and the central funding available for the 2026/27 programme;
- (b) agreed to
 - (i) a proposed date of 2nd December 2026 to hold a light switch on event at Govan Cross; and
 - (ii) to potentially ringfence £30,000 from the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund to be allocated to the 2026/2027 Festive Lighting package; and

- (c) requested that Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability provide costings for the installation of street lighting column features in the Govan ward, along with a larger Christmas tree.

Area Budget 2026/27 – Applications for funding dealt with etc – Declarations of interest.

8 With reference to the minutes of the Council's City Administration Committee of 12th March 2026, when the committee approved the 2026/27 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 2026/27;
- (2) that the Govan Area Partnership's Budget allocation for 2026/27 was £94,248 and that £8,455 had been allocated to date; leaving a balance of £85,793.
- (3) that as of April 2026, a new online application form would be introduced; and
- (4) of the applications for funding from the Area Budget for 2026/27.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the position regarding the Area Budget allocation for 2026/27;
- (b) noted the application that had been dealt with under delegated functions, as detailed in the report; and
- (c) 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>
Govan High School	Towards the cost of travel expenses for 40 pupils to attend a dance trip to London	Awarded £1,000
*Govan Youth Information Project Myth Busters Programme	Towards the cost of a residential trip to Belfast offering young people the opportunity to explore collective action in post conflict society	Awarded £9,000
Safety Awareness Glasgow	Towards the cost of a support bus to and from Blair Drummond Safari Park and refreshments	Awarded £350

Active Schools – Bellahouston Cluster	Towards the cost of delivering extracurricular activities in school to increase physical activity and participation in sport	Awarded £1,255
Glasgow Caring City	Towards the cost of the delivery of the Neon Café that would provide an inclusive space within Community249 on a fortnightly basis	Awarded £5,022
Weekday Wow Factor – Wow Connections Govan	Toward the cost of delivering a weekly meeting centre supporting people living with dementia	Awarded £9,000
Impact Arts	Toward the cost of delivering specialised workshops within the Govan craft café to encourage cognitive stimulation and teach new skills	Awarded £5,300
St Constantine’s Hall	Toward the cost of refurbishing the hall to make it a more inviting and a safer place for the community to congregate	Awarded £9,000
Loop Theatre	Toward the cost of delivering a 2-week Govan Community Summer Programme for adults with additional needs who may experience increased isolation during the summer period	Refused as not considered good value for money
SCIO music and Art Centre	Toward the cost of delivering a 2-month creative arts programme for low-income families, migrants and children with additional support needs	Refused as not specific to Govan Ward
Ibrox Nursery	Toward the cost of a trip to Almond Valley adventure park for the children and families of the Nursery	Awarded £1,308

Traditional Dance Forum Scotland	Toward the cost of delivering a Mini-Europeade event as part of Scotland's festival of Europe 2026, featuring 13 mini performances all set to live music and led by traditional dance groups representing various European cultures	Refused as not specific to the Govan Ward
**Kinning Park Complex	Toward the cost of supporting 2 events during a 55 day activity programme to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the community sit-in that secured the building for public use.	Awarded £5,000
JA Live CIC	Toward the cost of supporting culture events, workshops and community celebrations following this year's Commonwealth Games period that would be held in venues across Govan, aimed to reduce social isolation, build creativity, provide volunteering opportunities and strengthen community cohesion	Refused as did not meet the criteria for an award and it was not clear who would benefit
***Clyde Community Hall	Toward the cost of delivering a wellbeing project that would aim to mitigate fuel and food poverty by providing a space where residents can go and eat	Awarded £6,675

*Ethan McNally declared an interest in this item and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon.

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

***Councillor Hutchison and Avril Williamson declared an interest in this item of business and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon.

Area Budget 2026/27 – Application for funding by Plant Up CIC refused, after division.

9 There was submitted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance regarding an application for funding for Plant Up CIC towards the cost of delivering two free community events offering nature based and arts based activities.

Councillor Hutchison, seconded by Ethan McInally, moved that the Partnership refuse the funding award request of £685.

Carol Ball, seconded by Deirdre Gaughan, moved as an amendment that the Partnership approve the request.

On a vote being taken by a show of hands, 2 members voted for the amendment and 7 members voted for the motion, which was accordingly declared to be carried.