

HILLHEAD AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Minutes of meeting held on 31st March 2026, City Chambers, Glasgow

- Present:** Councillor Ken Andrew (Chair), Bailie Seonad Hoy and Bailie Martha Wardrop, Glasgow City Council; Sergeant Caroline Harrod, Police Scotland; Lyndsay Thomson, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Anna Dyer, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network; Charlotte Noble, Hillhead Community Council; Alasdair MacDonald, North Kelvin Community Council; Stewart Leighton, Woodlands and Park Community Council; Eoghan Morris, Students' Representative Council, University of Glasgow; and Matthew Gordon, Scottish Youth Parliament.
- Apologies:** Inspector Alexander Marshall, Police Scotland; Station Commander James Sullivan, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; and Tunweer Malik, BME Representative.
- Attending:** N Palmer (Clerk); I Singh (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance); and M Neil and R Strachan (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability).

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

- 1** The minutes of 29th January 2026 were submitted and approved.

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 the membership of this Partnership, advising that

- (1) Inspector Alexander Marshall had replaced Inspector Iain Sibbald as the representative for Police Scotland; and
- (2) Alasdair MacDonald had been nominated as the substitute representative for North Kelvin Community Council.

Police Scotland ward update noted.

- 3** There was heard and noted a report by Sergeant Caroline Harrod, Police Scotland, advising the Partnership

- (1) that body-worn cameras had been deployed and operational since 24th of March 2026, and were proving to be effective by reducing court time and enabling more officers to patrol the ward;

- (2) of the local youth disorder which had been ongoing in the Woodlands area that had involved 3 youths who had been intimidating and behaving abusively towards residents in cars and that officers would continue to address this issue by increased patrols between 6-9pm to target anti-social behaviour, urging anyone who had direct contact with those individuals to call 999 and report incidents promptly; and
- (3) that shoplifting within the ward had significantly decreased due to officers using body-worn cameras, enhanced CCTV measures, and of the increased presence of security staff at shop entrances.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) thanked Sergeant Harrod for the update and the continued hard work being carried out by Police Scotland within the ward; and
- (b) raised a number of questions and concerns that were addressed by Sergeant Harrod.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service – Consideration Continued.

4 The Partnership agreed to continue consideration of this item to a future meeting of this partnership. The Chair expressed gratitude to the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service for their dedication and efforts in bringing the Union Street fire under control and protecting nearby properties.

Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership – Update noted – Request to Chief Officer of Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership.

5 There was submitted and noted a report by the Chief Officer, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership (GCHSCP), advising of an update on health improvement within the north west of the city from January to March 2026, as detailed in the report.

After consideration the partnership

- (1) noted
 - (a) the report; and
 - (b) thanked Lyndsay Thomson for the update; and
- (2) requested that GCHSCP
 - (a) explore establishing a facility in the north west of Glasgow that would enable Hillhead residents to access emergency care more easily due to the Ward having a high proportion of elderly residents who may

struggle to reach existing Accident and Emergency services particularly during the night or in winter months;

- (b) provide
 - (i) detailed information on how they are supporting the mental health of students and young people, including the services that are available to them;
 - (ii) an update on vulnerable individuals who have been removed from GP surgeries, including guidance on how they can re-register;
 - (iii) an update on Woodside Health Centre, detailing the services available to elderly residents, as well as information on the former Woodside facility and the services currently offered there; and
 - (iv) an update on the Church Street refurbishment, including the stage of progress.

Festive Lighting 2026/27 update noted – Funding Approved - Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability – Request to the Chair.

6 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, 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 2026/27 festive displays and switch-on events and requested that the Partnership to confirm whether these should be included in the 2026/27 programme, as detailed in the report;
- (2) of the standard pricing schedule for the 2024-2028 festive lighting programme following the procurement exercise carried out to deliver the programme; and
- (3) that approved funding in excess of the central funding would be met by Hillhead Area Partnership from the area budget.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the lighting arrangements and the central funding available for the 2026/27 programme;
- (b) approved additional funding of £1,130 for 3 natural trees at St George's Cross; and

- (c) requested that the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability
 - (i) clean the area at St. George's Cross 4 weeks before the lighting is installed; and
 - (ii) provisionally set the date of the switch-on event for Thursday, 3rd December 2026 at St George's Cross; and
- (d) requested that the Chair contact the local schools to notify them of the switch-on event date, allowing them to schedule it in their calendars in advance.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund – Progress update etc – Request to the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

7 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) highlighted Ref (11-023) – redeployable CCTV location was Ruskin Place as opposed to Ruskin Lane as stated in the report; and
- (3) requested that the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability provide costings for an additional CCTV camera at the Hillhead Street/Gibson Street junction, at the next Partnership meeting; and
- (4) agreed to consult with members of Community Councils on how they would like the remaining NIIF funds to be allocated within the ward and to email the Community Support Officer with suggestions.

Area Budget 2026/27 – Applications for funding dealt with etc – Declaration 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 Hillhead Area Partnership's Budget allocation for 2026/27 was £62,702 and that £10,033 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £52,669;
- (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
 - (i) the position regarding the Area Budget allocation for 2026/27; 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>
Visibility Scotland ForSight – Access for All	Towards the costs to transform the entrance and interior hallway/reception area making it accessible to all visitors	Awarded £6,000
Halo Arts – Woodside Free Summer Arts Youth Programme	Towards the cost to run the Woodside Free Summer Arts Youth Programme for young people aged 6-16 living in the Hillhead Ward	Awarded £4,800
Arlington Baths Club – Arlington Street Community Gala 2026	Towards the cost of the Arlington Street Community Gala taking place from 11am – 5pm on Saturday 27th June 2026	Awarded £3,452
Queens Cross Community Foundation – Queens Cross Gala Day 2026	Towards the cost of the Queens Cross Gala Day event at Firhill Complex on the 15th of August 2026	Awarded £1,887
*The Coach House Trust – Equipment Costs	Towards the cost for equipment for The Coach House Trust such as gardening tools, installation costs for exterior lighting in the patio area for service users and staff to carry out tasks on darker	Awarded £1,003

days and a replacement pipe for the gas heating boiler

Queens Cross Housing Association – Connecting Community with Burnbank Garden New Build Development	Towards the cost of running a generational project involving the local and wider community to raise awareness of the importance of age-appropriate housing and would fund the artists fee and consultations	Awarded £3,114 subject to condition that intergenerational collaboration takes place between Burnbank residents and the young people creating the artwork
WestFest – Community Roots & Education Programme	Towards the cost of delivering WestFest’s Community Roots & Education programme from 6th June – 28th June 2026	Awarded £3,639
Cowcaddens Nursery – Transforming Outdoor Nursery Environment Cultivating Curiosity through Nature	Towards the cost of revamping Cowcaddens Day Nursery’s outdoor area	Awarded £6,991

*Councillor Andrew declared an interest in this item of business and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon and Bailie Wardrop assumed the Chair for this item only.

Area Budget 2025/26 - Final monitoring statement noted.

9 There was submitted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance regarding the Area Budget for 2025/26, providing a final monitoring statement in relation to projects previously funded, confirming that £61,839.00 had been allocated to various projects in the Hillhead Ward, representing a 100% spend.