

SPRINGBURN/ROBROYSTON AREA PARTNERSHIP.

Minutes of meeting held on 22nd April 2026, by video conference.

Present: Councillor Graham Campbell (Chair), Councillor Christina Cannon and Councillor Thomas Rannachan, Glasgow City Council; Sergeant Sean McKenna, Police Scotland; Station Commander John Allan, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Joan McDonald, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Julie Toal, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network; Carole Phillip, Robroyston Community Council; Helen Carroll, Springburn Community Council; Kimberley Duff, Wallacewell Community Council; John Thorburn, NG Homes; Brian Land, Barmulloch Community Development Centre; and Jenny Reeve, Beatroute Arts.

Apologies: Inspector Emma Mark, Police Scotland; and Shawn Nicholas Fernandez, Springburn Unity Network.

Attending: N Palmer (Clerk); A Martin (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance); and R MacPhail (for the Executive Director of 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 Police Scotland, the Chair had approved the attendance of Sergeant Sean McKenna.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

2 The minutes of 11th February 2026 were submitted and approved.

Glasgow Community Planning Partnership Governance Framework – Membership noted etc.

3 There was submitted and noted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration providing an update on the membership of this Partnership, advising that since the last meeting, no changes had been made to the membership.

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

4 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability 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; and
- (2) agreed to
 - (a) approve project Ref (17-011) £88,000 – air source heat pump £80,000 and disabled access W/C £8,000; and
 - (b) agreed to defer projects in respect of Ref (17-014) to discuss further how many planters the Partnership would like to request and who would maintain them and Ref (17-029) – resurfacing/repairing pavement and road at Wallacewell Road.
- (3) Requested that the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability;
 - (i) query the timeline and feasibility of project and whether this falls under business as usual or not in respect of Ref (17-029); and
 - (ii) remove project Ref (17-024) and arrange a site visit and assess a pedestrian crossing at Robroyston Road and that Carole Philip, Robroyston Community Council would be the contact for this.

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

5 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 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) NRS Festive Team had been informed the current Horticultural Contract, which included the supply of Christmas Trees, had come to an end. Glasgow City Councils Procurement 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%;
- (3) of the standard pricing schedule for the 2024-2028 festive lighting programme following the procurement exercise carried out to deliver the programme; and

- (4) that approved funding in excess of the central funding would be met by Springburn/Robroyston Area Partnership from the area budget.

After consideration, the Partnership noted

- (a) the lighting arrangements and the central funding available for the 2026/27 programme;
- (b) approved the additional funding of £11,950 in principle pending further information at the next meeting; and
- (b) requested that the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability arrange for the removal of the Christmas tree on Wallacewell Road, at £4,200, and instead allocate funding for the installation of lighting columns along Wallacewell Road, as the tree was unbalanced and had generated numerous complaints from unhappy residents.

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

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

After consideration the partnership

- (1) noted the report and thanked Joan McDonald for the update; and
- (2) requested that the Chief Officer of Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership invite an appropriate representative to a future meeting to provide further insight into the scale of drug misuse, youth homelessness, and suicide within the ward.

Police Scotland ward update noted – Request to Police Scotland.

7 There was heard a report by Sergeant Sean McKenna, Police Scotland, advising the partnership that

- (1) the focus across the ward had been on community engagement, with Police Scotland continuing to actively engage with local residents and young people through engagement 'Coffee with a Cop';
- (2) bike marking events at Springburn College served as a preventive measure against theft by linking bicycles to their owners;

- (3) retail theft and crime in the Glasgow North area had been low, which could be due in part to underreporting of incidents;
- (4) Police Scotland had applied for funding to support staff at Springburn Shopping Centre which was currently awaiting approval, and if successful, three to four officers would be stationed within the centre to assist staff and help reduce theft;
- (5) plain clothes officers had used unmarked vehicles in the ward over a four-day period to target organised crime, drugs, and weapons, and the operation was successful;
- (6) the Easter break had previously seen high levels of antisocial behaviour, this year showed an improvement, likely due to increased community engagement by Police Scotland and stronger collaboration with local organisations in the ward.

After consideration, the Partnership,

- (a) noted the report;
- (b) thanked Sergeant McKenna for all the hard work carried out within the ward by Police Scotland; and
- (c) requested that Police Scotland arrange visits to
 - (i) McDonald's at Robroyston due to ongoing anti-social behaviour with youths; and
 - (ii) the road at Hawthorn Street heading towards Bishopbriggs which had seen many drivers continuing to speed, raising concerns among local residents about pedestrian safety.

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

8 There was heard and noted a report by Station Commander John Allan, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) regarding the current issues, incidents and work being carried out in the ward for Quarter 4, advising the Partnership

- (1) of the 119 incidents within the ward, 31 deliberate fires, 8 building fires, 7 dwelling fires, 3 casualties, 29 unwanted fire alarm signals; and
- (2) that there had been 304 Home Fire Safety Visits of which 36 had taken place within the ward.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report;

- (b) thanked Station Commander John Allan for the update and the work carried out by the fire service within the ward; and
- (c) requested that Scottish Fire and Rescue Service provide additional information at the next meeting regarding the Promat Factory on Petershill Road, in light of the ongoing illegal dumping at this derelict site.

Living Well Community Referral – Presentation noted.

9 There was heard and noted a presentation by Garry Watt, Glasgow Life, regarding the Living Well Community Referral (LWCR) advising that

- (1) the community-based wellbeing referral programme supported people who experienced barriers to reconnect with their communities and take part in opportunities that improved health and wellbeing;
- (2) the pilot project operated in Calton and Shettleston areas and following an independent evaluation this had now expanded to 10 wards which included Springburn/Robroyston;
- (3) LWCR was a free service open to anyone over 18, who required support reconnecting to their community; and
- (4) referrals were welcome online, by phone or in-person.

After consideration, the Partnership,

- (a) noted the report; and
- (b) raised questions which were answered by Gary Watt, Glasgow Life.

Area Budget 2025/26 - Final monitoring statement noted.

10 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 £100,320 had been allocated to various projects in the Springburn/Robroyston Ward, representing a 100% spend.

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

11 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 Springburn/Robroyston Area Partnership's Budget allocation for 2026/27 was £104,851 and that £12,765 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £92,086;
- (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 application 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>
ProUA Hub – A Fresh Coat for Springburn Park	Towards the costs of funding a community led environment project to paint the fence at the rockery in Springburn Park	Awarded £5,117
Make it Glasgow CIC	Towards the cost to run a community event which invites residents of Springburn to collaborate on a unique public art project	Awarded £5,502
*Robroyston Church of Scotland – Community Worker Shed	Towards the cost to deliver workshop programme until March 2027	Awarded £5,980
Acredyke Nursery School – Outdoors and Family Learning	Towards the cost for outdoor equipment at the nursery and to offer expansive outdoor play to support physical activity, health and well-being and access to nature	Awarded £6,019
**Robroyston Community Council	Towards the cost to purchase a litter collecting vacuum machine	Awarded £1,671

	to facilitate the removal of litter in the area	
Springburn Unity Network – Festival of Colour	Towards the cost of funding a multicultural celebration that brings together two vibrant cultural traditions in one shared event	Awarded £5,676
Glasgow East Arts Company	Towards the cost of funding to support the Alexandra Park Family Festival taking place on 11th July 2026	Refused due to being out with the ward
Balornock Primary Parent Council – Playground Equipment	Towards the cost for funding outdoor play equipment at the school	Awarded £5,003
***Barmulloch Community Development Company	Towards the cost to fund roof repairs to ensure that the Barmulloch Residents Centre can remain open and continue to provide a range of services to the public	Awarded £6,000
The Bangla Centre – Youth Engagement and Volunteer Skills Development Programme	Towards the cost to support The Youth Engagement and Volunteer Skills Development Programme to provide a structured programme of progression through various activities such as cooking, catering, financial budget etc	Awarded £3,420
Democratic Republic Congolese Dispora in Scotland – Love Your People	Towards the cost to host a community event to be held at Barmulloch Community Centre and celebrate a variety of activities including music, dance, poetry and comedy	Awarded £1,290
Beatroute Arts – Sounds of the Underground	Towards the cost to support it's 'Sound of the Underground' youth summer project	Awarded £2,750
Springburn Auditorium CIC	Towards the cost to develop a 'Sew You Can' programme which will be a free monthly sewing class at Springburn Auditorium for ages 16+	Awarded £1,973

North Glasgow Community Food Initiative – Springburn gardening	Towards the cost to support the installation of 6 high-access raised beds for disabled access	Awarded £4,233
Springburn Park Men's Shed	Towards the cost to fund equipment to develop the activities that the group currently deliver	Awarded £6,019
Mosesfield Pensioners Club – Pensioners Club Upgrades	Towards the cost to upgrade new facilities at Springburn Park Pensioners Club as there is currently no heating or disabled facilities	Refused due to more information being required about the lease
Dance 4 Health Ltd – Dance for Health, Friendship and Fun	Towards the cost of musical entertainment provision, catering and hall hire	Awarded £2,000
Toonspeak Young People's Theatre – Empowering Young Families	Towards the cost to pilot a project to increase opportunities and accessible services for 24 young people (12 babies ages 0-12 months, and 12 young caregivers aged 25 and under) from some of the highest deprived areas of Glasgow	Awarded £5,209
Petershill Football & Athletic Club – Equipment Refresh	Towards the cost of refreshing the equipment to support the organisation in the delivery of its activities	Awarded £1,285

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

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***Carole Phillip and Brian Land declared an interest in this item and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon.