

CANAL AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Minutes of meeting held on 17th April 2026, Saracen House, Glasgow.

Present: Lord Provost Jacqueline McLaren (Chair), Councillor Robert Mooney Glasgow City Council; Inspector Emma Mark, Police Scotland; Station Commander James Sullivan, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, Mhairi Shephard, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Jill Mackay, Glasgow Third Sector Organisation; Graham Elliot, Parkhouse Community Council; Heather Roberston, Milton Community Council; and Sadie Gordon, Possilpark Community Council.

Apologies: Councillor Allan Gow, Glasgow City Council; and Ann McGinley, Ruchill Community Council.

Attending: N Palmer (Clerk); K Gannon (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance); and R MacPhail (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability).

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

- 1** The minutes of 6th February 2026 were submitted and approved.

Absence of Chair

- 2** In terms of paragraph 7.4 of the Governance Framework, the Partnership noted that in the absence of Councillor Allan Gow, Lord Provost Jacqueline McLaren had been appointed to Chair the meeting.

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 since the last meeting, no changes have been made to the membership.

Police Scotland ward update noted – Request to Police Scotland.

- 4** There was heard a report by Inspector Emma Mark, 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;

- (2) officers continued to monitor off-road bikes within the ward, with bike seizures remaining an ongoing priority and Police Scotland continued to work in partnership with Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability on the traffic management of parks within the ward;
- (3) officers had attended Cadder Primary School to encourage and promote safe cycling among young people;
- (4) Inspector Mark had been promoting “Coffee with a Cop” event, giving local residents the opportunity to meet officers and build positive relationships across the ward;
- (5) fly-tipping remained an ongoing issue across the ward, and Police Scotland continued to work with the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency (DVLA) to have vehicles removed; and
- (6) Police Scotland continued to attend Community Council meetings across the ward to maintain engagement and work collaboratively with all members.

After consideration, the Partnership,

- (a) noted the report;
- (b) thanked Inspector Mark for all the hard work carried out within the ward by Police Scotland; and
- (c) requested that Police Scotland
 - (i) contact the Medical Centre at Bardowie Street to reassure the staff that they are aware of the vehicles parked along the road beside the health centre near the garage, as well as the ongoing fly-tipping issues on the adjoining garage grounds; and
 - (ii) attend Possilpark Community Council meetings on Tuesdays at 1800 hours, as there had been no Police presence for some time now.

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

5 There was heard and noted a report by Station Commander James Sullivan, 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 146 incidents within the ward, 33 total fires, 16 accidental dwelling fires, 17 deliberate fires and 36 unwanted fire alarm signals;
- (2) that there had been 304 Home Fire Safety Visits of which 54 had taken place within the ward;

- (3) of the ongoing community engagement efforts that continued to address and prevent antisocial behaviour; and
- (4) of the PAFS (Police, Ambulance, Fire Service) course, which was set to take place in Maryhill however due to unforeseen circumstances had been postponed to the near future.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report;
- (b) thanked Station Commander Sullivan for the update and the work carried out by the fire service within the ward; and
- (c) requested that Scottish Fire and Rescue Service work in partnership with Police Scotland to investigate the ongoing fireworks being set off most nights near the Westercommon flats and to identify those responsible and possible enforcement action.

Festive Lighting 2026/27 update noted etc.

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) 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 Canal 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 additional funding of £10,230 in principle pending further information at the next meeting; and

- (c) that under point 4 of the report, 'Hawthorn Street/Ashgill Street' was listed, however, this should instead read 'Hawthorn Street/Ashfield Street.'

Area Budget 2025/26 - Final monitoring statement noted.

7 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 £108,958.95 had been allocated to various projects in the Canal Ward, representing a 100% spend.

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 Canal Area Partnership's Budget allocation for 2026/27 was £114,353 and that £9,685 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £104,668;
- (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>
Love Milton – Block Party and Gala Day	Towards the costs of a Block Party which will be held on 25th June and the Gala Day on the 8th August 2026 and the events will be organised by local	Awarded £6,500

	organisations such as LoveMilton, The ARC and Milton Community Council	
*Queens Cross Community Foundation	Towards the cost of the Queen's Cross Gala Day event on the 15th of August 2026 at Firhill Complex	Awarded £2,935
Queens Cross Housing Association	Towards the cost of running a generational project involving neighbours, area residents and the wider community to raise awareness of the importance of age-appropriate housing	Refused due to being out with the ward
The GK Experience – Spring to Summer Programme	Towards the cost of spring and summer programme of engagement with young people in the Canal Ward through sessions relating to sport and outdoor activities	Awarded £1,960 on the condition that the organisation present at a future meeting
Clay Community Church	Towards the cost of improvements to their shop front at 'The Grove' on Saracen Street and the church building at Bardowie Street	Continued for consideration to the next meeting
Hawthorn Housing Co-operative – World Cup Street Party	Towards the cost of a community street party to celebrate the Scotland men's team qualifying for the world cup on Saturday 13th June 2026 between 11am-2pm	Awarded £450
International Women's Group – Providing for new Scots women through a project worker	Towards the cost of an additional project worker for the project to assist with advocacy work and integration work	Continued for consideration to the next meeting
**North United Communities – Opera Event at Stockingfield Bridge	Towards the cost of the annual opera event at Stockingfield Bridge and is a collaboration between North United Communities and Make it Glasgow, taking place on 4th July 2026	Awarded £1,885

Ruchill Early Years	Towards the cost of upgrading the garden and bringing currently disused area on the nursery grounds into active use	Awarded £7,305.97
Hamilton Claypits – Solar Power Generator	Towards the cost of installing solar panels and generators to enhance the availability of the container previously funded by Canal Area Partnership	Awarded £9,240 with the condition that they provide the location of the equipment
Glasgow Tool Library – Repair Club	Towards the cost of start-up costs for a project which would engage local 18-25 year olds in developing practical skills and improve employability through engagement in the project	Awarded £1,980
Children’s Summer Camp Association – Summer Camp 2026	Towards the cost of a residential for 20 young people to Bonaly Scout Centre in Edinburgh and will be facilitated by a group of volunteers	Awarded £1,500 on the condition that any award is not used towards insurance or pocket money
Stepping Stones for Families – Garden Upgrade	Towards the cost of upgrading garden equipment in the Possilpark Child and Family Centre	Awarded £1,677.45
Concrete Garden – Back Garden Fence Replacement	Towards the cost of a replacement fence and removal of the old one	Continued for consideration at the next meeting

*Sadie Gordon declared an interest in this item of business and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon.

**Jill Mackay declared an interest in this item of business and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund – Progress noted – Projects approved etc.

9 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; and
- (2) approved the following 4 projects each at a cost of £5,000 as shown in table 1 in respect of Ref (16-016) – 2 picnic benches at Scaraway Play Park, Ref (16-017) – 2 accessible benches for mobility issues at Scaraway Play Park, Ref (16-020) – Picnic bench under trees at Castlebay Play Park and Ref (16-021) – 2 accessible benches for at Castlebay Play Park.

Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership – Update noted.

10 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 noted the report and thanked Mhairi Shepherd.

Living Well Community Referral – Presentation noted.

11 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 Canal;
- (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.