Item 1

24th November 2026

DENNISTOUN AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Minutes of meeting held on 15th September 2026, City Chambers, Glasgow.

Present: Bailie Anthony Carroll (Chair), Councillor Allan Casey and Councillor Elaine McDougall, Glasgow City Council; Inspector Lindsay Scott, Police Scotland; Ceri Chalmers, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Ruth Johnston, Dennistoun Community Council; Andy Cuthbertson, Rosemount Development Trust; Charles Lunn, Spireview Housing Association; and Helen Douglas and Ross MacPhail, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Apologies: Chief Inspector Hannah Edward, Police Scotland; Station Commander Craig Rider, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; and Kenny Trainer, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network.

Attending: L Richards (Clerk); K McIntosh and A McLinden (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance); D Dunsire, M Gordon and C Keane (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability); and J Hope, Pride in Place Programme

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

1 The minutes of the previous meetings of 28th April 2026 and 13th May 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,

(1) Michelle Main had sadly passed away and Helen Douglas would now be a co-opted member for Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability;

(2) Kirsteen Marshall was no longer the representative for Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network, leaving the position vacant;

(3) Josephine Donachy was no longer the representative for Milnbank Housing Association, leaving the position vacant;

(4) Chief Inspector Hannah Edwards had replaced Chief Inspector Maxwell Shaw as the representative for Police Scotland; and

(5) Station Commander Craig Rider had replaced Station Commander Russell McKinlay as the representative and Station Commander Russell McKinlay had replaced Station Commander John Allan as the substitute representative for Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

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

3 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS) providing an update on the progress of the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund (NIIF) and governance arrangements, advising that

(1) the NIIF provided an opportunity to implement participatory budgeting at a scale with an approved budget that was set in 2021/22 of £23 million and that £1 million of this was allocated to each ward;

(2) the funding was capital expenditure and therefore could be carried forward to be spent in future financial years, although should be fully committed by March 2027; and

(3) of the progress to date, as detailed in appendix 1 of this report.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report;

(b) agreed

(i) to approve options 1 and 2 of Ref 22-011a- changes/updates to pathways at Ark Lane - as detailed in the report, at a cost of £253,767;

(ii) to add Ref 22-029 - remedial works to Mausoleum to make this wind and watertight – to Ref 22-013, and add the remaining NIIF budget totalling £24,083.32 to the sum already allocated to Ref 22-013, to allow the total of £50,000 to be allocated to the work on the Mausoleum, and for this to be carried out as part of the wider Necropolis works; and

(iii) that the Chair would approach the Pride in Place forum to request that Ref 22-018 – outdoor exercise equipment in Sighthill Park – as detailed in the report, be considered as part of the Pride in Place project; and

(c) Requested that the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability

(i) provide costings for a permanent camera installation in respect of Ref 22-008 – CCTV at Onslow Drive and Alexandra Park Street – as

detailed in the report, so that any available funds returned from rejected CCTV proposals could be ringfenced for this proposal;

(ii) provide designs and drawings relating to the feasibility study carried out in respect of Ref 22-011a – changes to pathway/updates at Ark Lane;

(iii) provide a report of investigations into alternative funding for the restoration of the Saracen Fountain in respect of Ref 22-026, as detailed in the report, to a future meeting;

(iv) formally requested that Ref 22-028 – ground clearance for creation of memorial garden and columbarium at the Necropolis – as detailed in the report, be carried out under business as usual; and

(v) provide a full update on Ref 22-013 – Eastern entrance at Necropolis – as detailed in the report and bring this to the next Partnership meeting.

The Partnership requested that it be highlighted that the other proposals in the report had not been able to be progressed due to limited funding and that they would encourage for other areas of funding be explored to take these issues forward.

Pride in Place Programme: Springburn and Sighthill 2026/36 – Update noted etc – Request to Head of Policy and Corporate Governance.

4 There was heard and noted a progress report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance advising

(1) of the Springburn and Sighthill Pride in Place budget position for 2026/2036; submissions to date, and governance arrangements in development;

(2) that Springburn & Sighthill had been selected to receive funding of up to £20 million over a ten-year period, enabling long-term investment in projects that would create thriving places, strengthen communities and empower local people to influence the future of their neighbourhoods;

(3) the key feature of the Programme was the establishment of Neighbourhood Boards, placing local people at the centre of decisions around how funding was invested in their communities;

(4) the Neighbourhood Board was responsible for preparing a Regeneration Plan that set out a shared vision for Springburn/Sighthill over the next 10 years; and

(5) that all four relevant Area Partnerships in both Pride in Place areas were notified of the process to identify board Chairs with letters sent out by the MP's office to 7,000 households in the area, informing them about the PIP programme, and asking for expressions of interest in joining the board.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report;

(b) requested that the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance confirm if the Royston area was included in the programme as the boundary map was not clear; and

(c) thanked Andrew McLinden and Jim Hope for the update.

Police Scotland Ward update noted.

5 There was heard a report by Inspector Lindsay Scott, Police Scotland, advising the Partnership that

(1) the summer period had been challenging with various spontaneous protests requiring a lot of Police resources;

(2) crime in general was down 5% on the same period last year;

(3) common assault had reduced from 18 to 25 over the last three months and overall was down on last year's statistics;

(4) theft by shoplifting had reduced by 44% over the last 3 months and the Retail Crime Force were focusing on this;

(5) there had been a targeted approach through school engagement on offensive weapons, resulting in incidents doubling in the last 3 months, however this had reduced from last year;

(6) proactive work had seen drug supply charges reducing in the last 3 months;

(7) community policing had been challenging due to resources being used to police various protests and disorder across the city;

(8) E-bikes remained a huge issue and the road policing unit were looking at a targeted approach on dealing with the anti-social behaviour related to these;

(9) anti-social behaviour had remained static over the past 3 months; and

(10) hate crime rates had increased across the division but that there had been no recent incidents in the Dennistoun Ward.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report and thanked Inspector Scott for the update; and

(b) raised a number of questions and concerns that were addressed by Inspector Scott.

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

6 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 Dennistoun Area Partnership's Budget allocation for 2026/27 was £67,823 and that £36,386 had been allocated to date; leaving a balance of £31,347;

(3) of the 2 applications that had been dealt with under delegated authority, as detailed in the report;

(4) of the 2 ineligible applications, as detailed in the report; and

(5) 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; and

(b) dealt with applications for funding as follows, the grant awards being subject to the conditions detailed in the report:

Applicant	*Purpose of application*	*Decision*
East End Community Carers	Towards the cost of a trial 5 weekly programme of age appropriate activities for 25 late primary school and early secondary aged autistic children and young people	Awarded £382
Active Schools	Towards the cost of delivering cycling and boxing sessions in local schools, with session being delivered by Bluevale Community Club	Awarded £5,100
Wise Mentoring	Towards the cost of providing a mentoring programme for approximately 60 children aged 9-	Awarded £3,842

	11 across four primary schools in the ward	
The Halliday Foundation	Towards funding a Community Connect Programme, including purchasing age appropriate games, sporting and activity equipment for youth groups and starting a group for older residents	Awarded £2,760