

HILLHEAD AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Minutes of meeting held on 29th January 2026, City Chambers, Glasgow

Present: Councillor Ken Andrew (Chair), Bailie Seonad Hoy and Bailie Martha Wardrop, Glasgow City Council; Inspector Iain Sibbald, Police Scotland; Station Commander James Sullivan, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Lyndsay Thomson, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Patricia Grant, North Kelvin Community Council; Stewart Leighton, Woodlands and Park Community Council; Tunweer Malik, BME Representative; Eoghan Morris, Students' Representative Council, University of Glasgow; and Matthew Gordon, Scottish Youth Parliament.

Also present: Group Commander Lucy Donaldson, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

Apologies: Anna Dyer, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network; and Charlotte Noble, Hillhead Community Council.

Attending: N Palmer (Clerk); T Monaghan (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance); M Neil and J MacDonald (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability).

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

1 The minutes of 4th November 2025 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 membership of this Partnership, advising

- (1) Ramzan Shah had been nominated as the substitute representative for Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network; and
- (2) Tunweer Malik had been nominated as the representative for BME Representative and Joginder Paul Singh Makar had been nominated as the substitute representative for BME representative replacing Nand Lal Khurana.

Community Planning Partnership – Governance Framework - Register of Interests noted.

3 There was submitted and noted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration advising the Partnership of the requirements in relation to the

Community Planning Partnership Governance Framework regarding the registration and declaration of members' interests and detailing those interests which had been declared by members of the Partnership, as detailed in the report.

Police Scotland ward update noted.

4 There was heard and noted a report by Inspector Iain Sibbald, Police Scotland, advising the Partnership

- (1) that the new Chief Inspector for the area would be Chief Inspector Karen Cameron;
- (2) that Police video body cameras were being rolled out which would commence in March 2026 with officers undertaking online training;
- (3) that reported incidents had decreased by 10.6% since the previous meeting;
- (4) the crimes recorded within the ward had slightly increased due to more stop and search being carried out by officers;
- (5) that theft was an ongoing issue within the ward and was up by 27%, this mainly being shop lifting incidents with work being carried out by Police Scotland's shop lifting team to tackle this;
- (6) that vehicle theft, sexual assault and fraud had decreased, however online fraud was still an ongoing issue;
- (7) of the meeting that had taken place with Police Scotland, Ward Councillors, business owners and residents to discuss possible ways to reduce shop lifting within the ward;
- (8) that Officers were more proactive around Chez Nous and incidents had decreased due to the weather, which could increase in the better weather; and
- (9) of the ongoing issues with e-bikes and Deliveroo drivers parking at schools which was being monitored and that enforcement action against illegal bikes continued.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) thanked Inspector Sibbald 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 Inspector Sibbald.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service ward update noted – Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

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 3, from 1st October to 31st December 2026, advising the Partnership

- (1) of the 7 accidental dwelling fires, 10 deliberate fires, 30 unwanted fire alarm signals, 3 non-fire casualties and no fatalities however 2 non-fire fatalities were recorded as a result of SFRS forcing entrance to properties where partners had a cause for concern for occupants;
- (2) that there had been 254 Home Fire Safety Visits of which 43 were carried out within the ward and 198 Fire safety audits completed in the North West Area; and
- (3) of the PAFS (Police, Ambulance, Fire Service) course, which had taken place in the Calton, Easterhouse and Pollock area of the city, giving teenagers experience of emergency services roles, which would be rolled out to the north west area this year.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report; and
- (b) thanked Station Commander Sullivan for the update and the work carried out by the fire service within the ward; and
- (c) requested that
 - (i) Scottish Fire and Rescue Service work in partnership with Glasgow City Council's (GCC) North West refuse depot site managers at Dalshom Road to raise awareness on how to dispose of batteries safely; and
 - (ii) the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability work collaboratively with Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, the GCC's cleansing team and bin lorry workers to raise awareness around the disposal of batteries to limit battery fires.

Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership – Update noted – Request to Chief Officer, 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 west of the city, advising

- (1) that Care Opinion was an independent organisation and a website for parents, families and carers to share their experiences which could be accessed at www.careopinion.org.uk and further information could be found using ggc.paitentexperience@nhs.scot
- (2) NHSGGC was committed to Equality, Diversity and Inclusion through a range of ongoing strands; Workforce Equality Action Plan, Workforce Equality Group, Staff Equality Forums and Networks and Once for Scotland Workforce Polices as detailed in the report;
- (3) of the official opening of the Parkhead Hub which was formally opened on 8th December 2025, by First Minister John Swinney;
- (4) of the Glasgow Child Interview Team using the trauma-informed approach called the Scottish Child Interview Model (SCIM), as detailed in the report;
- (5) that Glasgow City Health and Social Partnership (HSCP) was taking part in a Scottish Government pilot to reduce the number of people waiting to move from hospital wards to more appropriate settings, as detailed in the report;
- (6) of the ongoing significant improvement focus on NHSGGC's maternity and neonatal services, as detailed in the report; and
- (7) of the NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde's Cut it Out programme – Equally Safe At Work (EsaW) which addresses serious Gender-Based Violence (GBV) which stems from gender inequality, and further information could be found at <https://www.gov.scot/policies/violence-against-women-and-girls/>

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report; and
- (b) requested the Chief Officer of Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership to
 - (i) co-ordinate visits to a cluster of local bed and breakfasts for the Partnership to evaluate the quality of standards and services provided to vulnerable residents within the ward; and
 - (i) to examine lighting on Napierhalls Street following a Christmas Day incident, to address safety concerns raised by elderly residents and to support Home Care staff and Health Visitors working in the area.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund – Progress update – Declaration of interest.

7 With reference to the minutes of 1st April 2025 noting the progress of the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund (NIIF), there was submitted a

report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding the matter, advising

- (1) of the background to the £1m NIFF programme;
- (2) of the criteria for the Fund, as detailed in the report and that all NIFF proposals must be approved at an Area Partnership meeting before being passed to Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability for costings;
- (3) that Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability had now established governance arrangements, as detailed in Appendices 2 and 3 of the report for the funding of murals through NIFF;
- (4) of the progress to date, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report of the proposals which had previously been submitted for estimate, proposals requiring more information and a summary of the committed and actual spend to date; and
- (5) of the proposal to the Partnership to refurbish Kelvingrove Calisthenics Park by repairing existing equipment and additional kit, this being a small outdoor fitness area adjacent to the Kelvinbridge area and close to the Eldon Street entrance of Kelvingrove Park which would benefit the Hillhead ward.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) approved
 - (i) project ref 11-023 at a cost of £9,500; and
 - (ii) to fund £13,000 from the NIFF fund towards the cost of refurbishing the Kelvingrove Calisthenics Park, as detailed in appendix 4 and 5; and
- (b) noted that to date a total of £932,753.54 had been committed for NIFF projects within the ward and that the actual spend to date was £805,961.54.

Baillie Wardrop declared an interest in this item of business and took no part in the discussion thereon.

Area Budget 2025/26 – Applications for funding dealt with.

8 With reference to the minutes of the Council's City Administration Committee of 13th March 2025, when the committee approved the 2025/26 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 2025/26; and

- (2) that the Hillhead Area Partnership's Budget allocation for 2025/26 was £61,839 and that £61,839 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £0.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the position regarding the Area Budget allocation for 2025/26; and
- (b) the application dealt with under delegated functions, as detailed in the report.

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

9 There was submitted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance, advising

- (1) that the Area Budget had still to be agreed by the City Administration Committee and any revisions to Area Budget allocations for 2026/27 would be detailed in a future report;
- (2) that Area Partnerships had the option to approve a portion of funds from its 2026/27 Area Budget at the January/February 2025 cycle of meetings for any projects/services that would take place early in the 2026/27 financial year;
- (3) that any funding recommended would be subject to confirmation of available finances; and
- (4) that any applications considered at the January/February 2026 cycle of meetings should be time critical.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted
 - (i) that the Area Budget allocations for 2026/27 were subject to availability of funds following approval of Glasgow City Council's 2026/27 budget, with any revisions to current levels of budget being subject to a future report;
 - (ii) the interim arrangements which enabled the allocation of a portion of the funding from the 2026/27 Area Budget in the January/February cycle for time critical applications; and
 - (iii) that time critical awards of up to £750 could be allocated from the 2026/27 budget under the existing delegated authority arrangements; and
- (b) dealt with the application 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> |
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| Make it Glasgow – Hillhead ‘The Big Scale Make’ Community Event April 2026 | Towards the cost of running community art workshops that invited residents of Hillhead to collaborate in an unique public art project | Awarded £5,826, with the condition that the project recognises the contribution of Hillhead Area Partnership and participation of Hillhead residents with an installation of an acknowledgement plaque at the Stockingfield Bridge. |

- (c) agreed the playscheme award for spring, summer and October holiday periods as follows:-

| Playscheme | Venue | Spring 2026 | Summer 2026 | October 2026 | Total Award |
|---|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Breakthrough Playscheme | 4 Maryhill Road | £460 | £1,449 | £230 | £2,139 |
| Glasgow’s Women’s Aid – West End 1 Playscheme | Confidential | £440 | £1,408 | £220 | £2,068 |

Agenda setting update noted.

10 There was submitted and noted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance regarding an agenda programme for future items of business.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (1) noted the report; and
- (2) agreed to forward any items for the agenda setting programme for this Partnership to Inderpreet Sigh before the 2nd of March 2026.

Future meeting dates approved.

11 The dates of the 2026 meetings were submitted and approved by the Partnership as detailed below.

Tuesday 31st March 2026 at 1400 hours;
Tuesday 25th August 2026 at 1400 hours; and
Tuesday 3rd November 2026 at 1400 hours.