

CANAL AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Minutes of meeting held on 6th February 2026, Saracen House, Glasgow.

Present: Councillor Allan Gow (Chair), and Lord Provost Jacqueline McLaren, 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 Interface Network; Graham Elliot, Parkhouse Community Council; Heather Roberston, Milton Community Council; and Sadie Gordon, Possilpark Community Council.

Apologies: Councillor Fiona Higgins, and Councillor Robert Mooney, Glasgow City Council; Ann McGinley, Ruchill Community Council; and Ross MacPhail, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

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

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

1 The minutes of 14th November 2025 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

- (1) Heather Roberston had been nominated as the representative and Nancy Bryson had been nominated as the substitute representative for Milton Community Council; and
- (2) Chief Inspector Mhairi Crawford had replaced Chief Inspector Declan Todd as representative for Police Scotland.

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 a report by Inspector Emma Mark, Police Scotland, advising the partnership that;

- (1) violence figures had decreased across the ward and this was a positive reflection of the drive in work for community engagement that had been carried out;
- (2) Police Scotland would be reintroducing 'Coffee with a Cop' at the local libraries which would be up and running by the end of February 2026;
- (3) 3 part-time school police campus officers had been assigned to schools across the north west area to continue to work with the youths;
- (4) there had been a reduction in house break ins across the ward which was very positive;
- (6) Police Scotland had linked in with Glasgow City Council, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability and RSPCA regarding the ongoing issue of dog fouling within the ward; and
- (7) fly tipping was an on-going issue across the ward and was a city-wide problem that needed addressed with Police Scotland keen to get involved in littering campaigns such as 'Clean for Green' to support this.

After consideration, the Partnership,

- (a) noted the report; and
- (b) thanked Inspector Mark for all the hard work carried out within the ward by Police Scotland.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service ward update noted.

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 152 incidents within the ward, 7 accidental dwelling fires, 24 deliberate fires, 40 unwanted fire alarm signals;
- (2) that there had been 254 Home Fire Safety Visits of which 35 had taken place within the ward; 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.

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

6 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>
Cadder Primary School	Towards the cost of a residential trip to Blairvadach Outdoor Centre in June 2026 for 31 Primary 7 children to attend	Awarded £1,500
Community Events Scotland – Easter Family Fun Day	Towards the cost of running a community event at Lambhill Stables on Sunday 5th April 2026	Awarded £4,595
Achieve More Scotland	Toward the cost to organise a Friday night programme at St. Roch's Secondary School for approximately 70 young people to take part in various activities	Awarded £1,428

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

Playscheme	Venue	Spring 2026	Summer 2026	October 2026	Total Award
Glasgow's Women's Aid	Confidential	£460	£1,472	£230	£2,162

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

7 With reference to the minutes of 14th November 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 NIIF programme;
- (2) of the criteria for the Fund, as detailed in the report and that all NIIF 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 NIIF; and
- (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.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) agreed not to approve any of the projects detailed in Table 1 until the estimates had been finalised, with the remainder of NIIF fund set to be committed at the upcoming April 2026 meeting;
- (b) requested that the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability remove references 16-018 and 16-019 as these projects should not have been tabled and were not ideas which were previously identified by the Partnership nor agreed by the Chair; and
- (c) noted that to date a total of £634,821.52 had been committed for NIIF projects within the ward and that the actual spend to date was £412,022.05, leaving a balance of £387,977.95.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund (NIIF) - Community Engagement noted etc – Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability

8 With reference to the minutes of 5th September 2025, providing an update on Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund (NIIF) Community Engagement, there was submitted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance providing additional NIIF ideas that had been submitted and NIIF allocation options to consider, as detailed in the appendices to the report.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report; and
- (b) requested the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability provide costings for the following project ideas:-
 - (i) upgrade/renew pedestrian crossing including reinstating zebra crossing and zig-zag lining near 56 Skirsa Street, Cadder, G23 5BA; and
 - (ii) levelling up and resurfacing of footpath with open space/parkland between Ashfields Street and Claddens Quadrant, Parkhouse.

Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership – Update noted.

9 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) thanked Mhairi for the update and the Chair expressed appreciation for receiving the report in advance of the meeting.

Future meeting dates approved.

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

Friday 17th April 2026 at 1000 hours;
Friday 4th September 2026 at 1000 hours; and
Friday 13th November 2026 at 1000 hours.