

EAST CENTRE AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Minutes of meeting held on 28th January 2026, Barlanark Community Centre, Glasgow.

Present: Councillor Declan Blench (Chair), Sergeant Craig Thomson, Police Scotland; Station Commander John Allan, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Narjes Mehdizadeh, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Kenny Highlands, Cranhill Community Council; Alison Cairns, Springboig and Barlanark Community Council; Eddie Cusick, Calvay Housing Association; and Marie Ward, Cranhill Development Trust.

Also present: Sergeant Debbie Cameron, Police Scotland; and Maire Cairns, Cranhill Community Council.

Apologies: Bailie Annette Christie, Bailie Ann Jenkins and Councillor Kieran Turner, Glasgow City Council; Chief Inspector Max Shaw and Inspector Lindsay Scott, Police Scotland; and Sharon Baldwin, Fuse Youth Café.

Attending: A Wyber (Clerk); A Moore (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance); and R Noble (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability).

Death of Gerry Baldwin.

1 The Convener referred to the death of Gerry Baldwin, Chief Executive Officer, the Pavillion and Fuse who had died suddenly on 22nd November 2025. The Partnership extended their condolences to his family.

Appointment of substitute approved.

2 In terms of paragraph 6.10 of the Governance Framework, the Partnership noted that in the absence of the representative and the substitute representative for Police Scotland, the Chair had approved the attendance of Sergeant Craig Thomson, Police Scotland.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

3 The minutes of the previous meeting of 5th November 2025 were submitted and approved.

Glasgow Community Planning Partnership Governance Framework – Membership noted.

4 There was submitted and noted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration providing an update regarding the membership of this Partnership, advising that

- (1) Kenny Highlands had been nominated as the representative for Cranhill Community Council, replacing Marie McCairns;
- (2) Marie McCairns had been nominated as the substitute representative for Cranhill Community Council, replacing Gwen McCann;
- (3) Alison Cairns had been nominated as the representative for Springboig and Barlanark Community Council, replacing Paul Conroy; and
- (4) Andrew Stewart had been nominated as the substitute for Springboig and Barlanark Community Council, replacing Alison Cairns.

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

5 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.

Variation in order of business.

6 In terms of the Governance Framework, the Partnership agreed to vary the order of business as hereinafter minuted.

Police Scotland ward update noted etc.

7 There was heard a report by Sergeant Craig Thomson, Police Scotland, advising the Partnership that

- (1) crimes of violence had reduced significantly, nearly by half and the number of crimes of dishonesty had been minimum, however there had been an increase in the number of crimes committed;
- (2) drug offences had increased, which was a result of Police Scotland's success in dealing with such offences; and
- (3) traffic offences such as speeding had increased, and Police Scotland would continue to conduct targeted days of actions and sustained actions to tackle this issue.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report;
- (b) highlighted concerns regarding speeding traffic within the Ward; and
- (c) thanked Sergeant Thomson for the update and the work carried out by Police Scotland in the ward.

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

8 With reference to the minutes of 5th November 2024 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) approved project Reference 18-010 - installation of permanent static CCTV camera, project Reference 18-020 - repair and replacement of steps, project Reference 18-021 - provision of 4 new benches, project reference 18,022 - installation of zebra or pedestrian crossing, project Reference 18-025 - replacement of steps and installation of new handrail, project Reference 18-026 - installation of CCTV camera, project Reference 18-032 - renewal of lighting, project Reference 18-036 - stairs and handrail, project Reference 18-037 - provision of CCTV camera and Gadie Street - removal of waste, palisade fencing, concrete blocks and skip hire, project Reference 18-024 - installation of speed bumps, project Reference 18-034 - provision of pedestrian crossing, project Reference 18-035 - provision of pedestrian crossing or Zebra crossing and project Reference 18-036 - replacement of handrail;
- (b) agreed

- (i) to withdraw project Reference 18-004 - installation of fencing at greenspace, project Reference 18-008 - provision of lighting on pathway at pedestrian bridge over M8 at Cranhill, project Reference 18-023 - provision of new traffic signage to reduce speed, project Reference 18-028 - walkway around inside of Cranhill Park;
 - (ii) that the works requested for project Reference 18-028 - walkway within Cranhill Park now be included within the works for project Reference 18-016 - improvements at Cranhill Park; and
 - (iii) to continue consideration of project Reference 18-030 - greenspace between Strone Road and Cranhill Primary School for Marie Ward, Cranhill Development Trust to confirm whether or not this was the land at St Gregory's School; and
- (c) requested that the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability provide details for costings for
- (i) the sensory garden at Cranhill Water Tower to be relocated at Cranhill Park, as part of the Cranhill Park improvements and to look at carrying out a consultation;
 - (ii) project Reference 18-033 - Installation of handrail and barrier; and
 - (iii) a new project for the provision of CCTV at Cockenzie Street;
- (d) noted
- (i) that Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Services would provide further information in relation to project Reference 18-006 - provision of speedbumps, project Reference 18-027 - provision of CCTV camera at play area, project Reference 18-031 - provision of equipment for Kerrera Road, Barlanark Park, project Reference 18-038 - demolition of the toilets at Carntyne Square and the retention of the existing utilities and project Reference 18-029 - commemoration of 65th anniversary of Cranhill Park; and
 - (ii) that Marie Ward, Cranhill Development Trust and Kenny Highlands, Cranhill Community Council would be the contacts that officers in Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Services would engage with in relation to progressing project Reference 18-016 - improvements at Cranhill Park.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service ward update noted etc.

9 There was submitted a report by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, regarding the current issues, incidents and work being carried out in the ward for Quarter 3, from 1st October to 31st December 2025, advising the Partnership that

- (1) the service had attended 611 incidents in the North-East area, these being 113 fires, 101 non-fire incidents and 241 false alarms;
- (2) there had been 12 road traffic collisions, with 9 incidents having non-fatal casualties and 2 of the incidents had resulted in people being rescued by Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; and
- (3) of the deliberate fires in the North-East area, 32 were refuse, 6 were vehicles and 8 were fly tipping.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report;
- (b) raised concerns regarding increased fly tipping in the Ward; and
- (c) thanked Station Commander Allan for his updates.

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

10 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 East Centre Area Partnership’s budget for 2025/26;
- (2) that the East Centre Area Partnership’s Budget allocation for 2025/26 was £114,591 and that £107,699 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £6,892; and
- (3) of the applications for funding from the East Centre Area Budget for 2025/26.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted
 - (i) the position regarding the Area Budget allocation for 2025/26; and
 - (ii) the 5 applications dealt with under the Delegated Functions, as detailed in the report; and
- (b) dealt with the applications for funding as follows, the grant awards being subject to the conditions detailed in the report:

<i>Application</i>	<i>Purpose of application</i>	<i>Decision</i>
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Budhill Family Learning Centre	Towards the cost of equipment for a new Sensory room to help create a calm environment for children who required a quiet space	Awarded £2,432
Buddies out of School Care	Towards the cost of kitchen equipment to provide snacks for 67 children on a daily basis	Awarded £1,709
St Thomas RC Primary School	Towards the cost of equipment to promote a nurturing play-based environment to support children's health and wellbeing through play	Awarded £1,924