

GARSCADDEN/SCOTSTOUNHILL AREA PARTNERSHIP.

Minutes of meeting held on 3rd February 2026, Knightswood Community Centre.

Present: Councillor Malcolm Mitchell (Chair), Councillor Bill Butler, Councillor Chris Cunningham and Bailie Eva Murray, Glasgow City Council; Inspector Siobhan Paterson, Police Scotland; Station Commander, Kenneth MacSwan, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Sandra Barber, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Lainy Bedingfield, Kingsway Community Connections; Scott Donaldson, Scotstoun Community Council; Sandy Busby, Yoker Community Council; Jamie O'Neill, Kingsway Youth Project and Ross MacPhail, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Attending: J Crawford (Clerk); and K Gannon (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance).

Minutes of previous meeting approved etc.

1 The minutes of 4th November 2025 were submitted and approved, subject to noting that Councillor Mitchell had advised that the switch on event at 722 Anniesland Road had not taken place in 2025 and following discussions with the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability the funds would be re-allocated from the 2025 Festive Lighting programme to this years 2026 programme.

Glasgow Community Planning Partnership Governance Framework – Membership update 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, no changes have been made to the membership.

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 verbal update by Inspector Siobhan Paterson, Police Scotland, advising the Partnership that

- (1) Chief Inspector Karen Cameron had replaced Chief Inspector Colin MacLucas as Area Commander for the North West;
- (2) the police survey would continue until the 31st March 2026
<https://consult.scotland.police.uk/strategy-insight-and-innovation/your-police-2025-2026>
- (3) some incidents of anti-social behaviour had been reported at Knightswood shopping centre;
- (4) Operation Close Pass had been implemented to inform drivers of the dangers of passing too close to cyclists; and
- (5) there had been incidents of doors being tried so advising people to be vigilant.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report and thanked Inspector Paterson for the update and all the work carried out by Police Scotland within the ward; and
- (b) requested that a further meeting be held for the Youth Strategy, with Councillor Mitchell indicating that he would make the arrangements.

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 Kenneth MacSwan, 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 2025, advising the Partnership

- (1) that the service had attended 1,083 incidents in the North West area that included 230 fires, 218 non-fire incidents and 553 false alarms, 276 Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS) with 3 non-fire fatalities recorded;
- (2) of the 12 road traffic collisions in the North West Area, there were 0 non-fatal casualties and 1 person rescued by firefighters;
- (3) of the accidental dwelling fire casualties 3 were non-fatal casualties, 2 were fatal casualties and 2 people were rescued by firefighters;
- (4) that there had been 254 Home Fire Safety checks completed in the North West Area; and
- (5) that an abandoned caravan has been set on fire at Balmoral Street, there had been unclear process identifying who to report this too.

After consideration, the Partnership agreed that Councillor Mitchell would contact the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability to get clarity on how to report abandoned vehicles and would provide an update to a future meeting.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund (NIIF) update noted etc – Funding approved – Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

6 With reference to the minutes of 16th April 2025, 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 a progress update in relation to the NIIF, including proposals submitted for estimate and a summary of committed spend and actual spend for the ward, as detailed in tables 1 and 3.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (1) noted the proposals and spend to date, as detailed in the report; and
- (2) approved the estimates for work to be programmed on the following projects:-
 - (a) 13-015 - £9,500 - 1 re-deployable camera at Earl Street;
 - (b) 13-016 - £9,500 - 1 re-deployable camera at Larchfield Avenue;
 - (c) 13-020 - £9,500 - 1 re-deployable camera at Balmoral Street, exact location to be identified;
 - (d) 13-022 - £9,500 - 1 re-deployable camera at Harland Street;
 - (e) 13-002 – £120,000 - replacement fence at Ellerslie Walkway; and
 - (f) 13-004 – £13,570 - fence to be installed at Daisy Park.
- (3) requested that the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability provide further information to the next meeting on the following projects:
 - (a) 13-008 – R MacPhail would liaise with Safety Cameras Scotland and ask what information was restricted, as only data on vehicle movement that had been requested;
 - (b) 13-009 – costing for fencing around Clyde Campus;
 - (c) 13-014 – road markings at Scotstoun Avenue, continued pending a site visit; and

- (d) DRC – Yoker Sports Centre proposal approved to be added to the table for the next meeting.

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

7 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;
- (2) that the Garscadden/Scotstounhill Area Partnership’s Budget allocation for 2025/26 was £87,056 and to date had committed a total of £66,341 to various projects in the area, leaving a balance of £20,715; and
- (3) of the applications for funding from the Area Budget for 2025/26.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the position regarding the Area Budget allocations for 2025/26; and
- (b) dealt with the applications for funding as follows, the grant award being subject to the conditions detailed in the report:

Applicant	Purpose	Decision
Halo Arts	Towards the cost of beginning an 8 week pilot of youth theatre in Scotstoun on Thursday nights in Heart of Scotstoun Community Centre.	Continued consideration to a future meeting
Police Scotland G Division	Towards the cost of equipment to be distributed to women and girls in schools and groups within the Garscadden/Scotstounhill ward.	Awarded £5,552.46
DRC Youth Project	Towards the cost of construction focused training and development programme which is linked to the redevelopment of Yoker Sports Hall through the People Make Glasgow Communities Programme.	Awarded £9.000

*Kingsway Connections Towards the cost to provide a 9- Awarded £1,700
week boxing class for 10 Young
people in the
Garscadden/Scotstounhill Ward.

Yoker Community Towards the cost of roof repairs. Awarded £4,250
Development Campus

*Lainey Bedingfield and Jamie O'Neill declared an interest in this item took no part in the discussion or decision thereon.

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

8 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 2026 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 for time critical applications;
 - (iii) that time critical awards of up to £500 could be allocated from the 2026/27 budget under the existing delegated authority arrangements; and
- (b) dealt with an application for funding as follows, the grant awards being subject to the conditions detailed in the report:-

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Decision</i>
Clyde Primary School	Towards the cost of support a residential trip to Blairvadach Outdoor Centre from the 27th April to 1st May 2026 for 49 primary 7 pupils in the school.	Awarded £1,500

Local Parks and Open Space Improvement Fund update noted.

9 There was submitted a report by Kevin McCormick, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, regarding the Local Parks and Open Space Improvement Fund providing an update on projects allocated within the ward for years 2021/22 and 2022/23, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (1) raised questions and concerns that were answered by Mr McCormick; and
- (2) noted that the water levels at Knightswood Pond had remained constant.

Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership - Ward update noted.

10 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 Ward, advising

- (1) that the Cut it Out programme addressed the serious issue of Gender-Based Violence, which stemmed from gender inequality and disproportionately affected women, information can be found on this link <https://www.equallysafeatwork.scot/> .
- (2) that the Glasgow Child Interview Team was made up of specially trained social workers and police officers who worked together to interview children and young people who had been victims of abuse or crime or had seen a crime happen;
- (3) that the Parkhead hub had been opened by First Minister John Swinney on 8th December 2025, which brought together a wide range of- services into a single location.