

LINN AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Minutes of meeting held on 23rd April 2026, Kings Croft Community Hall.

Linn Area Partnership.

Present: Bailie Paul McCabe, Bailie Margaret Morgan and Councillor John Carson, Glasgow City Council; Sergeant Keith McLay, Police Scotland; Station Commander Douglas Millar, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; John Lawless, Carmunnock Community Council; Christopher Tait, Castlemilk Community Council; David Patrick, Croftfoot and Mennock Community Council and Karen Venables, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Apologies: Councillor Catherine Vallis, Glasgow City Council; Inspector Graeme Hogg, Police Scotland; John Harkins, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Mhairi Taylor, Cathcart, Merrylee and Muirend Community Council and Kelly C Bruce, Castlemilk Youth Complex

Attending: H Cairns (Clerk); H McMillan (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance); I Masood, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability and G Watt, Glasgow Life.

Appointment of substitute approved.

1 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 Keith McLay, Police Scotland.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

2 The minutes of the previous meeting of 12th February 2026 were submitted and approved.

Glasgow Community Planning Partnership Governance Framework – Membership noted.

3 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 David Patrick had been nominated as the representative member and Nicola Scott as the substitute member of Croftfoot and Mennock Community Council.

Living Well Community Referral – Presentation noted.

4 There was heard and noted a presentation by Garry Watt, Glasgow Life, regarding the Living Well Community Referral (LWCR), advising that

- (1) LWCR supports people who experience barriers to participation to take part in Physical Activity, Cultural or Community Learning opportunities that can improve their health and wellbeing;
- (2) Live Well is a Glasgow Life wide service;
- (3) LWCR was a free service open to anyone over 18, who required support reconnecting to their community; and
- (4) referrals were welcome online, by phone or in-person.

Police Scotland – ward update noted.

5 There was heard a verbal report by Sergeant Keith McLay, Police Scotland, advising the Partnership that

- (1) there had been 1 major incident reported within the ward and of an increase in calls, resulting in blue light calls;
- (2) there had been an increase of youth disorder within the ward and Police Scotland would continue to work with young people in relation to anti-social behaviour;
- (3) Police Scotland were aware of recent issues involving youths on E-bikes and that action had been taken in relation to this and where possible they would hold their parents/guardians to account by charging them and seizing the E-bikes;
- (4) action plans were in place for future events;
- (5) shop lifting crimes continued within the ward and Police Scotland were continuing to tackle these issues; and
- (6) that officers would be wearing audio cameras to help support evidence.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service ward update noted.

6 There was submitted and noted an update by Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, regarding the current issues, incidents and work being carried out in the ward for Quarter 4, from 1st January 2026 to 31st March 2026, advising the Partnership that

- (1) the service had attended 797 incidents in the South area, these being 211 fires, 212 non-fire incidents and 314 false alarms;

- (2) there had been 9 accidental dwelling fires, 2 non-fire casualties, 7 deliberate fires, 1 non-domestic fires, 4 unwanted fire alarm signals, 1 road traffic collisions; and
- (3) 48 home fire safety visits had been carried out during the period as well as 1 fire safety enforcement audits.

Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership – Update noted.

7 There was submitted and noted a report by the Chief Officer, Glasgow City Social Care Partnership, providing an update during the last quarter regarding health improvement and of the ongoing work within the south of the city.

Area Budget 2026/27 – Applications for funding dealt with etc – Declaration of interest – Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

8 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 Linn Area Partnership's Budget allocation for 2026/27 was £84,105 and that £8,440 been allocated to date, therefor leaving a balance of £75,665;
- (3) that as of April 2026, a new online application form would be introduced; and
- (4) of the applications for funding from the Linn Area Budget for 2026/27.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the position regarding the Area Budget allocation for 2026/27; and
- (b) agreed the playscheme award for Summer and October period as follows-

Playscheme	Venue	Summer 2026	October 2026	Total Award
Cojac	Cojac Centre Castlemilk Drive (children attend Cojac from all off the South East of Glasgow, 90 children	£1,320	£220	£1,540

	identified from the Linn ward.)			
Kingscroft Community Hall	Kingscroft Community Hall, Glencroft Road	£1,568	£245	£1,813
The Saturday Club	Cathcart Parish Church, Carmunock Road	£1,380	£230	£1,610

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

<i>Applicant</i> St Margaret Marys Secondary	<i>Purpose of application</i> Towards the cost of a residential trip in June 2026	<i>Decision</i> Awarded £1,500
Castlemilk Day Nursery	Towards the cost of enhancing the nursery's outdoor environment	Continued for consideration
Education – Active School	Towards the cost of supporting the running of extracurricular activities at lunchtime and after school	Awarded £3,800
Kingston Amateur Swimming Club	Towards the cost of funding a community-focused swimming initiative	Continued for consideration
SCIO music and Art Centre 'Nightingale'	Towards the cost of delivering a two-month creative arts programme for low-income families, migrants and children with additional support needs	Refused due to overall cost too high
Castlemilk Hall	Towards the cost of improving accessibility and overall community use of the hall	Awarded £8,014
Friends of Linn Park	Towards the cost of developing their	Continued for consideration and agreed

	community field into an accessible, supportive outdoor space	to consider path and car park materials under Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund
Parents Play Linn Park	Towards the cost of supporting the early development of redesigning a deteriorated and inaccessible play area at Linn Park	Refused due to no confirmation of match funding
Fair Deal	Towards the cost of helping to reduce vandalism and anti social behaviour	Awarded £1,847
Cojac	Towards the cost of purchasing a refurbished photocopier	Refused due to high cost
White Heather Club	Towards the cost of bus hire for a day trip to St Andrews for 45 older adults	Awarded £800
Cathcart, Merrylee and Muirend Community Council	Towards the cost of supporting a number of events run by the community council	Awarded £1,806
Netherholm Area Association	Towards the cost of supporting a redesigned and enhanced STEAM programme	Awarded £6,800
*Castlemilk Community Football Trust	Towards the cost of upgrades at Barlia	Awarded £5,277
**Carmunnock Gala Committee	Towards the cost of supporting the annual community gala, offering activities for all ages	Awarded £5,000
Castlemilk Wellbeing Hub	Towards the cost of providing accessible, community-based wellbeing support addressing rising levels of	Awarded £5,390

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the local area

Carmunnock Heritage
Society

Towards the cost of
carrying out urgent tree
management work in the
Glebe area

Continued for
consideration

Woodland Inspired
Learning and
Development

Towards the cost of
delivering six free monthly
outdoor family sessions in
Linn Park

Refused due to high costs

Croftfoot UF Church

Towards the cost of
supporting the
Community Café "Snax"
project

Awarded £4,000

*Christopher Tate declared an interest in this item and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon.

**John Lawless declared an interest in this item and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon.

Festive Lighting 2026/27 update noted etc - Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

9 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS), regarding Festive Lighting within the ward, advising of the central funding of £3,600 available to meet the costs of erecting and maintaining festive lighting and the proposed costs and locations advising

- (1) of the 2025/26 festive displays and switch-on events and asked the Partnership to confirm whether these should be included in the 2026/27 programme;
- (2) of the standard pricing schedule for the 2024-2028 festive lighting programme following the procurement exercise carried out to deliver the programme;
- (3) that approved funding in excess of the central funding would be met by Linn Area Partnership from other funds; and
- (4) that NRS Festive Team had been informed of the current Horticultural Contract, which included the supply of Christmas Trees, had come to an end. Council's procurement would establish a new framework to invite suppliers to tender, and as such this may now impact the cost of Christmas Trees.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report; and
- (b) approved in principle £5,480 from the NIIF budget for items below:-
 - (i) Couper Institute Christmas tree and switch-on event;
 - (ii) Carmunnock Christmas tree and switch-on event; and
 - (iii) Castlemilk (Lost Lives Garden) Christmas tree and switch-on event; and
- (c) agreed that Cathcart, Merrylee and Muirend Community Council would collaborate with Couper Institute to source a sustainable Christmas tree; and
- (d) requested that the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability to reach out to the festive lighting team to contact Croftfoot and Mennoch Community Council regarding column lighting and Christmas tree location.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund – Progress noted - Projects approved etc.

10 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability providing an update on the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund programme, advising of progress to date including proposals submitted for estimate and a summary of committed spend and actual spend for the Ward, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (1) noted the report;
- (2) approved (Ref 01-009) Barlia football grounds and (Ref 01-014) Croftfoot roundabout; and
- (3) agreed that the Chair
 - (a) would gather further information in relation to the scale of fly tipping at Lainshaw Drive regarding the proposal (Ref 01-017) CCTV camera;
 - (b) would contact all Community Councils for bids to come in by September 2026 in relation to spend NIIF budget and if the money was not allocated by then, the Area Partnership would decide where the funding was to be allocated.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund - Community Engagement update noted – Request to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability

11 There was submitted and noted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance, providing a list of ideas for funding from the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund that had been submitted by community organisations within the ward.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (1) requested that the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability provide the partnership with costings for
 - (a) 400m of double solar lighting either side of the existing paths behind Aikenhead House (Kingspark); and
 - (b) outdoor equipment for Carmunnock Primary School.