



Item 3b

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Glasgow Community Planning Partnership.

Linn Area Partnership.

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Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund (NIIF) – New Proposals

Purpose of Report:

To summarise further NIIF funding proposals that have been received from community organisations.

Recommendations:

The Area Partnership is asked to consider the funding proposals outlined in Appendix 1 and decide whether it wishes them to be referred to NRS to be assessed and costed.

Introduction.

1. The purpose of this paper is to present further proposals for NIIF funding to the Area Partnership to consider. Ideas that the Area Partnership wishes to go forward to the next stage will be assessed and costed by Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS) and brought to a future meeting when the Area Partnership will be asked to consider allocating funding.

Proposal for NIIF funding.

2. The Partnership has been considering proposals for NIIF funding generated by local communities on an ongoing basis. A template has been used to gather ideas based on the detail that NRS need to properly assess and cost proposals.
3. Further proposals have been received and are attached as **Appendix 1**.

Funding Position.

4. Members are reminded that the forthcoming meeting of the Area Partnership will represent a **critical decision point** for the NIIF to ensure full expenditure of the fund within the agreed timeframes. Area Partnerships are asked to review and decide on all available cost estimates at these meetings. **These are detailed in a separate report from NRS.**
5. Area Partnerships are also asked to agree on any further proposals that members wish to be costed at this meeting. Any proposals that are not referred to NRS to be costed at the forthcoming meeting are **unlikely to be costed, approved, or delivered by April 2027**, and uncommitted funding may ultimately be **unavailable to spend**.

Recommendations.

6. The Area Partnership is asked to consider the funding proposals outlined in Appendix 1 and decide whether it wishes them to be referred to NRS to be assessed and costed.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund Template for Ideas Gathering

Name of Area Partnership: Linn Area Partnership

Community Council: Croftfoot and Menock

Description of work required for Estimate - Please provide as detailed a description as possible including type of work required, number and type of items required/special considerations or known issues etc	Location of Work required for Estimate - Please provide a detailed description of the EXACT location (Street Name & Extents) of work required:
1. Kingscroft Hall (Glencroft Community Hall) is at the heart of our community, providing a safe, welcoming, and inclusive space for people of all ages and backgrounds. The hall serves as a vital community hub, hosting activities, events, support groups, children's programmes, and social gatherings that help bring people together and reduce isolation. To ensure the hall remains sustainable, accessible, and safe for all users, we are seeking support for a number of much-needed improvements. <i>Proposed Improvements:</i> Installation of Solar Panels With the continued rise in energy costs, the installation of solar panels would provide significant long-term savings on electricity bills. Reducing operating costs will allow more funding to be directed towards community activities and services rather than utility expenses. Solar energy will also support our commitment to environmental sustainability and reduce the hall's carbon footprint. Improved Disabled Access We are committed to ensuring that Kingscroft Hall is accessible to everyone. Proposed improvements include: Removal & replacement of existing front steps. Creating a level and safer walkway to improve accessibility. Replacing the current handrail and installing an additional handrail where required. Improving access for wheelchair users, people with mobility issues, parents with prams, and elderly residents. These improvements will help ensure that all members of our community can access the hall safely and independently. External Lighting Improvements	Glencroft Community Hall, 124 Glencroft Rd, Croftfoot, G44 5RD

The installation of additional outdoor lighting is essential for the health and safety of hall users. Improved lighting will: Increase safety when entering and leaving the hall during darker months. Improve visibility around the building and park entrance. Help reduce the risk of accidents and falls. Provide reassurance and security for hall users attending evening activities. Repainting of Railings The hall's external railings have deteriorated over time and require maintenance. Repainting will: Protect the railings from further weather damage. Improve the appearance of the hall and surrounding area. Create a more welcoming environment for residents and visitors. Community Benefit Kingscroft Hall is much more than a building; it is a valued community asset that supports local residents throughout the year. These improvements will ensure the hall remains a safe, accessible, environmentally responsible, and welcoming space for current and future generations. By investing in these essential upgrades, will help strengthen a community facility that plays a crucial role in promoting inclusion, wellbeing, community engagement, and social connection. We respectfully request support for these improvements to enable Kingscroft Hall/Glencroft Community to continue serving as the heart of our community for many years to come.	
2. Public toilets in King's Park. There are existing buildings within the Depot ('The Old Cottage') which could be repurposed for public toilets. There is direct access from King's Park without impacting on the work of Council officials in the Depot. Key priority identified by Friends of King's Park Survey (2021). This fits with Council strategy on improving public toilet provision: https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/article/12752/More-public-toilets-needed-in-Glasgow-new-strategy-recommends	'The Old Cottage' King's Park Depot, 325 Carmunnock Road, G44 5HL
3. Benches & bins in King's Park Old Golf Course. Three benches & three large bins to improve the utility of this green space. Combatting litter identified as one of the top 3	King's Park (Old Golf Course), Croftpark Avenue

priorities by local residents in the Community Engagement Survey, May 2026.	
4. Outdoor gym in Kings Park Six items of gym equipment installed at key locations of high footfall within King's Park. Activities for adults and young people one of the top priorities of local residents highlighted in Community Engagement Survey, May 2026	King's Park, 325 Carmunnock Road, G44 5HL
5. Repainting fences around entrances to park. Railings are rusty with paint peeling off. This would improve the aesthetics of park entrances and help to secure the perimeter.	King's Park, 325 Carmunnock Road, G44 5HL
6. New signage to King's Park. Existing signage is badly worn with many damaged by graffiti. This would improve the aesthetics, and promote use of the park.	King's Park, 325 Carmunnock Road, G44 5HL
7. CMCC Noticeboards. Two dedicated notice boards for the Community Council, to promote local initiatives and events.	1. Just within King's Park (Old Golf Course), off Croftpark Avenue 2. Castlemilk Road. At Junction between Castlemilk Rd and Lugar Place
8. Dragons teeth in Kings Park. Additional boulders to deter inappropriate parking of cars on grass verge & promote safety of park users.	King's Park, 325 Carmunnock Road, G44 5HL (from park entrance on Carmunnock Rd towards Aikenhead House)
9. Planters at Castlemilk Road shopping area. To improve aesthetics of Castlemilk Road shopping area and create a greater sense of place.	Castlemilk Road commercial shopping area, by 503 Castlemilk Rd, G44 5LX
10. Replace Lane Entrance Steps and Rusted Railing. A resident contacted the community council over safety concerns with steps. The six steps are heavily worn, cracked, limited clearing, and have a rusted railing. This is a trip hazard for all residents, particularly older and frail.	Junction at Glencroft Road and Crofthill Road. Next to 20 Crofthill Road.
11. Replant flower beds on Croftpark Avenue. To re-invigorate the neglected 24 flower beds and improve aesthetics of Croftpark Avenue.	104 Croftpark Avenue to 314 Croftpark Avenue

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund

Name of Area Partnership: Linn Area Partnership

Community Council: Carmunnock Community Council

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1.To create a permanent outdoor classroom within the school grounds of Carmunnock Primary School. It involves the installation of a Scotplay Hexagonal Outdoor Classroom with timber floor and associated groundwork. Initially, the cost estimated from the Fund was £20000 (75%), with the Parent Council providing 25% funding. Following a meeting, and advice from, with Council Officers the cost is now expected to be Approx £10000 (75%) from the fund with the Parent Council funding 25% (approx. £3262.50)	Location of Work required for Estimate - In the grounds of Carmunnock Primary School 158 Waterside Road, Carmunnock Glasgow G76 9AJ

Further information – Carmunnock Community Council

The Creation Station - Hexagonal Outdoor Classroom at Carmunnock Primary School

Context and objective

Carmunnock Primary School Parent Council is seeking support from the Linn Area Neighbourhood Infrastructure Investment Fund (NIIF) to create a permanent, high-quality outdoor classroom within the school grounds. We are applying for 75% of the project cost, with the Parent Council committing to fund the remaining 25%.

The project is deliberately simple and deliverable: the installation of a Scotplay Hexagonal Outdoor Classroom with timber floor, together with the necessary groundworks and removal of spoil. It will provide a defined, covered and weather-resilient teaching space which can be used throughout the school day for curriculum learning, creative activity, sensory work, small-group teaching and play-based education.

The school and the Parent Council have had a meeting with Glasgow City Council / City Building regarding this project some 2 months ago following a referral to them from the Linn Area Partnership. We believe that the Council team were comfortable with our request although we have not heard back from them. The timing of this resubmission to the Area Partnership reflects the request made in the Area Partnership Members Communication – August / September 2026, clarifying that the August / September meeting is a critical decision point for any project to be funded and delivered by April 2027.

Our school and community

Carmunnock Primary is a small village school at the heart of the Carmunnock community, but its reach extends well beyond the village itself. More than 50% of pupils come from outside Carmunnock, meaning that investment in the school directly benefits children and families from across the wider Linn area.

The school is fortunate to have a large, natural, grass-based playground. That is one of its distinctive strengths and reflects the rural character and heritage of the village. At the same time, a predominantly grass environment creates practical challenges in Scotland's climate: without a covered, floored teaching area, outdoor learning can too easily become weather-dependent.

The needs of our pupils are also diverse. Around 22% of children have Additional Support Needs. For many children - and particularly those who benefit from sensory, practical, movement-based or small-group learning - access to a calm and purposeful outdoor environment can make an important difference to engagement and participation.

Building on our Linn Area Partnership Grant (2025)

We are extremely grateful for the £8,000 grant awarded by the Linn Ward in 2025. That investment has already transformed the playground. New equipment and grass-mat surfacing have significantly reduced the impact of mud and made the grounds more usable throughout the year.

The practical benefit has been particularly important for families in SIMD 1 and 2, for whom repeated replacement of muddy or damaged school clothing can incur a disproportionate cost. The improvement has been immediate and very positively received by children, staff and parents.

This application is the logical next step. The previous investment made the playground more usable; the proposed outdoor classroom will make it a genuine extension of the school's learning environment.

The transformational potential of outdoor learning

The potentially transformational impact of outdoor learning is particularly important for Carmunnock Primary. Scottish research comparing primary pupils undertaking curricular activities indoors and outdoors found that the outdoor environment improved both individual and group performance. Most strikingly, pupils who were underachieving showed improvements in engagement, contribution and self-confidence sufficient to bring them into line with their peers. Outdoor learning also supported creativity, independent thinking, collaboration and problem-solving.

This is especially relevant to our school, where around 22% of pupils have Additional Support Needs. The Creation Station is therefore not simply a shelter or an enhancement to the playground. It creates educational infrastructure which allows teachers to use a different learning environment regularly and purposefully — one which evidence suggests can be particularly powerful for children who do not always thrive in the conventional classroom.

The proposed asset

We propose to purchase and install the Scotplay Hexagonal Outdoor Classroom with timber floor. The supplier's 2025 brochure specifies a structure approximately 4.6m x 4.0m x 3.2m, with timber flooring, barriers and internal bench seating as standard. It uses steel ground fixings, which the supplier states increase the life of the timber uprights and carry a 20-year guarantee.

The hexagonal design is particularly well suited to teaching. Its internal bench seating creates a natural group-learning space, while its open sides retain the sense of being outdoors. The timber floor is important for Carmunnock because it creates a defined, dry working surface within a predominantly grass playground.

Parent and school support

This proposal responds directly to priorities identified by the school community. In 2025 the Parent Council undertook a whole-school survey with a response rate of more than 50%. Parents recognised the substantial improvement created by the previous playground investment and identified further development of the outdoor environment - particularly a STEM den / outdoor learning zone - as the next priority.

The outdoor classroom gives that shared ambition a practical, durable form. It is large enough to be genuinely useful, simple enough to be delivered without a major construction project, and flexible enough to support different ages, subjects and learning needs for many years.

Expected impact

- Enable regular, curriculum-linked outdoor learning rather than activity being dependent on good weather.
- Provide a dedicated setting for STEM investigation, literacy, art, nature study, creative work and play-based learning.
- Support pupils who benefit from sensory, practical, movement-based and small-group approaches, including children with Additional Support Needs.

- Increase the educational value of the school's existing natural playground without compromising its grass-based character.
- Create a durable community asset with integral seating, a timber floor and long-life steel ground fixings.
- Build directly on the success of the Linn Ward's previous investment in the playground.

Sustainability and maintenance

The Parent Council has a strong record of supporting and maintaining the school grounds, including an annual 'Super Saturday' volunteering day. We will continue to support routine upkeep of the outdoor learning environment through Parent Council fundraising and volunteer activity. The proposed structure is designed as a long-life asset; Scotplay specifies steel ground fixings and a 20-year guarantee for the timber uprights.

Budget and funding request

The supplier's brochure price for the Hexagonal Outdoor Classroom with timber floor is £13,050 excluding VAT and we have confirmed with Scotplay that this price includes all installation and removal of spoil. As this structure can be ordered by the school as a non-catalogue item through PECOS no VAT will be payable. The Parent Council can fund 25% of this cost (£3,262.50) and our request of NIIF is to fund the remaining 75% (£9,787.50)

Conclusion

Carmunnock Primary is a school with a strong sense of community, serving both the village and a substantial number of families from across the wider Linn area. The Parent Council has seen at first-hand what well-targeted investment in the outdoor environment can achieve. The previous Linn Ward grant addressed an immediate practical problem and transformed children's everyday experience of the playground.

We now want to convert that improved outdoor environment into a stronger educational resource. A hexagonal outdoor classroom with a timber floor will give teachers a permanent place to take learning outside, provide children with a different and engaging environment in which to learn, and make better use of one of the school's greatest assets - its extensive natural grounds.

The project is tangible, affordable and ready to deliver. The Parent Council is prepared to contribute 25% of the total cost and is seeking NIIF support for the remaining 75%. We believe this represents excellent value for a long-life educational asset, providing significant educational benefit for current and future generations of children at Carmunnock Primary School.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund

Name of Area Partnership: Linn Area Partnership

Community Council: Castlemilk Community Council

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1.Create new terracing and install new safety spectator barriers at Barlia. Increase spectator safety and experience for parents of local clubs and supporters of all teams playing at Barlia including the newly formed West of Scotland team. Remove the grass that can become unsafe and out of use when raining. Currently only 5 stepped concreted areas each side of walkway. With hundreds of people attending every week, this would be a new addition/ infrastructure to a place that allows local people to gather, socialise and support more a community cause – all teams playing at Barlia. Making it a better experience for local people and visitors alike and giving Castlemilk a real sporting arena we can all be proud of. More people could come along and safely watch games and support local community teams who are positively representing the community. The proposal is for both sides of the stairway at front area/ lower level to be a stepped terracing. Each New Area (left & right hand side) approx. - 10m x 7.5m	Barlia Football Centre, 60 Glenwood Path, Glasgow G45 9UD
<u>2.Senior Citizens Centre</u> <u>Proposal A – Energy Saving Lights (LEDs) & Sensors</u> 1. 120 LED Units 2. 20 LED Downlights 3. 30 Emergency LED Lights 4. Materials to install as required (cabling / controls / bulbs, etc) <u>Proposal B – Garden Landscaping</u> 1. Fixed benches – 3 sides of seating area 2. Composite Panelling to 2 sides of seating area (privacy screens) 3. Fixed Aluminium Pergola 4. Fixed Planters surrounding seating area	Senior Citizens Centre, 61 Dougrie Dr, Glasgow G45 9AH

5. Bushes, Trees, Shrubs 6. Outdoor lighting	
3.Road Safety – Welcome to Castlemilk 30mph zone	Top of Carmunnock Road or bottom at Croftfoot Road or both locations if funds allow.
4.Road Safety – Yellow box NRS to confirm this is possible and would require engagement with Police Scotland.	Castlemilk Drive turning into Dougrie Road
5. Road Safety – Filter lane NRS to confirm this is possible.	Carmunnock Road turning into Dougrie Road.
6. Windlaw Path/Court – repair path and improve lighting	Next to Birgidale – Exact location and land ownership needs confirmed.
7.Castlemilk Mural Trail	Outside the Swimming heading towards the wood path, outside Glenwood Day Care centre on the brick wall and on the smaller wall outside Glenwood Business Centre.
8.Jeely Playzone building improvements • Window Shutters • Building Management system replacement • Boiler Pressure system that controls pressure to boilers-wasn't replaced with boilers	Jeely Playzone, 55 Machrie Drive
9.Castlemilk Youth Complex Control and Distribution Centre Replacement	Castlemilk Youth Complex, 39 Arden Craig Road

Additional information for Barlia idea 1

The proposal is for both sides of the stairway at front area/ lower level to be a stepped terracing.

Each New Area (left & right hand side) approx. - 10m x 7.5m



**CURRENT
SPECTATOR AREA**



**PROPOSED
SPECTATOR AREA
EXAMPLE**

Additional Information for Senior Citizens Centre idea 2

Proposal B – Garden Landscaping

1. Fixed benches – 3 sides of seating area
2. Composite Panelling to 2 sides of seating area (privacy screens)
3. Fixed Aluminium Pergola
4. Fixed Planters surrounding seating area
5. Bushes, Trees, Shrubs
6. Outdoor lighting

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