LINN AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Minutes of meeting held on 17th September 2026, by video conference.

Linn Area Partnership.

Present: Bailie Paul McCabe (Chair), Councillor John Carson, Bailie Margaret Morgan and Councillor Catherine Vallis, Glasgow City Council; John Harkins, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; John Lawless, Carmunnock Community Council; Christopher Tait, Castlemilk Community Council; Mhari Taylor, Cathcart, Merrylee and Muirend Community Council; Mark Caldwell, Simshill and Old Cathcart Community Council; David Patrick, Croftfoot and Mennock Community Council; and Kelly C Bruce, Castlemilk Youth Complex.

Apologies: Inspector Graeme Hogg, Police Scotland; Station Commander Douglas Millar, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; and Karen Venables, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Attending: H Cairns (Clerk), H McMillan (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance) and L Fisher, T Henderson, I Masood and R Strachan, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

1 The minutes of the previous meeting of 23rd April 2026 were submitted and approved.

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 on the membership of this Partnership, advising that Layla-Roxanne Hill had been nominated to replace Hester Wylde as co-optee representative member of South East Integration Network.

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

3 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, providing an update on the progress of the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund (NIIF) and governance arrangements, advising

(1) that the NIIF provided an opportunity to implement participatory budgeting at a scale with an approved budget that was set in 2021/22 of £23 million and that £1 million of this was allocated to each ward;

(2) that the funding was capital expenditure and therefore could be carried forward to be spent in future financial years, although should be fully committed by March 2027; and

(3) of the progress to date, as detailed in appendix 1 of this report.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report;

(b) agreed to

(i) approve

(A) Ref 01-021 – survey works for daffodil walk; and

(B) Ref 01-030 – installation of accessible door entry mechanism at Barlia Football Centre; and

(ii) approve in principle Ref 01-036 – ringfence £12,000 for funding for 2026 festive lighting as awaiting further information; and

(iii) remove

(A) Ref 01-025 – heating system and renewal of some pipework at Castlemilk Youth Complex;

(B) Ref 01-027 – window replacement at Birgidale Complex;

(C) Ref 01-028 - heating system/boiler requires replacement and refurbishment at Castlemilk Senior Centre;

(D) Ref 01-029 – installation of mains water and drainage to enable the building to be used as a viable community space;

(E) Ref 01-031 – window replacement at Jeely playzone;

(F) Ref 01-032 – boiler replacement at Jeely playzone;

(G) Ref 01-033 – new floor underfloor heating system at Castlemilk Community Centre; and

(H) Ref 01-034 – window replacement at Castlemilk Community Centre; and

(iv) defer to a future meeting

(A) Ref 01-037 – installation of covered Learning Shelter at Carmunnock Primary School; and

(B) Ref 01-038 – car park resurfacing at Linn Park off Netherlee Road; and

(c) clarified Ref 01-020 – 4 metal sustainable benches, 2 planters, bulbs, shrubs, seeds; and

(d) requested that the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability link in with City Property to re-evaluate costings for Ref 01-026 – in relation to lighting in 2 rooms needing replaced.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund – New proposals dealt with etc.

4 There was submitted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance, providing a list of ideas for funding from the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund (NIIF) that had been submitted by community organisations within the ward as detailed in appendix 1.

After consideration, the Partnership agreed that

(1) the following proposals be submitted for costing from each Community Council as listed below;

(a) Croftfoot and Menock Community Council:-

(i) item 1 - Kingscroft Hall (Glencroft Community Hall) improve disabled access, removal and replacement if existing front steps, external lighting improvements, repainting of railings and community benefit;

(ii) item 3 - metal benches in King's Park (Old Gold Course);

(iii) item 4 - outdoor gym in King's Park

(iv) item 5 – repainting fences around entrance of King's Park;

(v) item 6 – new signage to King's Park;

(vi) item 7 – CMCC noticeboards at King's Park;

(vii) item 8 – dragons teeth in King's Park; and

(viii) item 10 – replace lane entrance steps and rusted railing; and

(b) Castlemilk Community Council:-

(i) item 1 - create new terracing and install new safety spectator barriers at Barlia;

(ii) item 2 - senior citizens centre, proposal A and B;

(iii) item 3 – road safety welcome to Castlemilk 30mph zone;

(iv) item 4 – road safety yellow box;

(v) item 5 – road safety filter lane;

(vi) item 6 – windlaw path/court, repair path and improve lighting;

(vii) item 7 – mural trial;

(viii) item 8 – Jeely playzone building improvements; and

(ix) item 9 – castlemilk youth complex control and distribution centre replacements; and

(c) Simshill Old Cathcart Community Council:-

(i) repair of the public access steps between Seil Drive and Shetland drive;

(ii) install solar lighting on each side of the path linking Simshill Road at Rodil Avenue with Drakemire Drive;

(iii) redevelop the existing playpark at Seil Drive into a high-quality, inclusive local park, with play equipment inspired by Linn Park's history, blending play, history and community identity; and

(iv) resurface Linn Park car park on Simshill Road; and

(d) Cathcart, Merrylee and Muirend Community Council

(i) construction of bin shelters at Couper Institute; and

(ii) floodlights focusing on the trees outside Couper institute proposed lights will be installed on nearby streetlight pole; and

(e) Croftfoot bus stop kerb to be lowered for disabled access.

(2) further information was required with Carmunnock Community Council's proposal which was a hexagonal outdoor classroom at Carmunnock Primary School as members highlighted that this proposal was the same as another project that had been costed.

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

5 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS), regarding Festive Lighting within the ward, advising

(1) of the central funding of £3,600 available to meet the costs of erecting and maintaining festive lighting and the proposed costs and locations;

(2) 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;

(3) of the standard pricing schedule for the 2024-2028 festive lighting programme following the procurement exercise carried out to deliver the programme;

(4) that approved funding in excess of the central funding would be met by Linn Area Partnership from other funds;

(5) 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; and

(6) NRS Festive Team received request for Column Mounted Features and Christmas Tree at Menock Road/Castlemilk Road roundabout, unfortunately due to the age of the lighting columns, did not get approval from NRS Street Lighting, however did obtain approval for Column Mounted Features on Castlemilk Road upwards and towards Castlemilk Crescent.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report; and

(b) agreed to ring-fence £12,000 from the NIIF funding pending further information;

(c) requested the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability to

(i) link in with Croftfoot and Mennock Community Council regarding alternative Christmas tree location and lighting at King's Park;

(ii) clarify why the costing of tree lights is the same every year for Lost Lives Garden and to circulate a response to Bailie McCabe; and

(iii) confirm who was responsible for granting permission for the Couper Institute private tree structure.

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

6 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 £60,737 been allocated to date, therefor leaving a balance of £23,368; and

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

Applicant	*Purpose of application*	*Decision*
Castlemilk Day Nursery	Towards the cost of enhancing the nursery's outdoor learning environment and will support new allotment area, family learning activities and outdoor and sensory improvements	Awarded £4,000
Kingston Amateur Swimming Club	Towards the cost of a community-focused swimming initiative delivering free swimming and skill-development sessions for 24 children aged 5–12 from the Linn Ward, targeting children from more deprived backgrounds via local schools and community partners, expansion of current capacity from 6 spaces to 24, adding an additional junior session on a Monday evening. and development of 4 young female volunteer coaches, supporting them through Level 1 Scottish	Awarded £4,680

	Swimming Teaching Qualifications (SSTQ)	
Friends of Linn Park	Towards the cost of installing handrails on the access ramp, add solar lighting at the entry point, install a new pedestrian gate and to create a pedestrian pathway along the field edge to separate people from the car park	Awarded £4,044
Carmunnock Heritage Society	Towards the cost of carry out urgent tree management work in the Glebe area of Carmunnock, including felling two diseased lime trees affected by Kretzschmaria deusta (Brittle Cinder Fungus), a pathogen that can cause sudden tree failure and trimming dead wood from three additional lime trees along Waterside Road for public safety	Awarded £2,000
Birgidale Complex	Towards the cost of supporting the development of its community kitchen and café facilities within its established community hub in Castlemilk	Refused due to insufficient funds
Castlemilk Family Learning Centre	Towards the cost of purchasing specialist outdoor play equipment that promotes physical development, emotional wellbeing, communication skills, confidence, and early learning through play	Refused due to insufficient funds
Senior Citizens Centre	Towards the cost of replacing an aging boiler system that is unsafe and	Awarded £3,000

	inefficient, the current boiler has been maintained for over 12 years but is now likely to fail the next inspection, without a new boiler, the centre would close to its 400 member from Castlemilk and surrounding areas	
Education Active Schools - Castlemilk & St Margaret Mary's Cluster Schools	Towards the cost of delivering a programme of lunchtime and after-school physical activity opportunities across the Castlemilk and St Margaret Mary's school clusters from September 2026 to March 2027	Awarded £2,822
Halo Arts	Towards the cost of o delivering its annual community pantomime tour, Wee Jock and the Big Beanstalk, across the South Side wards during November and December 2026	Refused due to insufficient funds
Kings Croft Community Hall	Towards the cost of supporting vulnerable residents and families during the winter period through the provision of warm space activities, food provision and community-based support	Awarded 2,822
St Fillans Parent Council	Towards the cost of developing St Fillan's school grounds into an Outdoor and Wellbeing Space for pupils and the wider community	Refused due to insufficient funds
Indigo Childcare Castlemilk	Towards the cost of improving and developing the nursery garden, creating a safe, inclusive	Refused due to insufficient funds

	and stimulating outdoor space for children aged 6 weeks to 5 years, with the main focus on children aged 2 to 5	
Home Start South	Towards the cost of purchasing 19 Samsung Galaxy A37 5G mobile phones for frontline staff delivering support in the community	Refused due to insufficient funds