

DENNISTOUN AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Minutes of meeting held on 28th April 2026, City Chambers, Glasgow.

Present: Bailie Anthony Carroll (Chair), Councillor Allan Casey and Councillor Elaine McDougall, Glasgow City Council; Chief Inspector Maxwell Shaw, Police Scotland; Station Commander John Allan, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Jennifer Johnstone, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Kirsteen Marshall, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network; Josephine Donachy, Milnbank Housing Association; Andy Cuthbertson, Rosemount Development Trust; and Ross MacPhail, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Apology: Ruth Johnston, Dennistoun Community Council.

Attending: L Richards (Clerk); S Johnstone and D Speirs (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance); and C Keane and R Strachan (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability).

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

1 The minutes of the previous meeting of 17th February 2026 were submitted and approved and noted.

Police Scotland Ward update noted.

2 There was heard a report by Chief Inspector Maxwell Shaw, Police Scotland, advising the Partnership that

- (1) reports of common assault and common theft had reduced since Quarter 3;
- (2) there had been an increase in vehicle theft and that an arrest had been made in connection with this incident;
- (3) charges for drug possession had increased since the same period last year, due to increased intelligence that had been received;
- (4) there had been a concerted focus on road safety and road traffic offences that had therefore increased by 25% compared to the same period last year and requested that members contact Police Scotland to advise of any areas that should be focused on in relation to road safety;
- (5) an individual was responsible for a number of incidences of fire raising in the community and had been arrested;

- (6) the Easter Holiday Action Plan had now concluded and that a continued focus on drug use and offending around the Necropolis would continue; and
- (7) Chief Inspector Shaw would be moving on to a new position within Police Scotland and that this would therefore be his last Dennistoun Area Partnership meeting.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report and thanked Chief Inspector Shaw for his service in the area; and
- (b) raised a number of questions and concerns that were addressed by Chief Inspector Shaw.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Ward update noted.

3 There was heard and noted a report by Station Commander John Allan, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, regarding the current issues, incidents and work being carried out in the Ward for Quarter 4, from 1st January to 31st March 2026, advising the Partnership

- (1) that the service had attended 712 incidents in the North-East area, these being 193 fires, 122 non-fire incidents, 322 false alarms and 2 non fire fatalities;
- (2) a new reporting mechanism had been developed that would break statistics down so that they are more ward specific;
- (3) there had been no significant fire related incidents in the Dennistoun Ward, with no fatalities or casualties; and
- (4) that there had been 4 road traffic collisions in the ward, 2 of which resulted in 3 hospital casualties.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report and thanked Station Commander Allan for the update; and
- (b) raised a series of questions and concerns regarding the selling of vapes and the disposal of batteries which were addressed by Station Commander Allan.

Wise Mentoring Character Mentoring Programme – Presentation noted.

4 There was heard and noted a presentation by Hana Butorova, Wise Mentoring, regarding the Wise Mentoring Character Mentoring Programme, advising that

- (1) the mentoring project was aimed at developing the character and wellbeing of children living in areas of need, according to the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation;
- (2) the project runs in partnerships with local schools and families; and
- (3) the project focused on inspiring children through the power of character, education, supporting them through safe, developmental relationships, empowering them to participate in their communities.

Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership update noted.

5 There was submitted and noted a report by the Chief Officer, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership (GCHSCP), advising of an update on GHSCP activity at a city and Dennistoun locality level throughout January to March 2026, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the Partnership noted the report and thanked Jennifer Johnstone for the update.

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

6 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 asking the Partnership to confirm whether these should be included in the 2026/27 programme;
- (2) that the Partnership should notify NRS of any locations for a proposed switch on event for either a Christmas or natural tree;
- (3) that members should approve the necessary funding for any additional costs over and above the central funding;
- (4) that approved funding in excess of the central funding would be deducted from the Dennistoun Area Partnership 2026/27 Area Budget allocation; and
- (5) NRS had been informed that the current Horticultural Contract, which included the supply of Christmas Trees, had come to an end whilst the Councils Procurement team would establish a new framework to invite suppliers to tender, and as such this may now impact the cost of Christmas Trees by 15% to 20%.

After consideration, the Partnership;

- (a) noted the lighting arrangements and the central funding available for the 2026/27 programme;
- (b) approved the additional funding of £11,910, as detailed in the report, and noted the suggested contingency for Christmas trees; and
- (c) requested that Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability investigate the possibility of using an artificial tree that can then be reused and provide this information to a future meeting.

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

7 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 of a progress update 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 proposal Ref 22-024 – fixed CCTV camera in Sighthill Park - as detailed in the report;
- (3) agreed to continue consideration of the following proposals, as detailed in the report, in respect of
 - (a) Ref 22-018 – outdoor exercise equipment at Sighthill Park, NRS to provide more information on what the equipment being provided was and what it would look like;
 - (b) Ref 22-028 - ground clearance in Glasgow Necropolis, NRS to provide costs to be brought to next meeting and investigate if this would be dealt with as business as usual case;
 - (c) Ref 22-029 – remedial works to make the Mausoleum in the Necropolis wind and watertight, NRS to provide costs to the next meeting; and
- (4) requested the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability
 - (a) provide an update in respect of Ref 22-005 – crossing on Alexandra Parade at Iceland, as detailed in the report, as soon as it is available;

- (b) revisit and provide costings for a redeployable CCTV camera in respect of Ref 22-008 – CCTV at Alexandra Park Street/Onslow Drive, as the camera was originally requested to combat fly tipping, not criminality in the closes;
- (c) liaise with Councillor McDougall to arrange a site visit in respect of Ref 22-025 – crossing at Todd Street, as detailed in the report;
- (d) reach out to the Dennistoun Mural Project to discuss Ref 22-012 – arts memorial trail, as detailed in the report;
- (e) provide costings to repair and refurbish the Saracen Fountain in Alexandra Park, in respect of Ref 22-026, as detailed in the report and to investigate other ways that the restoration of the fountain could be funded, including enquires to Friends of Alexandra Park and that the Chair would reach out to East Centre Area Partnership regarding contributing;
- (f) provide an update on timescales in respect of Ref 22-004 – progress of Greenspace works at Coll Place, as detailed in the report;
- (g) check the bollards that have been placed in respect of Ref 20-009 – CCTV at Coll St, as detailed in the report as these had not been locked, and to investigate placing CCTV slightly further up from where had been suggested to help further combat fly tipping;
- (h) the Partnership expressed disappointment that Ref 22-011 – feasibility study for changes to the footpath on Ark Lane, as detailed in the report – was no further forward and requested indicative costs to be provided for this project to be progressed;
- (i) ensure that building consent is submitted in respect of Ref 22-013 – Eastern entrance to the Necropolis, as detailed in the report and clarify where the proposed entrance would be; and
- (j) requested formal notification that Ref 22-030 – lighting in Alexandra Park was being advanced with procurement in line with lighting in Queen’s Park, as this had already been approved at a cost of £150,000 at the previous meeting.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund – Community Engagement update noted etc.

8 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.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (1) noted the report;
- (2) agreed to pre approve a costing of £9,500 towards the request for a fixed CCTV unit at Duke Street/John Knox Street.

Area Budget 2025/26 - Final monitoring statement noted.

9 There was submitted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance regarding the Area Budget for 2025/26, providing a final monitoring statement in relation to projects previously funded, confirming that £65,665 had been allocated to various projects in the Dennistoun Ward, representing a 100% spend.

Area Budget 2026/27 – Applications for funding - Consideration continued.

10 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 Dennistoun Area Partnership's Budget allocation for 2026/27 was £67,823 and that £5,512 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £62,311;
- (4) that as of April 2026, a new online application form would be introduced; and
- (5) at this point, the meeting was rendered inquorate due to insufficient members being present to achieve a quorum. Consideration of the applications for funding from the Area Budget for 2026/27 was therefore continued and the Chair requested that a special meeting be organised accordingly.

Pride in Place Programme – Update noted.

11 There was heard and noted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance advising that

- (1) the Pride in Place Programme was a UK Government investment programme designed to empower communities to shape their place and support transformational change at a neighbourhood level;
- (2) each community would receive funding and support totalling up to £20million, with funding being split 63% capital and 37% revenue and that funding would be paid to Local Authorities over a 10 year period;
- (3) after an initial 'capacity payment' in early 2026, Neighbourhood Boards could spend their revenue funding allocation flexibly across the lifespan of the

programme, however, in the early years of the programme, this should be used to build capacity locally and undertake extensive community engagement;

- (4) in February 2026, it had been confirmed that Castlemilk and Sighthill/Springburn had been selected to be part of phase 2 of the Pride in Place programme;
- (5) upon Chairs being identified, Neighbourhood Boards would be formed and would comprise of residents, community groups, businesses, elected members and MPs; and
- (6) the Area Partnership would receive updates on progress as the programme developed.