

BAILLIESTON AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Minutes of meeting held on 21st April 2026, by video conference.

Present: Councillor Alex Kerr (Chair), Councillor John Daly and Bailie Kevin Lalley, Glasgow City Council; Inspector Stephen Gow, Police Scotland; Rosalind Ramage, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Andy Gilbert, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network; Stephen Love, Baillieston Community Council; Daytona Mills, Garrowhill Community Council; Marianne Harvey, Swinton Community Council; and Ross MacPhail, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

Attending: L Richards (Clerk); K Kenny (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance); R Strachan (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability); and S Faichney, Glasgow Life.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

1 The minutes of the previous meeting of 10th February 2026 were submitted and approved.

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

2 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 the following proposals, in respect of
 - (a) Ref 20-015 – purchase, erect and maintain 3 radar speed signs – as detailed in the report; and
 - (b) a new proposal that was put forward by the Baillieston Hub Stakeholder Group to commit £150,000 of NIIF funding towards the roads infrastructure at the new Baillieston Hub, which was currently in progress.

- (3) agreed to remove Ref 20-006 - reinstallation of power source at Barrachnie Road - as detailed in the report, as a site visit with R Strachan had found that the power was already in place;
- (4) requested the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability
 - (a) provide further information and updates in respect of the following proposals, as detailed in the report - Ref 20-023 – pathway on North Baillieston side leading to Aldi, Ref 20-009 – wellbeing space at St Bridget's Primary School, Ref 20-005 - seating in Garrowhill Park, Ref 20-018 – pathway/stairs leading from Newhills Road to Balado Road; and 20-002 - path maintenance in Garrowhill Park;
 - (b) contact Garrowhill Community Council in respect of Ref 20-003 – cycle zone at Garrowhill Park to discuss what had been costed as the estimate for work seemed very high;
 - (c) contact Andy Gilbert if any further details are required to progress Ref 20-011 – upgrade to Glenburn Play Park, Ref 20-012 – new lighting etc at MUGA pitch in Glenburn Park, and Ref 20-013 – health and wellbeing upgrade at Glenburn Play Park, as detailed in the report; and
 - (d) contact Swinton Community Council to seek more clarity regarding Ref 20-007 – Swinton community green space - as detailed in the report; and
- (5) members had expressed frustration at the lack of updates and contact from Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding NIIF proposals that are in progress.

Andy Gilbert, Glasgow Third Sector, noted his dissent in respect of the new proposal approving costs of £150,000 for road infrastructure at the new Baillieston Hub.

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

3 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 Baillieston Area Partnership 2026/27 Area Budget allocation;
- (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%;
- (6) that a site visit had been carried out to assess the proposal to have festive lighting at Barrachnie Road and that the report had been updated to reflect the proposed works; and
- (7) that a site visit had been carried out to assess the proposal to light the tree at Broomhouse however this was not feasible as the nearest column was too far away to supply power.

After consideration, the Partnership;

- (a) noted the lighting arrangements and the central funding available for the 2026/27 programme; and
- (b) agreed a 10% contingency from the Area Partnership budget towards Christmas trees, with the amount approved totalling £3,590.

Police Scotland Ward update noted.

4 There was heard a report by Inspector Stephen Gow, Police Scotland, advising the Partnership that

- (1) 2 suspects had been apprehended following a murder in the Shettleston Ward and in another incident following a murder in Easterhouse a suspect was awaiting trial;
- (2) there had been an ongoing murder investigation following an incident in the Carntyne area and that this was being dealt with by the London Road policing team;
- (3) there had been an increase in fuel theft and funding toward the Retail Crime Task Force had been extended which had resulted in retail theft decreasing;
- (4) all front-line Police Officers had now been equipped with body worn video cameras;
- (5) the Easter Action Plan had now concluded, and statistics were currently being compiled;

- (6) crimes of dishonesty had increased and Police Scotland urged the public to take preventative measures that included securing their homes and vehicles at all times;
- (7) Police Scotland had spent time in the Baillieston branch of Virgin Money to help educate the community on how to detect fraud and scams; and
- (8) officers had been in the community to combat speeding.

After consideration, the Partnership noted the report and thanked Inspector Gow for the update.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Ward update noted.

5 There was submitted and noted a report by the 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; and
- (2) that there had been 9 road traffic collisions, with 3 incidents having non-fatal casualties and 3 of the incidents had resulted in people being rescued by Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership – Update noted.

6 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 Baillieston locality level throughout January to March 2026, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report and thanked Rosalind Ramage for the update; and
- (b) raised a number of questions and concerns that were addressed by Rosalind Ramage.

Area Budget 2025/26 - Final monitoring statement noted.

7 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 £63,838 had been allocated to various projects in the Baillieston Ward, representing a 100% spend.

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

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 Baillieston Area Partnership's Budget allocation for 2026/27 was £65,348 and that £5,271 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £60,077;
- (3) of the 3 applications, 1 from last financial year's budget and 2 from this financial year's budget, that had been dealt with under delegated authority, as detailed in the report;
- (4) that as of April 2026, a new online application form would be introduced; and
- (5) of the applications for funding from the Area Budget for 2026/27.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the position regarding the Area Budget allocation for 2026/27;
- (b) dealt with applications for funding as follows, the grant awards being subject to the conditions detailed in the report:

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Purpose of application</i>	<i>Decision</i>
Baillieston Community Garden	Toward the cost of purchasing a portable generator and a chipper to for various community events held in the garden	Awarded £1,449
Caledonia Primary Parent Council	Toward the cost of a residential trip to Artentinny Outdoor Activity Centre	Awarded £1,500
St Bridget's Primary School	Toward the cost of delivering a cycling programme for P1-P3	Awarded £4,920
St Francis of Assisi	Toward the cost of a residential trip to Blairvadach Outdoor Activity Centre	Awarded £1,500

*Glasgow East Arts
Company

Toward the cost of holding a family
fun day at The Bridge

Awarded £1,725

Councillor Kerr declared an interest in this item of business and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon and Bailie Lalley assumed the Chair for this item only.