

EAST CENTRE AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Minutes of meeting held on 1st April 2026, Calvay Community Centre, Glasgow.

Present: Councillor Declan Blench (Chair), Baillie Annette Christie, Councillor Kieran Turner, Glasgow City Council; Chief Inspector Maxwell Shaw, Police Scotland; Station Commander John Allan, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Narjes Mehdizadeh, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; James Smith, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network; Kenny Highlands, Cranhill Community Council; Edward Andrews, Gartcraig Community Council; Alison Cairns, Springboig and Barlanark Community Council; Sharon Baldwin, Fuse Youth Café; Ross MacPhail, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability; Eddie Cusick, Calvay Housing Association; and Marie Ward, Cranhill Development Trust.

Attending: H Cairns (Clerk); A Moore (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance); K McCormick and R Noble (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability) and G Watt (Glasgow Life).

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

1 The minutes of the previous meeting of 28th January 2026 were submitted and approved subject to noting Jim Smith's apologies.

Living Well Community Referral – Presentation noted.

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

- (1) the community-based wellbeing referral programme supported people who experienced barriers to reconnect with their communities and take part in opportunities that improved health and wellbeing;
- (2) the pilot project operated in Calton and Shettleston areas and following an independent evaluation this had now expanded to 10 wards which included East Centre;
- (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.

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

3 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 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) agreed to

- (a) approve (Ref 18-006) speed bumps at Riddrie Knowes, Gartcraig Road at NRS depot and Longstone Road, (Ref 18-024) speed bumps at Hollowglen Road, (Ref 18-033) installation of a handrail and road safety barrier, (Ref 18-036) replace and paint handrail, (Ref 18-038) costing for demolition to toilet block and agreed for utilities to be kept;
- (b) continue consideration with applications being brought to a future meeting (Ref 18-010) permanent CCTV static camera, (Ref 18-014) benches for Budhill Park, (Ref 18-020) steps on path at Tanfield Street, (Ref 18-021) progression of benches and flower troughs, (Ref 18-022) pedestrian or zebra crossing opposite of Eastbank Street / Duror Street, (Ref 18-025) replace steps and hand-rail at Pendeen Road, (Ref 18-026) CCTV camera to deter fly tipping, (Ref 18-032) repairs Barlanark MUGA, (Ref 18-034) pedestrian crossing on Hallhill Road, (Ref 18-035) provision of pedestrian/zebra crossing on Glenduffhill Road, (Ref 18-037) CCTV camera at Bellrock Street and (Ref 18-039) CCTV cameras at Cockenzie Street; and
- (c) withdraw (Ref 18-031) Barlanark Park assessment on equipment repair or replace equipment and (Ref 18-019) lighting to tree at Carntyne Square; and

(2) noted that officers in Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability would

- (a) further investigate (Ref 18-007) benches and planters and (Ref 18-027) playpark equipment in regards to proposals already funded from another source;
- (b) link in with Baillie Christie and provide further information for (Ref 18-016) Cranhill Park; and
- (c) liaise with Marie Ward, Cranhill Development Trust regarding (Ref 18-030) green space between Strone Road and Cranhill Primary School.

Festive Lighting 2026/27 update noted etc.

4 There was submitted and noted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS), regarding festive lighting within the Ward for 2026/27, providing an update on the proposed locations for the

planting of Christmas trees, advising a possible increase of 20% in the cost of Christmas trees which members should budget for.

After consideration, the Partnership requested that

- (1) the lights on the Carntyne Square tree be changed to a string of lights for this year so they would go all the way round the tree;
- (2) a tree in the Cranhill Area, possibly located close to the Cranhill Beacon Community Centre; and
- (3) that an officer from NRS should attend the next meeting of this Partnership to provide advice/confirmation on various requests.

Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership – Update noted.

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

Police Scotland Ward update noted etc.

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

- (1) crimes of violence were down by a quarter in the past 3 months versus the same period the previous year;
- (2) anti social behaviour had decreased by 10% versus the same period the previous year;
- (3) drug supply had dropped by 50% versus the same period the previous year, however very little reports had come from the public;
- (4) vehicle theft crimes had increased, however an arrest had recently been made in relation to majority of these;
- (5) there had been a general increase of traffic offences owing to targeted action plans which recently included operations on Edinburgh Road and Police Scotland encouraged the public to report areas of concerns for action plans to be in place;
- (6) Police Scotland had been working with HMP Barlinnie in relation to combat the use of drones for illegal activity;
- (7) funding had ended to tackle retail crime however, the newly established Retail Crime Task Force would continue to tackle these issues;

- (8) Police Scotland were aware of recent issues involving youths on E-bikes and weapon carrying and action had been taken in relation this and where possible they would also hold their parents/guardians to account by charging them and seizing the E-bike; and
- (9) Police Scotland would follow up on reports and asked for members to remain vigilant and report any incidents to Police Scotland.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report; and
- (b) thanked Chief Inspector Maxwell Shaw for the update and the work carried out by Police Scotland in the Ward.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Ward update noted etc.

7 There was heard and noted an update 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 that

- (1) there had been 87 incidents in total in the East End of the City with 12 fires in total, 19 incidents, 3 casualties hospitalised and no fatalities in the Ward;
- (2) there were no legal responsibilities to monitor vape shops; and
- (3) there had been a rise in lithium battery incidents and reminded members that these batteries should be disposed of appropriately.

Area Budget 2025/26 - Final monitoring statement noted.

8 There was submitted and noted 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, as detailed in appendix 1 to the report.

Area Budget 2025/26 – Applications for funding dealt with etc.

9 With reference to the minutes of the Council's City Administration Committee of 13th March 2025, when the committee approved the 2025/26 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 East Centre Area Partnership's budget for 2025/26;

- (2) that the East Centre Area Partnership's Budget allocation for 2025/26 was £114,591.00 and that £114,288.500 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £302.50; and
- (3) of the applications for funding from the East Centre Area Budget for 2025/26.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted
 - (i) the position regarding the Area Budget allocation for 2025/26; and
 - (ii) the 2 applications dealt with under the Delegated Functions, as detailed in the report; and
- (b) dealt with the applications for funding as follows, the grant awards being subject to the conditions detailed in the report:

<i>Application</i>	<i>Purpose of application</i>	<i>Decision</i>
Festive Lighting	Towards the cost of festive lighting for Ward 18	Awarded £19,750.00
St Andrews Outdoor Learning & Community Garden Development Project	Towards the cost of purchasing items to start up a Community Garden within St Andrews Secondary School	Awarded £750.00

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

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 East Centre Area Partnership's Budget allocation for 2026/27 was £119,553.00 and that no funds been allocated to date;
- (3) that as of April 2026, a new online application form would be introduced; and
- (4) of the applications for funding from the East Centre Area Budget for 2026/27.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted
- (i) the position regarding the Area Budget allocation for 2026/27; and
 - (ii) there had been no applications dealt with under delegated functions; and
- (b) dealt with applications for funding as follows, the grant awards being subject to the conditions detailed in the report:

<i>Application</i>	<i>Purpose of application</i>	<i>Decision</i>
St Pauls Youth Forum	Towards the cost of delivering a programme that addresses the issues faced by young people living in the Riddrie area	Awarded £11,459.00
*Cranhill Community Partnership	Towards the cost of appointing Kevin Murray Associates a leading consultancy in community led place planning to deliver this project	Awarded £10,750.00
GEAC	Towards the cost of supporting the Alexandra Park Family Festival that will take place on Saturday 11th July 2026	Awarded £1,950.00

*Kenny Highland and Marie Ward declared an interest in this item and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon.