

GREATER POLLOK AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Minutes of meeting held on 29th April 2026, Hillwood Community Hub.

Greater Pollok Area Partnership.

- Present:** Bailie Roza Salih (Chair), Councillor Saqib Ahmed, Glasgow City Council; Ann Duffy, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Sarah Ali, Crookston Community Group (BME Community Representative); Alistair MacLellan, Levern and District Community Council; Ali Ashman, St Pauls High School; Helen Mill, Village Story Telling Centre; Donna Foote, Greater Pollok Services; Teresa Foley, Langton Hall Activity Group; and Karen Venables, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.
- Apologies:** Councillor William Graham and Councillor Rashid Hussain, Glasgow City Council; Inspector James McFarlane, Police Scotland; and Jean Honan, Glasgow Third Sector Organisation.
- Attending:** H Cairns (Clerk); K Docherty (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance); A Morrow, Sanctuary Housing and F Pearson and G Watt, Glasgow Life.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

- 1** The minutes of the previous meeting of 18th February 2026 were submitted and approved.

Glasgow Community Planning Partnership Governance Framework – Membership noted.

- 2** There was submitted and noted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration providing an update regarding the membership of this Partnership, advising that since the last meeting, no changes had been made to the membership.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Improvement Fund - Progress 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 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) noted the report; and

- (2) raised concerns in relation to
 - (a) time scales with regards to playparks and requested an update on Parks and Open Spaces at future meeting; and
 - (b) (Ref 03-024) lighting at Househill Park and requested a special meeting to discuss lighting options; and
- (3) requested that the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability provide costings in relation to Househill Park to be made available before the September meeting to allow the Partnership to make a financially informed decision on the rest of the NIIF list of proposals.

Festive Lighting 2026/27 – Additional funding approved.

4 There was submitted and noted 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 asked the Partnership to confirm whether these should be included in the 2026/27 programme;
- (2) of the standard pricing schedule for the 2024-2028 festive lighting programme following the procurement exercise carried out to deliver the programme;
- (3) that approved funding in excess of the central funding would be met by Greater Pollok Area Partnership from other funds; and
- (4) that NRS Festive Team had been informed of the current Horticultural Contract, which included the supply of Christmas Trees, had come to an end and the Council's procurement would establish a new framework to invite suppliers to tender, and as such this could now impact the cost of Christmas Trees.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report; and
- (b) approved additional funding of £90 from the area budget for items below:-
 - (i) Barrhead Road column features;
 - (ii) Braidcraft Road Co-op lights in natural trees; and
 - (iii) Nitshill Road/Parkhouse column features.

Living Well Community Referral – Presentation noted.

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

- (1) LWCR supported people who experience barriers to participation to take part in Physical Activity, Cultural or Community Learning opportunities that can improve their health and wellbeing;
- (2) Live Well was a Glasgow Life wide service;
- (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.

Nitshill Place Based Programme – Update noted.

6 There was heard a verbal report by Anthony Morrow, Sanctuary Housing, advising that

- (1) salaries for staff for 2026/27 and 27/28 had covered community connectors;
- (2) breakfast and lunch clubs had not been popular and that trauma groups works had been extended for 5 years;
- (3) £55,000 funding was expected to arrive imminently and that £30,000 funding remained unallocated, however, was happy for proposals regarding ways to invest this money;
- (4) Robertson Trust application was linked between this neighbourhood but also Toryglen, would aim to bring in multi-year funding to continue work around trauma and links to poverty; and
- (5) written reports would be provided to the Partnership going forward.

Police Scotland – Consideration continued.

7 The Partnership agreed to continue consideration of this item of business to a future meeting.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Ward update noted.

8 There was submitted and noted an update by Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, regarding the current issues, incidents and work being carried out in the

ward for Quarter 4, from 1st January 2026 to 31st March 2026, advising the Partnership that

- (1) the service had attended 797 incidents in the South area, these being 211 fires, 212 non-fire incidents and 314 false alarms;
- (2) there had been 4 accidental dwelling fires, 6 non-fire casualties, 37 deliberate fires, 21 unwanted fire alarm signals; and
- (3) 50 home fire safety visits had been carried out during the period as well as 3 fire safety enforcement audits.

Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership – Update noted.

9 There was heard and noted a verbal report by the Chief Officer, Glasgow City Social Care Partnership, providing an update during the last quarter regarding health improvement and of the ongoing work within the south of the city.

Community reports and updates by Partnership members noted.

10 There were heard and noted verbal reports from members of this Partnership on various matters regarding the Greater Pollok ward as follows:-

- (1) Glasgow Life - Frances McSorly Pearson advised that,
 - (a) Julie MacLeod had retired and that Francess had took over as the Local Community Officer; and
 - (b) 15 – 20 people had attended Taichi on Tuesdays.
- (2) Village Story Telling Centre – Helen Mill advised,
 - (a) that funding had been secured through Creative Scotland as part of the Culture Collective Programme;
 - (b) of 23 awarded projects, Village Story Telling Centre was the only one to deliver a place based programme in Glasgow;
 - (c) that Hannah Brackston had joined the team as Culture Collective Co-ordinator and would be connecting with local organisations and stakeholders to help design a series of Artist Residencies in the area and one would be in Damshot Woods, another in Crookston Castle and 2 more with a focus on heritage and health and wellbeing;
 - (d) that after 18 months of collaborative work and inspiring input from people and organisations across the area, the Greater Pollok Arts and Creativity Strategy would officially launch on Wednesday, 13th May 2026; and

- (e) that they would host a celebrated event on 13th May in Pollok Community Centre, to share highlights from the strategy and facilitate small round-table discussions.

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

11 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 Greater Pollok Area Partnership’s Budget allocation for 2026/27 was £92,214 and that £29,375 been allocated to date, therefore leaving a balance of £64,690;
- (3) that as of April 2026, a new online application form would be introduced;
- (4) of the 1 application dealt with since the last meeting under delegated functions as detailed in the report; and
- (5) of the applications for funding from the Greater Pollok 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:-

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Purpose of application</i>	<i>Decision</i>
Hillwood Community Trust	Towards the cost of IT equipment	Awarded £2,203
People Relief Support	Towards the cost of running a programme of activities over the school summer holidays	Refused due to further information and confirmation in relation to staff was not received
Darnley Primary Parent Council	Towards the cost of residential trip for Primary 7 pupils to Lockerbie	Awarded £1,500
Darnley Primary Parent Council	Towards the cost of digital equipment	Awarded £4,476

*South West Community Transport	Towards the cost of purchasing essential office equipment and uniforms for drivers and volunteers	Awarded £2,600
Jhankar Beats	Towards the cost of funding a programme of activities aimed at older people within the Greater Pollok Ward	Awarded £4,100
Crookston Castle Primary School	Towards the cost of sound equipment for the school	Awarded £6,426
TURF	Towards the cost of allow TURF to engage with young people within the area surrounding Pollok Fire Station	Awarded £910
Woodacre Nursery at St Bernards Primary	Towards the cost of creating an outdoor space of learning and growing	Awarded £3,480
Whiteacre Wolves	Towards the cost of a summer programme of sports and football activity within the Greater Pollok Ward	Awarded £4,400 on condition the group work with local group Greater Pollok Services to ensure local children are able to participate and that 50% of new children attend and for families who cannot afford to pay the nominal fee this money can support them

*Brian Gerrand declared an interest in this item and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon.