

**Coatbridge Neighbourhood Board Meeting Notes
Coatbridge Summerlee Museum
Friday 13th of February 2026**

Attendees: Gavin Whitefield, Christopher Moore, Cllr. Geraldine Woods, Liz McCutcheon.

Virtual: Frank McNally MP, Fulton McGregor MSP, Willie McBride and Cllr. Allan Stubbs.

Apologies: David Woods, Gwen MacIntyre and Police Scotland.

Observers: Pamela Humphries, Kirsty Gray, and Jonathan MacVicar (all North Lanarkshire Council).

Item	Summary	Actions
1	<p>Introduction and Welcome</p> <p>GW welcomed everyone to the meeting and highlighted to the board that members from Albion Rovers will be joining later in the meeting to present a project proposal.</p>	All Points Noted
2	<p>Minutes of Last Meeting/ Issues arising</p> <p>No issues raised.</p> <p>The minutes of the last meeting as circulated were agreed as a correct record.</p>	All Points Noted
3	<p>New Board Logo and website: Presentation</p> <p><u>Logo:</u></p> <p>A presentation on options developed by New College Lanarkshire for a new logo for the Coatbridge Neighbourhood Board was delivered by CM. Update of the board logo was raised collectively by the board at the last meeting in December. The work undertaken to date has focused on two aspects:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A strapline to express what the board is about; and 2. Design for the logo, with four options developed <p>CM highlighted research conducted by the college which indicated that a good strapline should only have three words. CM presented the proposed strapline for the board as 'For Coatbridge Sake' and the reasoning behind this, which includes reflecting that the board is working towards the common good for Coatbridge.</p> <p>CM also presented four logo design options with variations of black text on a white background and white text on a black background for the board's consideration. CM highlighted that the college conducted some small-scale consultations to seek feedback on the most favourable design and the proposed strapline, with the pool of people engaged with ranging from students to community members. CM advised the board that the strapline was favourably received and that option.4 emerged as the preferred option, followed by option 3.</p>	All Points Noted

	<p>After discussion, the board agreed on Option 4, as the preferred logo design, with the slogan placed at the bottom of the design. Actions were agreed for the New College Lanarkshire designers to proceed to finalise the Option 4 logo design, to incorporate colour into the sun element of the design and to investigate whether this element could be animated for digital application. A final version of the logo and the range of file types it will be supplied in is to be brought to the next board meeting.</p> <p><u>Website:</u> JM provided a progress update on the new website for the board, which will be created to raise more awareness of the board, the Pride in Place programme, the initiatives and projects which are being developed and delivered in Coatbridge. The creation of a website for the Neighbourhood Board was recommended by the UK Government civil servants at the last board meeting. The website remains in DRAFT until approved by the board members. It was agreed that the domain name for the new website will be 'Coatbridge Neighbourhood Board'. JM will confirm this to the website designer.</p>	<p>Action: CM / NCL</p> <p>Action: JM</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>Progress Update Report</p> <p>KG provided an update on progress since the last board meeting on delivery of the capacity funding budget and to highlight planned activity for upcoming months. A financial update was also provided. Full detail on the updates was provided within the report, circulated to board members prior to the meeting with the Agenda, with key points highlighted on activity which has progressed against the approved Capacity Funding budget headings. This included an expected timescale of early March for an update from the UK Government on approval of the Regeneration Plan and initial 4-year Investment Plan.</p> <p>A summary of priorities for the upcoming period was provided. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuing planning for the Spring Clean-Up event, working with local in-bloom groups • Finalise proposals for the deep clean of Main Street and commence implementation, working in collaboration with NHS Lanarkshire on their environmental campaign • Commence the planned schools engagement project focussed on Main Street and progress over the period April – September 2026 • Conclusion of the recruitment process for practitioners to lead the Youth Engagement Strategy and commence delivery of the programme • Day of Celebration event by New College Lanarkshire (Coatbridge Campus) on 27 March 2026, to which board members are invited to attend • Continue to engage with Asda and property owners in the town centre on early action projects for Main Street and opportunities for collaboration 	<p>All Points Noted</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion of the Coatbridge Neighbourhood Board website and finalisation of the new logo for the Board, for launch in April to coincide with start of the delivery period. <p>The recommendations within the report were noted and agreed by the Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Note the progress update on delivery of the Capacity Funding budget; 2. Note the finance update on the 2025/26 Capacity Funding budget 	
5	<p>Spring Clean-up event: Verbal Update</p> <p>A verbal update on the Spring Clean-up event was provided by Councillor Geraldine Woods.</p> <p><u>Community Meeting:</u></p> <p>CGW. Provided an update on the recent community clean-up meeting, which was held at the Coatbridge Library inviting local members, businesses or groups to attend, and was successful. It was recommended to the board that a pre-event engagement activity should be planned which would highlight the groups and businesses involved alongside raising awareness of the project proposals. <i>This has been scheduled for Thursday 12th of March.</i></p> <p>CGW raised that the under-pass by the Faraday Retail Park and the area around Asda should be key areas to focus upon. <i>Action: Plans will be developed to clean-up these areas.</i></p> <p><u>Clean-up Project:</u></p> <p>JM mentioned in addition to CGW update, a contractor (<i>Kier Construction</i>) attended the community meeting and wanted to approach the board to develop a project that would allow the contractor to give-back to the community through litter-picking, planting or general cleanliness tasks. Further discussions are scheduled to be had. This would provide support to the main clean-up event. <i>Action: Develop a project proposal for the contractor to take forward.</i></p> <p>It was highlighted that Keep Scotland Beautiful will be participating in a campaign during the Spring. It was recommended that contact be made with them to discuss opportunities for collaboration. NLC Project Team will follow up with the contact details provided by Willie McBride (clean@keepscotlandbeautiful.org)</p> <p>The opportunity for promoting the spring clean-up event through the planned schools engagement project was also highlighted. KG to discuss this with the arts development team.</p>	<p>All Points Noted</p> <p>Action: JM/CGW</p> <p>Action: JM</p> <p>Action NLC KG/JM.</p> <p>Action: NLC KG/JM.</p>

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Investment Plan: Year One delivery plan report

All points
Noted

KG provided an update on the development of a delivery plan for Year 1 of the Investment Plan, commencing in April 2026. Full detail of the proposals was provided within the report, circulated to board members prior to the meeting with the Agenda, with key points highlighted on work which has progressed on developing proposals for early action projects to improve the safety and appearance of Main Street and external improvements at the Time Capsule, and for community and business grant programmes.

A list of proposed initiatives were presented to the board, for endorsement and for NLC officers to develop detailed costings for presentation to the board in April for approval and discussion, as required, of phased delivery. The board endorsed the proposals presented, which are detailed below:

Main Street Improvements	Proposed Interventions (26/27)
Proposal	Delivery Method
<p>Main Street:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deep clean • New CCTV • New benches and signage • Refreshed planters • Decorative vinyls for bins, planters and vacant shop unit windows • New shopping centre signage • Refurbishment of feature railings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NLC Streetscene • NL CCTV Ltd • Contractor • Local in-bloom groups • Artist working with local schools • Contractor, working with New College Lanarkshire
<p>South Circular Road Footbridge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internal deep clean • External deep clean • External repainting • New CCTV • New lighting (footway area from Main Street to the bridge) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NLC Streetscene • Contractor • Contractor • NL CCTV Ltd • Contractor, working with shopping centre owner

Further detail on proposals and costs for impactful external improvements at the Time Capsule will be presented to the Board for approval in April.

There was discussion amongst board members of the importance of the Time Capsule and general support for improvements to the facility, in

	<p>addition to NLC investment, to ensure continuous availability for use by the public.</p> <p>Approval was sought from the board for the launch of the capacity funding community grants programme in March 2026, focussing again on supporting youth programmes with associated engagement activity, and also environmental awareness and action initiatives. Councillor Geraldine Woods commented that the grant application forms for this financial year's programme were long and asked if a simpler form could be developed. KG will discuss this with the council's Community Partnership team.</p> <p>The NLC project team will work with the council's community partnership team to develop proposed assessment criteria, grant threshold values and focus areas for further community grant programmes and will bring these to the board for approval in April.</p> <p>Proposals for business support grants and for facilitating the re-use of vacant units on Main Street will be brought to the board for approval in June.</p> <p>It was highlighted that Active and Creative Communities are working on their external funding application for redevelopment of Summerlee Museum, which will be supported by the Neighbourhood Board's contribution. The bid will be submitted in May. A representative of the Summerlee project will be invited to a future meeting to present an update on the project and delivery profile.</p> <p>The recommendations within the report were noted and agreed by the board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Note the progress update on development of a delivery plan for Year 1 of the Investment Plan, commencing in April 2026; 2. Endorse the proposed range of initiatives for early action improvements on Main Street, for further development of costing and delivery phasing plans by NLC officers; 3. Approve the launch of the capacity funding community grants programme in March 2026, focussing on supporting youth programmes with associated engagement activities, environmental awareness and action initiatives. 	<p>Action: NLC KG</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Coatbridge Neighbourhood Board Membership</p> <p>KG provided an update on proposed actions to recruit additional members to the Coatbridge Neighbourhood Board, to take board membership up to its maximum number of 15 members. There is an opportunity for up to an additional four members to be recruited to join the board.</p>	<p>All points Noted</p>

	<p>Updates on the actions will be brought to the next board meeting in April. It is aimed that additional board members will be appointed in Spring 2026 to coincide with commencement of the delivery period.</p>	
<p>8.</p>	<p>AOCB</p> <p>Albion Rovers proposal</p> <p>Representatives of Albion Rovers Football Club requested to attend the Neighbourhood Board meeting to present their proposals to turn their Cliftonville Stadium into a community sports hub.</p> <p>Representatives of the club and of the Albion Rovers Community Trust attended the meeting and delivered a presentation to the board.</p> <p>It was outlined that the primary missions for the project board were to secure funding to replace the grass pitch at Cliftonville Stadium with an artificial surface that would allow for community usage and install inclusive changing facilities that open up the ability for girls and women's sport usage. A third mission was highlighted, to upgrade the stadium's facilities to future proof Cliftonville as a facility with sporting and cultural significance within Coatbridge.</p> <p>The representatives outlined the limitations of the current facilities and how this is curtailing the potential for community use and Albion Rovers' ambitions to become a community club. Key benefits of improving the facilities were outlined.</p> <p>Representatives of the community trust outlined how they are fully accredited by OSCAR with charity status and are involved in a diverse range of community activity. The activity they can deliver at the stadium is limited however by the facilities.</p> <p>The representatives outlined that the club plan to submit a funding application to the Scottish FA Pitching In Fund in January 2027 for the 2027 funding allocation. It was highlighted that there are match funding requirements and that a number of potential funding opportunities are being investigated, including whether funding support could be provided by the Coatbridge Neighbourhood Board.</p> <p>Board members expressed general support for Albion Rovers and the Albion Rovers Community Trust's ambitions and recognised the value of the club to the local community.</p> <p>KG highlighted that North Lanarkshire Council are the accountable body for the Pride in Place funding, and that further information would be required on the funding support sought including costings and that subsidy control matters would need to be considered. KG also highlighted that due to a limited budget next financial year, there is currently no capital community grants programme available. But, that there will be the opportunity to apply for funding through a small grants programme to support with initial business plan development and with preparing funding bids and planning applications.</p>	

	<p>It was agreed that NLC project team officers would arrange a follow up meeting with representatives of Albion Rovers to discuss this further.</p> <p>Airdrie and Coatbridge Harriers Proposal</p> <p>Councillor Stubbs highlighted correspondence he has received from representatives of the Airdrie and Coatbridge Harriers with a request to attend a future board meeting to present a proposal. NLC Project Officers will contact the representatives to discuss this further.</p> <p>Panorama request</p> <p>KG highlighted that a communications request had been received from a journalist from Panorama. This will be circulated to board members for consideration. The recommendation is that the Regeneration Plan and Year 1 delivery plan be shared with the journalist, once approval has been confirmed.</p> <p><i>Date of Next Meeting: Friday 24th of April. 10:00 - 12:00</i></p>	<p>Action: NLC (KG)</p> <p>Action: NLC (KG)</p> <p>Action: NLC (KG)</p>
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