



To: Renfrew Local Partnership

On: 8 November 2022

Report by:
Chief Executive, Renfrewshire Council

TITLE:
Renfrew Local Partnership Budget Monitoring and Feedback Report

1. Summary

- 1.1 Renfrew Local Partnership provides funding to community groups to undertake projects. This funding is allocated from the General Grant Fund and, through a Participating Budgeting exercise known as Celebrating Renfrewshire, the Youth Challenge Fund.
- 1.2 A table setting out the funds allocated by Renfrew Local Partnership in 2022/23 and current budget position is attached as an appendix to this report.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 It is recommended that the budget monitoring and feedback report be noted.

Appendix 1

Renfrew Local Partnership Budget Monitoring Report 2021/22

General Grant Fund	£ 40,103
Renfrew Common Good	£ 71,740
Total Funding Awards	£ 86,639
Available	£25,204

Grant Ref	Organisation	Awarded £	Paid £	Still To Be Paid £
FR1040	Forever Young	£1,200	£1,200	£0
FR1042	Paisley Pirates Ice Hockey Club	£6,829	£6,829	£0
FR1049	Renfrew Football Club	£5,000	£5,000	£0
FR1059	C-Change Scotland	£1,000	£1,000	£0
FR1062	Renfrewshire Toy Bank	£1,430	£1,430	£0
FR1064	Renfrew Town Sea Scouts	£10,000	£10,000	£0
FR1098	Paterson Park Allotment Association	£8,750	£8,750	£0
FR1105	Kirklandneuk Primary School Parent Council	£3,100	£3,100	£0
FR1148	Renfrewshire Access Panel	£1,955	£1,955	£0
FR1161	Paisley and District Battalion - Boys Brigade	£500	£500	£0
FR1085	Renfrew YMCA SCIO	£10,000	£10,000	£0
FR1086	Renfrew Development Trust	£6,875	£6,875	£0
FR1155	Friends of Knockhill Park	£10,000	£10,000	£0
FR1167	Our Place Our Families Renfrew	£10,000	£10,000	£0
FR1188	Renfrew Pipe Band Competition	£10,000	£10,000	£0

Celebrating Renfrewshire Fund £18,657	
Total Funding Awards	£18,657

Grant Ref	Organisation	Awarded £	Paid £	Still To Be Paid £
	Renfrew Victoria YFC	£3,000.00	£0	£3,000.00
	Renfrewshire Carers Centre	£1,715.00	£0	£1,715.00
	Trinity High school	£3,000.00	£0	£3,000.00
	Renfrew Town Sea Scouts	£3,000.00	£0	£3,000.00
	Glenvale FC	£3,000.00	£0	£3,000.00
	PACE Theatre Company	£3,000.00	£0	£3,000.00
	Renfrew YMCA	£3,000.00	£0	£3,000.00

Feedback On Renfrew Local Partnership Awards 2021/22

Community groups awarded funding from Renfrew Local Partnership in 2021/22 were asked to provide feedback regarding the progress of their project and benefit to the local community. Attached below is feedback received for awards made by Renfrew Local Partnership.

FR1055-58 – Paisley Pirates Ice Hockey Club

Project – Provision of Ice

Awarded - £10,870.20

LP Area(s): Renfrew - £4844.64, Paisley East - £2437.95, PNWC - £2587.61, Gleniffer - £1000

What did you want the money to do?

Get the Paisley Pirates back up & running after 21 months away due to the COVID pandemic. The financial support from Renfrewshire Council was crucial to our survival & ongoing legacy, which has been in existence since 1946.

What did you spend it on?

Provision of Ice

How many people benefitted from/access your project?

Many people (young/old) have benefited from ALL Local Partnerships in the Renfrewshire area, even although some of these partnerships turned down our application.

The community-wide benefited through our live events (Games at Braehead) &/or via social media outlets such as YouTube, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram & TikTok. The local press, namely Paisley Daily Express also featured (& continue to do so) the Pirates on a weekly basis.

The COVID pandemic caused many, if not a large majority of people within the community to feel isolated, lonely & depressed. However, our varied social media streams & the gradual increase of our live events, gave people a focus & way of interacting with others, whilst enjoying the sport they love.

How did your project benefit people in the community?

The biggest impact to our community, was that Paisley Pirates have come through a major pandemic - COVID 19, which saw our team 'frozen out' for 21 months. However, through sheer determination & financial support from Renfrewshire Council, we have managed to survive & continue our legacy, which has been in existence since 1946.

Many of our players have been suffering from mental health issues stemming from COVID, as restrictions prevented participation of our sport. Our gradual return to play was of huge benefit, not only to our players, but management, volunteers & indeed our Renfrewshire wide supporters. The commencement of competitive games, which was our ultimate goal, as games made a huge difference everyone's

mental wellbeing.

All of our social media streams have seen a steady increase in numbers this season (avg 21.6%). Follower numbers are as follows; Facebook 2806, Twitter 2499, Instagram 844. We have also introduced TikTok to our growing media streams this season.

How can you evidence the impact of your project?

The Paisley Daily Express including social media streams such as YouTube, FaceBook, Twitter & TikTok are all available as evidence for our project.

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=paisley+pirates+ice+hockey

<https://www.facebook.com/paisley.pirates>

<https://twitter.com/PaisleyPirates>

<https://www.instagram.com/paisleypiratesofficial/>

<https://www.tiktok.com/@timbers00/video/7043162534563613958>

How has the grant been spent?

The grant has been spent for the provision Training & Game Ice.

Total Spend = £10,870.20

FR1061 – Forever Young

Project – Activities over the Airwaves

Amount Received - £5815.92

LP Areas – Renfrew - £2000, PNWC - £2865.92, J&L - £950

We wanted to buy big televisions so that when socializing in the lounge area together the tenants could watch or interact with digital and technology. Have outside roadshows with our local radio station and online exercise classes.

We have 280 tenants living within Renfrewshire so with the multi money we received we were able to provide them with a new 50" TV with all the extras. They could access online facilities including exercise classes and interact with other complex through technology.

Through our poetry/creative writing classes online our tenants were able to create work that we shared with the community on billboards and on the NCN route 7 cycle path.

Paisley FM came along and did their gigs outside so this was a huge benefit to the community as they were able to be outside safely and listening to the music.

With our creativity we have got the message to others to get onto the cycle path and look for our poetry boards that stretch 4 miles from Paisley George Street to Johnstone Morrisons.

Forever Young have also been recognized in many areas and this year has been give the Provost Community Group of the Year Award, this has been an honour.

We can evidence by the way our tenants have engaged with technology, they loved being able to keep the exercise going and now even better as they are able to do it safely back in the lounge altogether. Paisley FM was a godsend during lockdown, they came along and provided music entertainment in all weathers so our tenants could have a bit of fun.

Due to the reduction in funding we just down scaled everything and finished the projects a bit quicker, but all still gave the same impact.

Evidence Received

Photographs

How was the grant spent?

We bought 50" tv's for the complexes, we got Paisley FM to do outdoor roadshows to entertain during the lockdown and we were able to bring many people together using technology. Online quizzes, poetry classes, exercise classes. the engagement for this was fantastic.

Costs

TVs	-	£5823	(£7.08	overspend)
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FR1156 – Our Place Our Families

Project – IT 4 All

Awarded - £10,000

LP Area(s): Renfrew

What did you want the money to do?

To help people gain IT Skills to help them understand there is nothing to be scared of and having these skills will help them in the future communicate with other family members ,shopping employment extra

What did you spend it on?

4 lap tops ,3 tablets, tutor fees, stationary and printer, Volunteer expenses ,Publicity

How many people benefitted from/access your project?

43 clients on a one-to-one basis with the lap tops

23 with the table

How did your project benefit people in the community?

This allowed the clients to widen their knowledge and help with job searches and emails

and on line message shopping in case there is another pandemic and to communicate with family and friends that they were not able to before and to help them understand that they can now reach out to other people

How can you evidence the impact of your project?

Photographs

How has the grant been spent?

4 laptops ,3 tablets, printer, tutor fees, publicity, stationary and / volunteer expenses

Total Spend = £10,000

FR1157 Arkleston and Newmains Over 60s Club

Section 1

1.1	Organisation Name	Arkleston and Newmains Over 60s club
1.2	Organisation Address	Broadloan Renfrew pa4 0by
1.3	Main Contact Name	Margret Brown
1.4	Main Contact Telephone Number	07475445204
1.5	Main Contact Email Address	Mbbrown21@hotmail.co.uk

Section 2

2.1	Project Name	Over 60s club
2.2	Amount Received	2,400
2.3	What priorities did you tell us your project would meet?	<p>X Tackling isolation & loneliness X Health & wellbeing <input type="checkbox"/> Environment & parks <input type="checkbox"/> Roads & transport X Moving around & connectivity <input type="checkbox"/> Community & road safety X Community facilities & public assets <input type="checkbox"/> Community identity & civic pride <input type="checkbox"/> Young people and/or intergenerational work <input type="checkbox"/> Renfrew town centre & play facilities</p>
2.4	What did you spend the money on and was it fully spent? (was this different to what you originally intended? If so, please explain).	<p>It included activities for the over 60s i.e., Flower arranging, singing, playing instruments, hospitality, Arts and crafts and exercising in a chair.</p> <p>Yes, all funds are spent.</p>

Section 3 – Impact

3.1	<p>How many people in your community benefited from your project and how? (What outcomes did you achieve? Please describe the impact your project had on its participants If you have received funding from more than one Local Partnership, please tell us how many you reached in each Local Partnership area)</p> <p>The people attending the group are more positive and cheerful due to the club because there is nothing in Renfrew for over 60s.</p> <p>They look forward to a Thursday every week because a lot of the people have no one else and no one to talk to.</p> <p>We have had more new people come join in our club and we are talking about having a possible other club as it's getting really busy our members were 56 its now 67 we have a waiting list off 19.</p>
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FR1073 - Renfrewshire Toy Bank

Section 1

1.1	Organisation Name	The Renfrewshire Toy Bank
1.2	Organisation Address	106 Moorpark Square, Renfrew, PA4 8JF
1.3	Main Contact Name	Lauren Roy-Sutherland
1.4	Main Contact Telephone Number	07540310899
1.5	Main Contact Email Address	rctb2018@hotmail.com

Section 2

2.1	Project Name	The Renfrewshire Toy Bank
2.2	Amount Received	£7,887
2.3	What priorities did you tell us your project would meet?	

	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tackling isolation & loneliness</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Health & wellbeing</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Environment & parks</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Roads & transport</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Moving around & connectivity</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Community & road safety</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Community facilities & public assets</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Community identity & civic pride</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Young people and/or intergenerational work</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Renfrew town centre & play facilities</p>
2.4	<p>What did you spend the money on and was it fully spent? (was this different to what you originally intended? If so, please explain).</p> <p>Spent full amount – split between storage costs for a year, gift cards for teenagers, Easter eggs and Halloween costumes. This was what we expected to spend the funding on however our storage costs have now significantly risen.</p>

Section 3 – Impact

3.1	<p>How many people in your community benefited from your project and how?</p> <p>(What outcomes did you achieve? Please describe the impact your project had on its participants If you have received funding from more than one Local Partnership, please tell us how many you reached in each Local Partnership area)</p> <p>Almost 2,700 children received Christmas gifts, over 750 Halloween costumes were given out, 3,800 easter eggs and over 1000 birthday gifts – a total of 8,250 gifts out in a year to children in Renfrewshire.</p> <p>Providing parents and guardians with new toys and gifts helps to reduce stigma as there are no links to the toy bank as all gifts are of a high quality and quantity, the same as children's peers. This also helps reduce the risk of families getting into</p>
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debt at Christmas, knowing that their children will get to enjoy the magic of Christmas.

With the rising cost of living providing Halloween costumes has been a vital service this year and feedback from groups and parents highlights this. With school Halloween discos, the toy bank can help reduce financial pressure from families while tackling stigma by providing new high-quality costumes in a range of accessible locations throughout Renfrewshire. The same applies to Easter.

Birthday gifts are always given out, as much as I have said above that 1000 children have had gifts we know this number is higher. Organisations that work with have “birthday boxes” with toys and gifts suitable for children that they work with. This model came about due to covid. This means gifts are already with organisations and we provide top ups when needed. When a top up is needed, have more accurate figures.

I will forward some databases onto you with the photographic evidence, however please note that these will have some data removed due to data protection and GDPR. If you need any further information please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Some examples more to be seen on databases –

Johnstone Social work referrals (Xmas) – 280

Johnstone Health visitors(x-mas) – 20

Linwood Families firs(x-mas) – 22

The STAR Project (x-mas) 45

Pals of the Privies (x-mas) 18

Northcroft health visitors (x-mas) -26

Paisley social work north (x-mas) – 150

FR1155 – Shopmobility Paisley and District

Section 1

1.1	Organisation Name	Shopmobility Paisley and District
1.2	Organisation Address	Paisley Centre Car Park, Storie Street, Paisley
1.3	Main Contact Name	Karen Miller

1.4	Main Contact Telephone Number	0141 889 0441
1.5	Main Contact Email Address	Shopmobilitypaisley2019@outlook.com

Section 2

2.1	Project Name	Advancing Social Enterprising in Renfrewshire
2.2	Amount Received	£8,223.74
2.3	What priorities did you tell us your project would meet?	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Tackling isolation & loneliness <input type="checkbox"/> Health & wellbeing <input type="checkbox"/> Environment & parks <input type="checkbox"/> Roads & transport <input type="checkbox"/> Moving around & connectivity <input type="checkbox"/> Community & road safety <input type="checkbox"/> Community facilities & public assets <input type="checkbox"/> Community identity & civic pride <input type="checkbox"/> Young people and/or intergenerational work <input type="checkbox"/> Renfrew town centre & play facilities	
2.4	What did you spend the money on and was it fully spent? (was this different to what you originally intended? If so, please explain).	
	<p>We purchased a company van, logo'd the van with our company branding. We have spent almost £10k on the van to date. We had unexpected repair and maintenance costs, fitting out the back of the van breakdown and pick up costs as well as insurance increases. However; we are very grateful for this money which has enabled us to further develop our social enterprise and ultimately enhance service to members.</p>	

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(What outcomes did you achieve? Please describe the impact your project had on its participants If you have received funding from more than one Local Partnership, please tell us how many your reached in each Local Partnership area)

Hundreds of people have benefitted. The outcome is that we are now able to pick up and deliver mobility equipment locally as well as enhancing our repairs and maintenance service following on and off-site repairs. This can save an individual trying to deal with mentally getting out of their house to navigate public transportation to Shopmobility as we can now deliver to them if that's what they need. We also pick up food from RAMH pantry and deliver to our members and we pay the £1 for a lifetime membership with RAMH – all they do is pay the £2.50 for their shopping. We also deliver and pick up shopping to those in the RAH, pick up prescriptions. We know 73% of our ordinary members are still suffering from social isolation and loneliness (post pandemic), and, live in poverty – they tell us this. Following surveys, the impact is very positive indeed and we deliver a service which our membership tell us they need and receive great benefit from.