

To: Renfrew Local Partnership

On: 17 May 2023

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.

Renfrew Local Partnership Budget Monitoring Report 2021/22

General Grant Fund £ 40,103
Renfrew Common Good £ 71,740
Total Funding Awards £ 111,649
Available £194

	Organisation	Awarded	Paid	Still To
		£	£	Be
Grant Ref				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
	Paterson Park Allotment			
FR1098	Association	£8,750	£8,750	£0
	Kirklandneuk Primary School			
FR1105	Parent Council	£3,100	£3,100	£0
FR1148	Renfrewshire Access Panel	£1,955	£1,955	£0
	Paisley and District Battalion -			
FR1161	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
FR1183	Over 60s Club	£4,150	£4,150	£0
FR1186	Renfrew Development Trust	£20,860	£20,860	£0

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

Grant Ref	Organisation	Awarded £	Paid £	Still To Be Paid £
CE1006	Afroscots United FC	£1,942	£1,942	£0
CE1031	PACE Theatre Company	£3,000	£3,000	£0
CE1043	Renfrew Town Sea Scouts	£3,000	£3,000	£0
CE1044	Renfrew Victoria YFC	£3,000	£3,000	£0
CE1045	Renfrew YMCA	£3,000	£3,000	£0
CE1046	Renfrewshire Carers Centre	£1,715	£1,715	£0
CE1052	Trinity High school	£3,000	£3,000	£0

Feedback On Renfrew Local Partnership Awards 2022/23

Community groups awarded funding from Renfrew Local Partnership in 2022/23 were asked to provide feedback regarding the progress of their project and benefit to the local community.

Feedback received is as follows:

Section 1

Organisation Name	Paisley Pirates Ice Hockey Club When do they close – 10 th April

Section 2

Project Name	Paisley Pirates Ice Hockey Club (Incorporating Junior Development) - Provision of ICE
Total Amount Received	£10,060.90

What priorities did you tell us your project would meet?

- 1. Development of enhanced on-ice skills through regular practice/game situations.
- 2. Enhanced off-ice skills through use of volunteers referred to above in various activities/learning situations.
- 3. Continued success in local/national awards.eg in last few years, player/volunteers have achieved success in award competitions.
- 4. Continuing iconic name of "Paisley Pirates" throughout Scotland & beyond.
- 5. Growth of Junior Development section.

What did you want to do with the money & what did you spend it on? (was this different to what you originally intended? If so, please explain).

Help with ice costs at Braehead

Continue providing a local focus for the sport given no other venue is available. Continue development of onice skills for Paisley Pirates & Junior Development, including off-ice skills for volunteers & adults with learning difficulties to carry out duties on game nights requiring numeracy & organisational skills. Publicise the existence of ice hockey in Renfrewshire through local media, maintaining a significant profile which promotes Paisley & Renfrewshire as an ice hockey landmark.

Section 3 - Impact

How many people benefitted from/accessed your project?

(If you have received funding from more than one Local Partnership, please tell us how many your project reached in each Local Partnership area)

We have seen an increase in our fan base at our Paisley Pirates games & indeed our newly created junior team, from all over Renfrewshire. Our numbers have increased dramatically on the social media platforms too, again, from all over Renfrewshire & further afield, including many other countries outwith the UK.

Examples of our current social media numbers are; Facebook Followers - 3,359 Twitter Followers - 2,793 Instagram Followers - 1,249

How did your project benefit people in the community?

(What outcomes did you achieve? Please describe the impact your project had on its participants)

One of our Junior Development players has made the u16 Great Britain team, who will compete in competition in Riga, Latvia, later on this month (April) along with our Head Coach Ian Turley, who is also one of the GB u16 Coaches.

We also have several of our u19 team who have made the Scotland teams this season.

The Pirates have had played in what has been described as the most competitive league seasons ever in the Scottish National League. Right up until the last game of the season, the Pirates still had a chance of winning the league, however, they finished 4th due to loosing their last league game – The difference from 1st place to 4th was only 6 points.

The Pirates also made it through to the Scottish Cup Semi Finals, loosing a chance in the final by 1 goal.

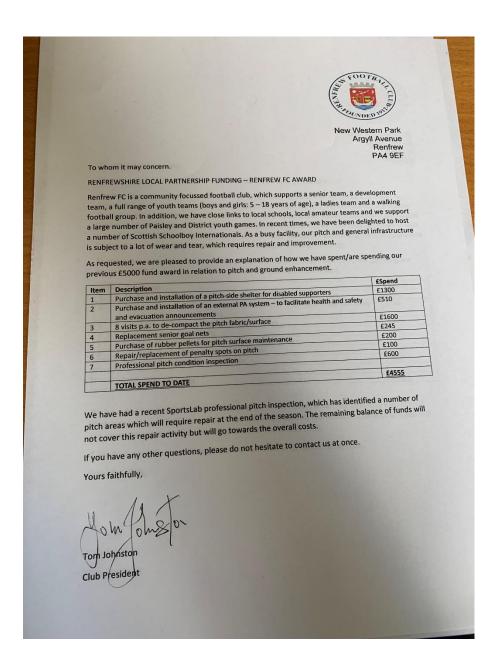
The Play Off Finals weekend is one of the most prestigious events in the SNL (Scottish National League) to which the Pirates are one of the 4 Finalists – This event takes place over the 8th & 9th April in Edinburgh.

The Paisley Pirates had also chosen to support the ULTIMATE WARRIORS by having their logo on our team home & away tops. The Ultimate Warriors are a Paisley based registered Charity supporting children and parents affected by Autism.

Whilst the Paisley Pirates & Lightning Pirates have the Renfrewshire Council logo on both teams short covers.

During the Festive Season, we make contributions to Food & Toy Banks

During the summer months we engage with the community at various Gala Days – Renfrew, Barshaw & Ferguslie – with our team mascot Shivering Timbers, who is always delighted to pose for photographs with children, adults & 'dare I say it' recycled teenagers. ©



Section 1

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Organisation Name	C-Change Scotland	

Section 2

Project Name	Dates-n-Mates

Total Amount Received	£5,484.30

What priorities did you tell us your project would meet?

Our priority is to promote social engagement for adults with learning disabilities in and around the Renfrewshire area, to help reduce social isolation and loneliness and increase general health and wellbeing. We provide opportunities for people to meet new people, have fun and build strong friendship groups.

Our aim has always been to use main stream venues to host our events – local cafes, pubs, restaurants and parks etc, so that our members become more visible within their communities and therefore more accepted, as well as becoming more familiar with these environments and therefore more confident.

We want to build up people's support network so they have people they can rely on other than paid for carers or family members. We want our members to feel valued, included and active participants in their communities, rather than silent bystanders with no voice. Adults with learning disabilities have as much right as the next person to form meaningful relationships and feel a part of the communities in which they live.

What did you want to do with the money & what did you spend it on? (was this different to what you originally intended? If so, please explain).

We used the money to target adults with learning disabilities living in Paisley North West and Central, Paisley East, Gleniffer and Renfrew. Our Community Engagement worker engaged with local GPs, pharmacies, West College, Renfrewshire Carers Centre, community hubs, and local advocacy services.

We created new A5 flyers to send to these organisations, and invited them to contact us for more information. Our Engagement Worker then followed up with phone calls and face to face meetings, with the aim of boosting awareness for Dates-n-Mates within the local area.

New pop banners were designed and purchased, to be used not only at events, but also as a backdrop for our stand during information sessions and presentations to Service Users and Service Providers.

In addition, we purchased new point of sale materials to use on information stands, including plastic flyer holders, branded table cloth, branded pens etc.

We also used funds to pull together a full monthly programme of social activities in a number of venues across Renfrewshire, including pubs, restaurants, coffee shops, Crazy Golf, Cinema tips and lost more. This involved the design and print of event flyers, as well as postage and follow up contact with members to confirm attendance. It also helped towards volunteer and staff travel expenses to get to and from events.

In addition, some funds went towards resources to use during the delivery of our workshops, and also towards the rental of Community Spaces to deliver these workshops. Our last workshop was on "Boundaries and Personal Space", and was held in January in the Tananhill Center.

We also used some of the funds to further develop and expand our Friendship Matching and Chaperoned Dating programme, where members of similar likes and interests could meet up on a one to one basis with a volunteer or staff member. This helps build the foundations from which to develop a stronger friendship. Our Community Engagement worker would either identify which members they thought might make a connection, or members themselves would ask us to arrange matches. Again, travel costs for the staff member or volunteer who was facilitating the friendship match, was covered by the money supplied by the Local Partnership.

Some funds were also used to pay for entertainment costs at our annual Halloween and Christmas parties, as well as decorations for each event and again, travel costs for staff and volunteers.

Section 3 – Impact

How many people benefitted from/accessed your project?

(If you have received funding from more than one Local Partnership, please tell us how many your project reached in each Local Partnership area)

We currently have 45 active members, and 3 pending members. In addition, we have 9 paused members. Some of these are due to renew and others come along to all our "open" events – eg Halloween and Xmas parties etc

Renfrew – 10% of our membership

Paisley North West and Central – 50% of our membership

Paisley East – 35% of our membership

Gleniffer - 5%

How did your project benefit people in the community?

(What outcomes did you achieve? Please describe the impact your project had on its participants)

We provide a way for adults with learning disabilities to meet new people, make new friends and build lasting relationships, which in turn makes them feel more valued, more included and a more active member of their communities.

Our members became more familiar with how to use public transport and many are now able to navigate to our events in Renfrewshire without the need to be met off the bus or at the train station. And because we use the same venues, they become familiar to our members who consequently become more confident in using them not just when they are at a Dates-n-Mates event, but when they are out on their own. They also become more confident in being able to order from a menu without assistance, or order a drink from the bar. These may see like baby steps to many, but they can be huge leaps to our members.

Through our friendship matching programme, many of our members have made solid friendships
with others, and now meet up independently of a Dates-n-Mates event to go to the pub, or a trip to
the cinema.
The impact our service has on our members is tremendous. Through our monthly coffee and cake chats, we can see how some develop from socially awkward and quiet, to gradually building a confidence and an understanding that what they say will be listened to and is important. Others remain quiet and introverted, but they still come to all the events and love just feeling part of
something, even if they don't take part.
I have attached a case study of 3 Renfrewshire members, just to give you a feel for the impact of the work we do.

Section 1

Organisation Name	The Renfrewshire Toy Bank

Section 2

Project Name	The Renfrewshire Toy Bank
Total Amount Received	£6,747.20

What priorities did you tell us your project would meet?

Education and learning

Health and wellbeing

Tackling inequalities

Arts and culture

Children and young people

What did you want to do with the money & what did you spend it on? (was this different to what you originally intended? If so, please explain).

We provided new toys and gifts for children and young people living in Renfrewshire via a referral system for birthdays and Christmas as well as distributing Easter eggs and Halloween costumes. Working with various referral agencies, local businesses, groups and charities; The Renfrewshire Toy Bank reduces financial strain for local parents and carers, tackling inequalities. All toys and gifts are new and of a high quality reducing any stigma, enabling families to give to children the same as their peers in a dignified manner. We cover all areas of Renfrewshire and work in partnerships to help ensure we reach as many local children as possible that need our support.

Without the support of local partnership funding The Renfrewshire Toy Bank could not operate. As the need for the toy bank grows so do our costs. Below is a summary on how our funding was spent:

Storage	£1,092.80
Toys and gifts	£1,785.63
Gift cards	£1,600.00
Halloween	£358.46
Easter	£1,952.50
Total	£6,789.39
Budget	£6,747.20

-£42.19

Section 3 - Impact

How many people benefitted from/accessed your project?

(If you have received funding from more than one Local Partnership, please tell us how many your project reached in each Local Partnership area)

Total – over 9,045* RENFREWSHIRE OVERALL

Easter eggs – 4,267

*please note our easter campaign has not ended yet and this figure could rise

Halloween 2022 - 707 costumers

Christmas – 2,838 gift packages and £9,000 on gift cards

Birthdays – 1,233 toys and gifts

*please note that birthday referrals are ongoing and this number will rise

EASTER EGGS REFERRALS 2023

Paisley North West and Central and Paisley East-1528

*these figures and merged due to Paisley Social Workers covering both areas

Linwood and Johnstone - 1040

Glennifer - 724

Erskine, Bishopton, Inchinnan and Langbank - 413

Renfrew - 308

The Villages - 254

CHRISTMAS REFERRALS 2022

Paisley North West and Central and Paisley East – 939

*these figures and merged due to Paisley Social Workers covering both areas

Linwood and Johnstone - 690

Glennifer -377

Erskine, Bishopton, Inchinnan and Langbank-231

Renfrew - 475

The Villages - 126

How did your project benefit people in the community? (What outcomes did you achieve? Please describe the impact your project had on its participants)

Thousands of parents and carers were able to gift their children with without the children knowing where the presents had come from. This dignified response helps not only financially but mentally, taking off pressure for local families. The same approach applies to Halloween and Easter, again ensuring we can reach as many areas as possible. Our gift card appeal allows young people to have a choice, something we believe strongly in and want to always include teenagers who can often be a challenging age to buy for. Organising the appeals also takes a huge pressure off of many third sector organisations that can refer to the Toy Bank such as Pals of the Privies, Glenburn Stronger Communities, EBI Unites, The STAR Project, Homestart, Who Cares? Scotland, The SPACE Project, Family Nurse Partnership etc. With children learning through play, the toy bank helps to provide educational gifts supporting with learning and creativity.

The Toy Bank also offers a range of volunteer opportunities to the community allowing people to share their skills, time and knowledge. Working with local schools to support Duke of Edinburgh awards.

Section 1

Organisation Name	Renfrew YMCA SCIO

Section 2

Project Name	Connect us
Total Amount Received	£

What priorities did you tell us your project would meet?

Strengthening social connections - Improving social connections and tackling social isolation for children and young people exasperated due to the pandemic.

Bringing Renfrew Town Centre to life -

We are based within the town centre and will be providing street work to make the town centre safer, young people will also be hosting events aiming more happening in the evenings.

What did you want to do with the money & what did you spend it on? (was this different to what you originally intended? If so, please explain).

The purpose of this project was to build social connections for children and young people from Renfrew, and for them to bring the town centre to life by hosting different activities for other young people and the community.

We will have 3 target groups:

Detached youth work - working with young people who are carrying out antisocial behaviors within the town, meeting them and carrying out a needs assessment. We completed weekly detached sessions during the holidays to meet new young people, through this we have built new relationships with young people who would be at a higher risk of undertaking antisocial behaviors.

Juniors - providing opportunities for 5-10 – through this fund we where able to support inclusion work for children with additional support needs into our juniors session

Finally we said we would host drop in for 11-17 years old, we were successful in delivering this.

Section 3 – Impact

How many people benefitted from/accessed your project?

(If you have received funding from more than one Local Partnership, please tell us how many your project reached in each Local Partnership area)

We supported over 90 children and young people with this project

How did your project benefit people in the community?

(What outcomes did you achieve? Please describe the impact your project had on its participants)

The project benefited the community by giving them a safe, fun and including space to attend, this has allowed us to refer young people onto other projects that will meet their needs.

Section 1

Organisation Name	Renfrew Development Trust

Section 2

Project Name	Frew Fest
Total Amount Received	£6875.00

What priorities did you tell us your project would meet?

The priorities of the project were to bring residents of Renfrew back into local pubs, restaurants and venues to enjoy live music. We hoped this weekend of live music would help the local economy by encouraging audiences back into local businesses especially after the effects that the covid-19 pandemic has had on the hospitality industry. It was a great opportunity to development a sense of community and pride in the town.

What did you want to do with the money & what did you spend it on? (was this different to what you originally intended? If so, please explain).

We hired an event organiser who secured venues and appropriate acts in locations in Renfrew over the Paisley Fair weekend in 2022. Each act was paid their fee to perform and each venue made a contribution to the event, whether providing food and drink to the acts, organise PA equipment, paying towards the act's fee or covering travel expenses. We created posters to be displayed locally, a schedule of performers and where they will perform as well as creating a Facebook page specifically for the weekend of events. We promoted via social media and reached as many people as we could. We organized an open mic event also to give everyone with an interest in performing a platform to do so.

Acts included Scottish talent as well as homegrown performers.

Section 3 – Impact

How many people benefitted from/accessed your project?

(If you have received funding from more than one Local Partnership, please tell us how many your project reached in each Local Partnership area)

Over the full weekend we estimated around 2500 people attended these events with many local businesses and venues.

How did your project benefit people in the community? (What outcomes did you achieve? Please describe the impact your project had on its participants)

We maximised economic impact by accessing local businesses and their staff who benefitted from an increase in footfall and spending in their businesses. Most of the venues were town centre based, helping to have more activity in the town and for the benefit of other local businesses. We also used some community spaces which also achieved the local priority of making most of public assets. Having this event helped to strengthen social connections by making the events varied and free, helping to reach those socially isolated. The feedback we received was all positive with many locals enjoying a weekend of free live music, encouraging participation and socialization within the community and an event to sit back, relax and enjoy.

Section 1

Organisation Name	Paterson Park Allotments

Section 2

Project Na	me	Fence Upgrade and Solar Panel installation
Total Amou	unt Received	£8750

What priorities did you tell us your project would meet? I believe the following was quoted "That the security of the site would be improved and the local outlook onto the security fence would be improved. The local community would benefit from an enhanced presence. The solar panel would provide an off grid electricity supply to the association grounds benefiting the people who use the members cabin to enjoy hot drinks etc.

What did you want to do with the money & what did you spend it on? (was this different to what you originally intended? If so, please explain). A local company The Paisley Fencing and Decking Company was contracted at a cost of £7500.00 to install 73, 4 metre fence posts and supporting rails long a 131 metre long fence line. This work commenced during October and was completed the same month. Over 20 local companies were contacted by telephone and email and only 2 responded. Initially the proposed fence was to be a weldmesh style fence, however due to the cost of materials tripling the original profile sheets were reused. This was discussed with Councilor John Shaw prior to the commencement of the work.

The solar equipment has been purchased. This includes 3 x 420 watt solar panels, inverter, solar control panel, 3 x circuit breakers, solar cable and batteries. Due to illness and hospital operations this equipment has not been installed as yet. The cost of the solar equipment was £1500.00

Section 3 – Impact

How many people benefitted from/accessed your project?

(If you have received funding from more than one Local Partnership, please tell us how many your project reached in each Local Partnership area) The only funding received was from the Renfrew Local Partnership committee, many people have benefited from this grant the initial beneficial improvement is to the 28 members of the association. The local community also benefits by having a secure defining security fence. The solar panel installation will also benefit local members of the community who use the associations facilities on a weekly basis for therapeutic reasons.

How did your project benefit people in the community?

(What outcomes did you achieve? Please describe the impact your project had on its participants) By being awarded this grant the allotment association has benefited greatly. The site is secure and this has allowed the allotment association to bring in members of the community to use the associations facilities on a weekly basis for therapeutic reasons. This is in conjunction with the Social Prescribers in partnership with Greater Glasgow Health Board.

Section 1

Organisation Name	Renfrew Development Trust

Section 2

Project Name	Creation of Friends of Robertson Park
Total Amount Received	£ 53281

What priorities did you tell us your project would meet?

We wanted to recruit board members and members to join Renfrew Development Trust to create a sub-committee "Friends of Robertson Park". Launch "Friends of Robertson Park" with branding and create the role of Development Officer, employed as a part time worker to develop membership, recruit volunteers, take previous consultation plans and update them where necessary. Create an action plan of improvements and identify the range of investment required to deliver on improvements and seek funding via grant applications and develop local fundraising initiatives. Develop a sustainability plan beyond 18 months to deliver on improvements and maintenance.

What did you want to do with the money & what did you spend it on? (was this different to what you originally intended? If so, please explain).

We wanted to create a Friends of Robertson Park Group for Robertson Park. The park has suffered from fireraising and vandals and the toilets and pets corner have been closed. We wanted to regenerate the park and create a working group to do this.

We have employed a part time Development Officer to oversee the work and assist with projects. We hold monthly meetings in the McMaster Centre in the park to discuss our projects and ideas. We have a social media presence and monthly posts where the community can suggest improvements and work needed at the park. We have had stalls at the local markets and the Renfrew Gala Day to share our thoughts and ideas and look for community feedback. The group assisted with installing an outdoor gym in the park. Through further funding we are working on a Sensory Garden to brighten up and regenerate the area, install benches and picnic benches, a lighting area, a glockenspiel and a potting area. We hope to work with local schools to encourage children to plant flowers and learn how to care for plants. We are awaiting a Licence to Occupy from the Council which should be granted anytime soon and the council have also repaired and cleaned the pathways and raised beds at our request in preparation of our work. We have ordered our benches and the glockenspiel and look forward to having the area ready for families to enjoy. The raised beds have been prepared and are new ready for new plants to go in hopefully next week.

We are arranging a litter pick and general tidy up in the park soon too. We are also looking into interactive play equipment in the park. The money has been used to grow the working group through advertising and employ someone to make the groups ideas a reality, hence improving the area. The Friends of Robertson Park Working Group is really making a difference to the park and building relationships in the community which was only possible with the funding received from the Local Partnership.

Section 3 – Impact

How many people benefitted from/accessed your project? (If you have received funding from more than one Local Partnership, please tell us how many your project reached in each Local Partnership area)

Our project has reached around 7500 people. The park is used by many locals and visitors.

How did your project benefit people in the community? (What outcomes did you achieve? Please describe the impact your project had on its participants)

We have improved the park area in general and have a platform where the community can contact the group with any suggestions or questions. We have consulted with other 'Friends Of ' groups. We are working on a sensory garden to provide an area where people can learn about plants, relax whilst having a space where the community can enjoy spending time with other people in the outdoors. There are currently no picnic benches in the park so this addition in the sensory garden will be a great addition. The group can also offer companionship to other members of the group, give people a project to work on and be proud of whilst improving mental health and self-esteem. We hope to do more in the park in the future where we can improve the area and bring the community together through events and meetings.

Section 1

Organisation Name	Renfrewshire Walking Network

Section 2

Project Name	Promote walking in Renfrewshire
Total Amount Received	£2,850

What priorities did you tell us your project would meet?

Promote group activities to a wider community, encouraging people of all abilities by using walking as the main medium.

Encourage and promote social fellowship in the whole community.

Promote health, to raise and sustain fitness levels through physical activity.

Improve general quality of life throughout Renfrewshire.

What did you want to do with the money & what did you spend it on? (was this different to what you originally intended? If so, please explain).

Promotional material £88.20
Training Volunteer Leaders £1,188.00
Personal Protective Equipment £1,347.68

Total expenditure £2,623.88

Not spent in that year. £226.12 (Carried forward)

Section 3 – Impact

How many people benefitted from/accessed your project?

(If you have received funding from more than one Local Partnership, please tell us how many your project reached in each Local Partnership area)

Our impact is Renfrewshire wide. Volunteer Leader numbers are 28, registered walking participants number 550.

How did your project benefit people in the community?

(What outcomes did you achieve? Please describe the impact your project had on its participants) The priorities listed in section 2.3 above were achieved.