



To: Finance & Resources Policy Board

On: 27 January, 2016

Report by: Director of Finance & Resources

Heading: APPLICATIONS TO THE RENFREW BURGH AND RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL CITIZENS FUNDS

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report contains information in relation to one application for funding from the Renfrew Burgh Citizens Fund, one application for funding from the Paisley Burgh Citizens Fund and two applications for funding from the Renfrewshire Council Citizens Fund that have been recommended for approval by the Renfrew & Gallowhill and Johnstone & the Villages Local Area Committees (LACs) respectively.
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2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That consideration be given to the applications for award from the Renfrew Burgh, Paisley Burgh and Renfrewshire Council Citizens Funds as detailed in Section 3 below.
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3. Background

- 3.1 The broad purpose of the citizens funds is to promote the welfare of individuals who are in need by reason of age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage and to foster good citizenship and community wellbeing and regeneration by giving financial assistance by way of grant to those living or working in the area to further voluntary activity or to contribute to the regeneration of the community in the area.
- 3.2 Funds were made available to all five LACs with further restrictions being included within the purpose of the funding available to the Johnstone & the Villages LAC insofar as awards are available to Lochwinnoch and Kilbarchan

based projects only. This restriction reflects the nature of the bequests amalgamated into the Citizens Fund for that LAC area.

3.3 At the meetings of the Renfrew & Gallowhill LAC held on 10 November, Paisley South LAC held on 17 November and the Johnstone & the Villages LAC held on 19 November, 2015 the following projects were recommended for an award as follows:-

3.3.1 Ferry Green Flagpole

Following a visit to carry out routine maintenance on the flag pole at Ferry Green, Renfrew, it was observed that the timber flagpole was completely rotten and in an unsafe condition. The flag pole was removed as soon as was possible after this visit.

Ferry Green is significant to the residents of Renfrew as it recognises the contribution that the town has made, and continues to make, to the heritage of the River Clyde. The flagpole is used as a focal point for community events at Ferry Green, and is also used to commemorate remembrance events. On confirmation of funds, Community Resources will appoint a contractor to supply and erect a suitable flagpole, to be positioned as near as possible to the original flagpole.

The LAC recommended an award of £5,330 from the Renfrew Burgh Citizens Fund to cover the cost of removal and reinstatement of an ultra heavy duty 10 metre fibreglass flagpole and new flag at Ferry Green, Renfrew.

3.3.2 Glenburn Seniors Forum

Glenburn Seniors Forum sought funding amounting to £500 from the Paisley Burgh Citizens Trust Fund in respect of a trip to the Transport Museum, Glasgow and lunch at the Watermill Hotel, Paisley.

The trip will take older people for a day out and at the same time take in a bit of nostalgia at the way transport has changed over the decades.

The LAC recommended an award of £500 from the Paisley Burgh Citizens Fund

3.3.3 Kilbarchan Pipe Band

Kilbarchan Pipe Band has been invited, as the only Scottish Band, to participate in the Anniversary Remembrance Events to mark the Battle of the Somme. As well as participating in the actual event, which will provide historical and educational knowledge to the participants, including school children members of the Band, the Band will hold an information historical evening to share the experience and information with the community. This will advance education and the arts, heritage and culture in Kilbarchan and Renfrewshire, specifically in the areas of bag-piping and drumming.

The Johnstone & the Villages LAC recommended that £2,000 be awarded from the Renfrewshire Council Citizens Fund towards the cost of Kilbarchan Pipe Band attending these commemorative events.

3.3.4 Kilbarchan Community Nursery

The nursery's cloakroom area requires refurbishment to provide more pegs and storage areas for children's shoes and boots. The nursery has advised that the current benches and pegs are too high for the children to access independently and so some end up climbing up onto the bench to reach their coats and jackets and nursery supervisors are concerned for their safety.

As part of the Forest Kindergarten programme, the children engage in outdoor learning as a core part of their nursery experience. The quicker and easier it is for the children to get ready to go outdoors, then the more time they will have to benefit from this opportunity.

The Johnstone & the Villages LAC recommended that £700 be awarded from the Renfrewshire Council Citizens Fund towards the cost of upgrading the cloakroom at Kilbarchan Community Nursery.

Implications of this report

1. Financial Implications

The awards will be met from existing resources within the Renfrew Burgh and Renfrewshire Council Citizen Funds.

2. HR and Organisational Development Implications

None.

3. Community Plan/Council Plan Implications

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Communities

The awards of funding will strengthen
the social and cultural fabric of the
local community

4. Legal Implications

Compliance with the Council's Condition of Grants

5. Property/Assets Implications

None.

6. Information Technology Implications

None.

Equality and Human Rights Implications

7. (a) The recommendations contained within this report have been assessed in relation to their impact on equalities and human rights. No negative impacts on equality groups or potential for infringement of individuals' human rights have been identified arising from the recommendations contained in the report because membership of both groups is open to all members of the community. If required following implementation, the actual impact of the recommendations and the mitigating actions will be reviewed and monitored, and the results of the assessment will be published on the Council's website.

8. Health and Safety Implications

None.

9. Procurement Implications

None.

10. Risk Implications

None.

11. Privacy Impact

None.

List of Background Papers

None

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