

To: Paisley South Local Area Committee

On: 29 May 2018

Report by: Director of Finance & Resources

Heading: Grant Feedback Report – 2017/18 Awards

1. Summary

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide some detail on projects that were funded by the Paisley South Local Area Committee (LAC) in 2017/18.

1.2 Providing regular feedback to LACs increases accountability and helps LACs identify clear community outcomes from grants awarded to community groups. It is also a condition of grant that groups account for their income and expenditure and set out the community benefits and other outcomes of their LAC grant awards.

2. Recommendations

2.1 The LAC is requested to note the report.

3. Background

3.1 This report provides an overview of feedback submitted by a number of the successful grant applicants who were funded by the Paisley South LAC in 2017/18. It should be noted that most groups submitted the feedback forms well before the end of the financial year end for 2017/18 to comply with reporting deadlines and the information provided gives an indication of spending to the date of submission rather than for the full spend of the project.

3.2 Heriot Primary Parent Council

3.2.1 The group was awarded £9,800 by this LAC for an outdoor physical exercise project at the school. The grant has helped to purchase two combined football and basketball frames and lay a 'daily mile' circuit.

3.3 The Thursday Club

3.3.1 The group was awarded £3,050 by this LAC which has helped to fund exercise classes, quiz sessions and hall rent.

3.4 Paisley Opera

3.4.1 The group was awarded £10,000 by this LAC which has been used to present a programme of 'pop-up' performances throughout the area with an estimated audience of 1,438 people, to purchase a keyboard and sheet music, to make payments to professional singers and pianists for the pop-up events and to cover administration costs.

3.5 Cathedral Club

3.5.1 The group was awarded £599 by this LAC. This helped to purchase a bingo machine and a lockable filing unit and contribute part of the costs of summer and Christmas outings.

3.6 Cornerstone Drop-in Centre

3.6.1 The group was awarded £115 by this LAC. This helped to meet the insurance and utility costs for the Centre's use of the Holy Trinity Church.

3.7 St Columbas Parish Playgroup

3.7.1 The group was awarded £2,562 by this LAC to cover the playgroup's hall rental costs. The playgroup ceased to operate following the grant award and £1,914 was returned to the LAC.

3.8 Fitting-in

3.8.1 The group was awarded £325 by this LAC. This has been used to help meet the cost of activities for disadvantaged young people, including bus hire, hire of the Bield Centre, a children's first aid course, trips to Xscape, Heads of Ayr and Mugdock Park and Co-ordinantor costs.

3.9 Glenburn Stroke and Disability Group

3.9.1 The group was awarded £1,166 by this LAC. This was used to help meet the costs of hall lets, the engagement of an arts tutor, printing and stationery, art materials and social activities.

3.10 I Am Me Scotland – My Name is Charlie Project

The group was awarded £614 by this LAC. The funding was used to create and promote a new learning resource for primary schools which raised issues relating to autism.

3.11 Lamont Farm

3.11.1 The group was awarded £614 by this LAC. This helped to meet the general operating costs of the farm including the purchase of insurance, animal feed and bedding and paying for dentist and farrier services.

3.12 Loud n Proud

3.12.1 The group was awarded £737 by this LAC. The Bungalow musical was due to be held over three evenings, 1-3 March 2018. Unfortunately the performances on 1 and 2 March had to be cancelled as a result of the heavy snowfall which resulted in Renfrewshire Leisure facilities, including the Town Hall, being closed. The performance on 3 March 2018 did go ahead. However, the financial implications for the two performance cancellations and ticket refunds have still to be assessed and reported.

3.13 Meikleriggs Cricket Foundation

3.13.1 The group was awarded £1,443 by this LAC for a community coaching project. The grant helped to meet the cost of cricket coaching, equipment and venue hire.

3.14 Oakshaw Trinity Friendly Hour

3.14.1 The group was awarded £123 by this LAC. The grant has enabled the group to provide transport for less mobile members which allows them to attend the weekly meetings.

3.15 PACE Theatre Company

3.15.1 The group was awarded £348 by this LAC. This helped to fund one support package for a disadvantaged young person from this LAC area to attend PACE Theatre School.

3.16 Paisley & District Scout Association

3.16.1 The group was awarded £767 by this LAC to assist with an inter-cultural exchange camp in Poland. The grant was used to purchase equipment for the visit, pre-event training and engagement with the local Polish community and help meet the cost of activities in Poland.

3.17 Paisley Florist Society Gardening Club

3.17.1 The group was awarded £46 by this LAC which was used to help run the group's annual show.

3.18 Paisley Guitar Group

3.18.1 The group was awarded £190 by this LAC. Operating from the Sunshine Recovery Café, the grant has enabled the group to provide guitar tuition to people in recovery from various addiction issues.

3.19 Paisley People's Archive

3.19.1 The group was awarded £162 by this LAC which was used to research, prepare and produce a booklet on Paisley's heritage.

3.20 Paisley Pirates

3.20.1 The group was awarded £614 by this LAC to help meet ice costs which is charged to the team at £191 per hour.

3.21 Phoenix Flyers

3.21.1 The group was awarded £307 by this LAC. This grant contributed towards the cost of a ride-on lawnmower, radios and display equipment.

3.22 Rainbow Turtle

3.22.1 The group was awarded £461 by this LAC. This helped to fund an education officer post to help deliver school talks and other educational programmes.

3.23 Charleston Tenants' Association

3.23.1 The group was awarded £2,000 by this LAC for social activities. This helped to cover the cost of a pantomime trip for the tenants, a trip to Stirling and dinners.

3.24 Rays of Hope

3.24.1 The group was awarded £1,000 by this LAC. This cancer support group used the grant to fund instructor fees, hall rental, marketing, respite assistance and craft supplies.

3.25 RSPB Renfrewshire Local Group

3.25.1 The group was awarded £37 by this LAC. This helped to meet the cost of purchasing a new laptop and projector for use by guest speakers at local meetings.

3.26 The Breastfeeding Network

3.26.1 The group was awarded £430 by this LAC. This has helped the group to continue providing breastfeeding support to families in Renfrewshire, support existing volunteers and attend local events and gala days.

3.27 Twist and Hit Cheerleaders

3.27.1 The group was awarded £1,230 by this LAC. The award helped to purchase a sprung floor for tumbling exercises, mats and a sound system and provide a training course and safety training aids.

3.28 Walking Tours on Wheels

3.28.1 The group was awarded £246 by this LAC. This helped the group to update its presentational equipment through the purchase of a laptop, mini projector and tripod, carry bags and software and the printing of information leaflets.

3.29 St James' Orchestra

3.29 The group was awarded £300 by this LAC which has been used to meet the cost of rehearsal and performance accommodation. The orchestra has been able to book larger concert venues and add a spring concert to its schedule.

3.30 Ferguslie Cricket Club – Sight Screens

3.30.1 The group was awarded £2,000 by this LAC which has been used to repair and, where necessary, replace the existing sight screens at the cricket club's ground.

3.31 Greensyde Carers

3.31.1 The group was awarded £30 by this LAC which helped to purchase tracksuits for members of the Milldale Athletic Team as part of a wider project to support adults with learning disabilities fulfil their full potential in sports.

3.32 The Neighbourhood Challenge

3.32.1 The group was awarded £307 towards the cost of setting up this community group in the Paisley Canal area. The grant award was used to purchase a laptop, establishment of a website (www.theneighbourhoodchallenge.co.uk) and cover various design and printing costs.

3.33 2175 Rolls Royce Air Training Corps

3.33.1 The group was awarded £189 by this LAC. The grant helped to fund the purchase of a training remote controlled plane, flight simulator and laptop and software.

3.34 Braehead Junior Ice Hockey Club

3.34.1 The group was awarded £212 by this LAC. This has been used to subsidise the cost of ice hire for the club, reducing the cost to the children participating in the sport.

3.35 Girls Brigade Renfrew Division

3.35.1 The group was awarded £74 by this LAC. This helped to fund an explorer activity day, a Division-wide competition and the cost of an engraved trophy.

3.36 Renfrewshire Youth Voice

3.36.1 The group was awarded £280 by this LAC towards the cost of the Positive About Youth Awards 2017. The majority of the funding was used for venue hire and technical assistance with the remaining funding being used for general costs associated with funding the event.

3.37 5th Paisley Girls Brigade

3.37.1 The group was awarded £1,500 which has been used to pay for materials for badgework during the 2017/18 session, participation in divisional competitions and the annual company outing.

3.38 Double H Lunch Club

3.38.1 The grant award of £300 has helped to provide two course lunch meals to elderly members of the club. The group has advised that by meeting hall rental costs the grant award helps to bring people together in a safe and friendly environment.

3.39 Renfrewshire Bowling Association Under 25s

3.39.1 The Bowling Association was awarded £184 by this LAC which helped to fund the purchase of jackers for the young bowlers and the hire of coaches to take them to competitions.

3.40 The Boys Brigade Paisley & District Battalion

3.40.1 The group was awarded £154 by this LAC which has been used help offset total divisional running costs of £27,161.

3.41 Renfrewshire Sports Network

3.41.1 The group has advised that it has disbanded and 2017/18 awards will be returned to LAC budgets.

3.42 Feis Phaislig

3.42.1 Feis Phaislig was awarded £310 by the LAC which helped to offset venue costs of £3,400 for the project. The group has advised that 40 young people took part in the traditional music tuition provided and that over 100 people attended each of the school concerts, public events and end-of-term showcase performed by the young people.

3.43 Shopmobility

3.43.1 The LAC awarded £92 to Shopmobility which has been used to help pay for the insurance premiums for the group's fleet of mobility scooters.

3.44 No Substitute for Life Suicide Memorial Tournament

3.44.1 RAMH was awarded £115 by this LAC towards the cost of the suicide awareness 5-a-side football tournament. The group estimated that 500 people attended the event with the grant being utilised to cover the cost of a marquee, trophies, referees, first aid, balloons, photographer, PA system and hire of the sports centre.

3.45 Renfrewshire Access Panel

3.45 This LAC awarded the Access Panel £614 which has contributed towards the group's running costs. The Access Panel advises that the grant has helped the group to continue its work ensuring that Renfrewshire infrastructure is accessible to all, providing computer classes at Riverbrae school and promoting the campaign for changing places toilets.

3.46 Phoenix Activities Group

3.46.1 The LAC awarded £258 to the group which has been used to help pay tutor costs and purchase materials to produce Scottish-themed soft toys.

3.47 Groups yet to submit feedback are:-

- Association of African Communities in Scotland
- Langcraigs Parent Council
- Glenfield Pre-5 Centre
- Changing Stages
- Forever Young
- Renfrewshire Effort to Empower Minorities
- Basketball Paisley
- 7th Paisley & District Scout Troop

Implications of the Report

1. **Financial** - Grant awards were contained within 2017/18 LAC budget allocations.
2. **HR & Organisational Development** – None
3. **Community/Council Planning** – The wide range of projects awarded LAC funding reflect the diverse nature of the community in Renfrewshire and meets many of the key ambitions set out in the Community and Council Plans.
4. **Legal** - Compliance with the Council's Condition of Grants
5. **Property/Assets** – None.
6. **Information Technology** – None.
7. **Equality & Human Rights** - 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 all grant applicants must submit valid constitutions containing equality statements. 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 & Safety** – None
9. **Procurement** – None
10. **Risk** – None
11. **Privacy Impact** - None
12. **Cosla Policy Position** – None

List of Background Papers

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