

To: Renfrew & Gallowhill Local Area Committee

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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 Renfrew & Gallowhill 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 Renfrew & Gallowhill 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 C-Change Scotland

3.2.1 The group was awarded £2,000 by this LAC. This has helped to fund the cost of an outreach worker to promote the dates-n-mates project to those learning-disabled adults who are the most socially isolated within Renfrewshire.

3.3 Cornerstone Drop-in Centre

3.3.1 The group was awarded £375 by this LAC. This helped to meet the insurance and utility costs for the Centre's use of the Holy Trinity Church.

3.4 Lamont Farm

3.4.1 The group was awarded £2,000 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.

3.5 Oakshaw Trinity Friendly Hour

3.5.1 The group was awarded £400 by this LAC. The grant has enabled the group to provide transport for less mobile members which allows them to attend the weekly meetings.

3.6 Paisley Guitar Group

3.6.1 The group was awarded £620 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.

3.7 Phoenix Flyers

3.7.1 The group was awarded £1,000 by this LAC. This grant contributed towards the cost of a ride-on lawnmower, radios and display equipment.

3.8 Rainbow Turtle

3.8.1 The group was awarded £1,500 by this LAC. This helped to fund an education officer post to help deliver school talks and other educational programmes

3.9 Rays of Hope

3.9.1 The group was awarded £2,000 by this LAC. This cancer support group used the grant to fund instructor fees, hall rental, marketing, respite assistance and craft supplies.

3.10 RSPB Renfrewshire Local Group

3.10.1 The group was awarded £120 by this LAC. This helped to meet the cost of purchasing a new laptop and projector for use by guest speakers at local meetings.

3.11 The Breastfeeding Network

3.11.1 The group was awarded £1,303 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.

3.12 The Wynd Centre

3.12.1 The group was awarded £1,200 by this LAC for each of its applications for youth and adult counselling. The group has advised that over 6,000 people have benefitted from the grant which has helped to meet counselling, coffee shop and staffing costs as well as general overheads.

3.13 Walking Tours on Wheels

3.13.1 The group was awarded £800 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.

3.14 Glenburn Stroke and Disability Group

3.14.1 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.

3.15 Cairn Heights

3.15.1 The group was awarded £1,000 by this LAC towards an intergenerational 'Come Dine With Me' project. The project has encouraged children from Gallowhill Primary School and older residents to come together and exchange knowledge and experiences such as setting a table to silver service standard, cooking, gardening, craftwork and baking.

3.16 Renfrew Accordion and Fiddle Group

3.16.1 The group was awarded £560 by this LAC which has been used to help cover the cost of hall lets. The group has reported that the grant award helps to keep session fees to £3 per for each of the 50 people who attend each meeting.

3.17 Renfrew Cricket Club

3.17.1 The group was awarded £2,900 by this LAC. Having now met with the Active School Co-ordinators, the club has now started the delivery of a four week curriculum programme followed by 8 weeks of after school clubs at local schools.

3.18 Direct Devitt

3.18.1 The group was awarded £3,915 by this LAC. The grant allowed the group to provide free workshops at the Tannahill Centre for 60 young people from throughout Renfrewshire. This helped pay for staff costs, PVGs, art supplies, DJ equipment, accommodation and other general running costs.

3.19 Loud n Proud

3.19.1 The group was awarded £2,400 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.

3.20 2175 Rolls Royce Air Training Corps

3.20.1 The group was awarded £616.66 by this LAC. The grant helped to fund the purchase of a training remote controlled plane, flight simulator, laptop and software.

3.21 Braehead Junior Ice Hockey Club

3.21.1 The group was awarded £689 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.

3.22 Renfrewshire Youth Voice

3.22.1 The group was awarded £911 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.

3.23 Gallowhill Senior Citizens Bowling Club

3.23.1 The group was awarded £2,090 by this LAC. The grant helped the club to purchase equipment and venue hire for the indoor bowling club. Equipment included new bowling carpets, a lockable cupboard, scoring boards and a rolling machine.

3.24 PACE Theatre Company

3.24.1 The group was awarded £1,132 by this LAC. This helped to fund three support packages for disadvantaged young people from this LAC area to attend PACE Theatre School. One fully funded place has already been awarded to a young person from Renfrew & Gallowhill and the group anticipates that the two remaining packages of support will be allocated at the start of the new term in August.

3.25 Fitting-in

3.25.1 The group was awarded £1,060 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.

3.26 Girls Brigade Renfrew Division

3.26.1 The group was awarded £240 by this LAC. This helped to fund an explorer activity day, a Division-wide competition and the cost of an engraved trophy.

3.27 Paisley Pirates

3.27.1 The group was awarded £2,000 by this LAC to help meet ice costs which is charged to the team at £191 per hour.

3.28 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 Greensyde Carers

3.30.1 The group was awarded £96 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 sport.

3.31 Renfrewshire Schools Pipe Band

3.31.1 The band was awarded £2,500 by this LAC which helped purchase equipment for the start-up of the Renfrewshire Schools Pipe Band.

3.32 Johnstone Pipe Band

3.32.1 The band was awarded £10,000 by this LAC which has been used to provide piping tuition in Renfrew High School, Trinity High School and associated primary schools. This has helped to pay for chanters, chanter reeds and tutor costs.

3.33 Our Place Our Families

3.33.1 The group was awarded £26,618 towards total running costs of £84,000. This has been used to cover staff wages, rent, utilities, insurance, hall hire for events, sessional staff and volunteer costs.

3.34 Renfrewshire Bowling Association Under 25s

3.34.1 The Bowling Association was awarded £600 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.

3.35 The Boys Brigade Paisley & District Battalion

3.35.1 The group was awarded £500 by this LAC which has been used help offset total divisional running costs of £27,161.

3.36 Renfrewshire Sports Network

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

3.37 Feis Phaislig

3.37.1 Feis Phaislig was awarded £1,009 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.

3.38 Shopmobility

3.38.1 The LAC awarded £300 to Shopmobility which has been used to help pay for the insurance premiums for the group's fleet of mobility scooters.

3.39 No Substitute for Life Suicide Memorial Tournament

3.39.1 RAMH was awarded £376 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.

3.40 Renfrewshire Access Panel

3.40.1 This LAC awarded the Access Panel £2,000 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's infrastructure is accessible to all, providing computer classes at Riverbrae school and promoting the campaign for changing places toilets.

3.41 Groups yet to submit feedback are:-

- Association of African Communities in Scotland
 - Changing Stages
 - Forever Young
 - Phoenix Activities Group
 - Renfrewshire Effort to Empower Minorities
 - Arklestone & Newmains Community Association
 - Renfrew YMCA SCIO
 - Arklestone Primary School Parent Council
 - Renfrew Care Home Activity Group
 - Basketball Paisley
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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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