

## Minute of Meeting Local Partnership - Johnstone & Linwood

Date	Time	Venue
Tuesday, 09 May 2023	18:00	Johnstone Town Hall,

### PRESENT

Councillor Alison Ann-Dowling; Councillor Jacqueline Cameron; Lesley Compston (KLAS Care); Councillor Andy Doig; Councillor Audrey Doig; Councillor Chris Gilmour; Councillor Gillian Graham; Councillor Rober Innes; George MacDonald (Corseford Tenants' and Residents' Association); Councillor David McGonigle; James McLeod (Linwood Community Council); Geraldine McNealey (Johnstone Community Council); Karen McShane (Johnstone Dementia Friendly Group); Councillor Emma Rodden; and Councillor Andy Steel.

### CHAIR

Councillor Audrey Doig, Convener, presided.

### IN ATTENDANCE

S Graham, Partnership Planning and Development Manager and J Long, Tackling Poverty Project Officer (both Chief Executives); and L Currie, Managing Solicitor (Projects) and E Gray, Senior Committee Services Officer (both Finance & Resources).

### APOLOGIES

Councillor John Hood and Councillor Iain McMillan.

1 **MINUTE**

The minute of the previous meeting of Johnstone & Linwood Local Partnership held on 14 February 2023 was submitted and approved.

**DECIDED:** That the minute be approved.

2 **JOHNSTONE AND LINWOOD LOCAL PARTNERSHIP BUDGET MONITORING REPORT**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive, Renfrewshire Council, relative to Johnstone & Linwood Local Partnership budget monitoring.

The report provided detail on the funding awarded by the Johnstone & Linwood Local Partnership in 2022/23 from the General Grant Fund and through a Participating Budgeting exercise known as Celebrating Renfrewshire. The feedback which had been submitted by groups who had received grants was appended to the report.

**DECIDED:** That the report be noted.

3 **ELIGIBILITY OF APPLICATIONS FOR LOCAL PARTNERSHIP FUNDING AND OPTIONS FOR APPLICATION OF CRITERIA TO ASSIST DECISION MAKING**

Under reference to item 2 of the Minute of the meeting of this Local Partnership held on 22 June 2021, there was submitted a report by the Chief Executive 2021 relative to the eligibility of applications for Local Partnership funding and options for the application of criteria to assist decision making. It had been agreed at the previous meeting that this information be included as a standing item on Johnstone and Linwood Local Partnership papers.

The report indicated that a guidance page was available on the Renfrewshire Council website to applicants to Local Partnerships regarding eligibility and a link to the information was provided in the report. The guidance sought to ensure that applicants provided the information that Local Partnerships needed to make funding decisions, including alignment with local priorities and how the local community benefited.

The report advised that the key criteria for assessing funding applicants was that the project fitted with the agreed local priorities of each area. Local Partnerships also had flexibility to determine for themselves a methodology for determining grant allocations. Examples of this were included in the report.

It was noted that one applicant for 2023/24 funding had not provided feedback on a grant awarded in the previous year.

**DECIDED:** That the report be noted.

4 **APPLICATIONS FOR LOCAL PARTNERSHIP FUNDING TO JOHNSTONE AND LINWOOD LOCAL PARTNERSHIP 2023/24**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive, Renfrewshire Council, relative to applications for grant funding which had been submitted for consideration by the

Johnstone & Linwood Local Partnership.

The report set out that there was a total of £46,334 available for dispersal and that the applications received totalled £120,094.65.

To manage the overspend the Chair proposed that awards be made of 50 percent of the total amount requested following the removal of running costs. She also proposed that applications FR1082, FR1106 and FR1112 be referred to the Youth Fund. This was agreed unanimously.

The Partnership then assessed each application which had been received and it was agreed that: application FR1038 be continued to the next meeting to allow officers to collect further information on insurance costs and previous grant awards; application FR1041 be refused as it did not operate in the Local Partnership area; applications FR1128 and FR1129 be awarded 50 percent of the amount requested on the condition that should their applications to the Green Spaces Fund be successful then a portion of the grant be returned; application FR1142 be continued to a future meeting as feedback had not been provided by the applicant on the previous grant award; and application FR1148 be continued to allow officers to collect further information on the groups activity in the Local Partnership area.

Councillor Audrey Doig, seconded by Councillor Dowling, moved that application FR1102 be continued to a future meeting to allow officers to collect further information around the use of unisex toilets.

Councillor Rodden, seconded by Cameron, moved that application FR1102 be awarded 50 percent of the applied for amount - £4,995.

On a vote being taken by show of hands, 7 members voted for the amendment and 8 members voted for the motion. The motion was accordingly declared carried.

### **DECIDED:**

That the following grant decisions be approved:

FR1031 - Linwood Community Council - £5,000  
FR1038 - Johnstone Castle Learning Centre - continue to future meeting  
FR1041 - REEM (Renfrewshire Effort to Empower Minorities) - refuse  
FR1045 - REEM (Renfrewshire Effort to Empower Minorities) - £600  
FR1051 - The Renfrewshire Toy Bank - £850  
FR1055 - Renfrewshire Walking Network - £285  
FR1064 - Fèis Phàislig - £1,743  
FR1065 - Kickin' On - £2,500  
FR1067 - Active Communities - £2,500  
FR1068 - Thorn Athletic Community Trust - £900  
FR1082 - Fordbank Scout Group - refer application to youth fund  
FR1100 - Rainbow Turtle - £375  
FR1102 - Johnstone Band - continue to a future meeting to allow officers to collect further information around the use of unisex toilets  
FR1106 - PACE Theatre Company - refer application to youth fund  
FR1110 - School of African Cultures - £2,000  
FR1112 - Brick Lane music Academy CIC - refer application to youth fund  
FR1114 - Spateston Community Development Trust SCIO - £1,375  
FR1117 - Johnstone Sound Community Radio - £1,494

FR1121 - Renfrewshire Stroke & Disability Art Therapy Group - £375  
FR1128 - Linwood Community Council - £2,500  
FR1129 - Linwood Community Council - £2,500  
FR1135 - Renfrewshire Rainbow Buddies - £1,665  
FR1142 - Lamont Farm Project - continue to allow feedback from previous grant award to be submitted  
FR1147 - Johnstone Business Consortium - £4,000  
FR1148 - Shopmobility Paisley and District - continue to allow officers to collect further information on the groups activity in the Local Partnership area  
FR1151 - Renfrewshire Access Panel - £1,250

## 5 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**DECIDED:** It was noted that the next meeting of the Johnstone and Linwood Local Partnership was scheduled for Tuesday 5 September 2023 at 6.00pm at Tweedie Hall, Linwood.