

## Notice of Meeting and Agenda

### Local Partnership - Johnstone & Linwood

Date	Time	Venue
Wednesday, 17 November 2021	18:00	Microsoft Teams Meeting,

KENNETH GRAHAM  
Head of Corporate Governance

### Membership

Councillor Derek Bibby; Councillor Bill Binks; Councillor Jacqueline Cameron; Lesley Compston (KLAS Care); Councillor Andy Doig; Councillor Audrey Doig; Councillor Alison Jean Dowling; Adele Fraser (Linstone Housing Association); Councillor John Hood; Margaret Johnston (Johnstone Business Consortium); Ricky Kelly (Johnstone Castle Tenants' and Residents' Association); Councillor Scott Kerr; Margaret Lavery (Quarrelton Area Tenants' and Residents' Association); George MacDonald (Corseford Tenants' and Residents' Association); Councillor Alastair MacKay; Iain McMillan (Johnstone Community Sports Complex); Karen McShane (Johnstone Dementia Friendly Group); Councillor Emma Rodden; Councillor James Sheridan; Gavin Stewart (Renfrewshire Youth Voice); Cheryl Thomas (Active Communities); and Thomas Wallace (Johnstone Community Council).

### Chair

Councillor Andy Steel (Chair); James McLeod (Linwood Community Council) (Vice-chair).

### Recording of Meeting

This meeting has been recorded for subsequent broadcast via the Council's internet site. If you have any queries regarding this please contact Committee Services. To find the recording please follow the link below.

<https://youtu.be/hgYsaq9Z11c>

## Items of business

### Apologies

Apologies from members.

### Declarations of Interest

Members are asked to declare an interest in any item(s) on the agenda and to provide a brief explanation of the nature of the interest.

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| <b>1</b> | <b>Minute</b>   | <b>5 - 8</b>   |
|          | Minute of previous meeting held on 22 June 2021.                        |                |
| <b>2</b> | <b>Eligibility of Applications and Options to Apply Criteria</b>        | <b>9 - 12</b>  |
|          | Report by Chief Executive, Renfrewshire Council.                        |                |
| <b>3</b> | <b>You Decide</b>   |                |
|          | Presentation.   |                |
| <b>4</b> | <b>Communities Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund</b>                     | <b>13 - 16</b> |
|          | Presentation.   |                |
| <b>5</b> | <b>Climate Emergency</b>  |                |
|          | Presentation.   |                |
| <b>6</b> | <b>Johnstone and Linwood Local Partnership Budget Monitoring Report</b> | <b>17 - 20</b> |
|          | Report by Chief Executive, Renfrewshire Council.                        |                |
| <b>7</b> | <b>Current Activities In Communities</b>                                |                |
|          | Discussion item.  |                |
| <b>8</b> | <b>Workshop on Local Priorities</b>                                     |                |
|          | Led by Chief Executives.  |                |

## **Johnstone and Linwood Local Priorities**

### **Key theme: Focus on young people**

The Local Partnership are particularly keen to see a focus on how young people can be engaged and involved in work around the Local Priorities.

### **Taking pride in the look and feel of our towns**

The Local Partnership want people in Johnstone and Linwood to take pride in the look and feel of their towns and their heritage, with vibrant and well-used town squares, fewer derelict buildings, and making sure the streets are clean.

### **What's on in Johnstone and Linwood**

The Local Partnership want to explore how people know what's going on across Johnstone and Linwood. They also want to see community spaces and community events which are safe and affordable, particularly in community halls and hubs.

### **Roads and transport**

The Local Partnership want to address a range of issues related to roads and transport, including congestion, speed, parking and public transport connections.

### **Community safety**

The Local Partnership want to see safe spaces, both safe from crime but also safe physical environments. They also want to look at how they can, along with other community leaders, promote the reporting of crime and anti-social behaviour.





## Minute of Meeting Local Partnership - Johnstone & Linwood

Date	Time	Venue
Tuesday, 22 June 2021	18:00	This meeting will be held remotely using Teams.,

### PRESENT

Councillor Derek Bibby; Councillor Jacqueline Cameron; Lesley Compston (KLAS Care); Councillor Andy Doig; Councillor Audrey Doig; Councillor John Hood, Councillor Scott Kerr; George MacDonald (Corseford Tenants' and Residents' Association); Councillor MacKay; Councillor Emma Rodden; and Councillor Andy Steel.

### CHAIR

Councillor Steel, Chair, presided.

### IN ATTENDANCE

D Gillies, Head of Facilities Management (Lead Officer); S Graham, Partnerships Planning and Development Manager and K Miller, Senior Planning and Policy Development Officer (both Chief Executive's); and D Low, Democratic Services Manager, E Gray, Senior Committee Services Officer and D Pole, End User Technician (all Finance & Resources).

### APOLOGIES

Adele Fraser, Linstone Housing Association; Margaret Lavery, Quarrelton Tenants' and Residents' Association; Karen McShane, Johnstone Dementia Friendly Group; Cheryl Thomas, Active Communities; and Thomas Wallace, Johnstone Community Council.

### RECORDING OF MEETING

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, the Chair intimated that this meeting of the Local Partnership would be recorded and that the recording would be available to watch on the Council's website.

## **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Iain McMillan (Johnstone Community Sports Complex) declared an interest in item 4 – Applications for Local Partnership Funding to Johnstone and Linwood Local Partnership 2020/21 - FR1144 – as he was related to a member of the organisation.

Councillor Mackay declared an interest in item 4 – Applications for Local Partnership Funding to Johnstone and Linwood Local Partnership 2020/21 - FR1118 – as he was a member of the organisation and indicated that he would remain in the meeting but not take part in discussion of voting thereon.

George MacDonald (Corseford Tenants' and Residents' Association) declared an interest in item 4 – Applications for Local Partnership Funding to Johnstone and Linwood Local Partnership 2020/21 - FR1180 – as his organisation had benefitted from activities provided by the applicant.

### **1 MINUTE**

There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of this Local Partnership held on 2 February 2021.

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

### **2 BUDGET MONITORING REPORT AND 2020/21 FUNDING APPLICATION FEEDBACK**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive relative to the final budget position for this Local Partnership for 2020/21 together with feedback from groups awarded funding during 2020/21 detailing how their awards had been utilised and had benefitted the local community.

**DECIDED:** That the budget monitoring report and feedback from recipients of funding in 2020/21 be noted.

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

Under reference to item 5 of the Minute of meeting of this Local Partnership held on 2 February 2021 there was submitted a report by the Chief Executive relative to the eligibility to apply for Local Partnership funding and the potential to apply criteria to assist in making decisions on funding applications.

The report included a link to a guidance document which was available to all funding applicants which helped to ensure that applicants provided the information that Local Partnerships needed to make funding decisions.

The report identified the key criteria for assessing funding applicants as being how the applications fitted with the agreed local priorities for the area. Accordingly, applications for funding had been set out in the following item of business in terms of those applications with direct reference to Johnstone and Linwood local priorities located in or specific to Johnstone and Linwood; applications with direct reference to Johnstone

and Linwood local priorities not located in or specific to Johnstone and Linwood; applications with partial or no reference to Johnstone and Linwood local priorities; and ineligible applications.

Iain McMillan suggested that the key criteria be included as a standing item on all future agendas where grant funding was being considered. This was agreed.

**DECIDED:**

(a) That the guidance provided to applicants, the presentation of the applications in meeting papers and the circulation of an allocation proposal in advance of this meeting be noted;

(b) That consideration be given to the need for further criteria to be developed in future; and

(c) That the key criteria be included as a standing item on all future agendas where grant funding was being considered.

#### **4 APPLICATIONS FOR LOCAL PARTNERSHIP FUNDING TO JOHNSTONE AND LINWOOD LOCAL PARTNERSHIP 2021/22**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive relative to applications for funding from The Villages Local Partnership in 201/22.

The report intimated that the available allocation for the Local Partnership was £48,203, made up of £47,044 from the General Grant Fund and £1,159 underspend carried forward from 2020/21. The carry forward of underspend was agreed due to the exceptional circumstances of the Covid pandemic which impacted on the ability of community organisations to undertake activities due to restrictions in place over the period. The normal arrangement whereby underspends could not be carried forward into the next financial year would be reinstated for 2021/22. The sum of £50 per community representative required to be ringfenced for potential claims for administrative expenses, which left a balance of £47,503 for allocation.

The report advised that the Youth Challenge Fund component of the Local Partnership's funding, now known as Celebrating Renfrewshire, was £21,697. This would be allocated by young people through a participatory budgeting process, which would take place during autumn 2021.

Following consideration, the Local Partnership agreed that the undernoted applications be determined as follows:-

Category 1 – Applications with direct reference to Johnstone and Linwood local priorities located in or specific to Johnstone and Linwood

FR1083 – Linwood Community Council – awarded £6,332

FR1049 – I Am Me – awarded £850

FR1052 - The Boys Brigade, Paisley & District Battalion – awarded £500

FR1075 – Renfrewshire Toy Bank – awarded £887

FR1083 – Rainbow Turtle – awarded £500

FR1091 – Feis Phaislig – awarded £1,773

FR1106 – Forever Young – awarded £950

FR1120 – Howwood Road TARA – awarded £950  
FR1124 – Johnstone Band – awarded £6,161  
FR1129 – Youth Interventions – awarded £5,066  
FR1138 – Fordbank Scout Group – awarded £970  
FR1139 – Johnstone Dementia Friendly Group – awarded £2,800

#### Declaration of Interest

Iain McMillan having declared an interest in application FR1144, remained in the meeting and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

FR1144 – Thorn Athletic Community Trust – awarded £3,882  
FR1155 – Shopmobility Paisley and District – awarded £950  
FR1160 – Breastfeeding Network – awarded £1,516  
FR1162 – Pachedu – awarded £1,032  
FR1169 – Anchor Hockey Club – awarded £1,352

#### Declaration of Interest

George MacDonald having declared an interest in application FR1180, remained in the meeting and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

FR1180 – Darkwood Crew – awarded £950  
FR1197 – Pachedu – awarded £750  
FR1120 – Johnstone Business Consortium – awarded £5,782

Category 2 – Applications with direct reference to Johnstone and Linwood local priorities not located in or specific to Johnstone and Linwood

FR1048 – Wynd Centre – declined  
FR1182 - Stronger Communities Glenburn – declined  
FR1191 - Stronger Communities Glenburn – declined  
FR1194 – Own Yer Bike SCIO – declined  
FR1066 – Ferguslie Cricket Club - declined  
FR1096 – Bishopton Sports and Social Club – declined  
FR1097 – Bishopton Sports and Social Club – declined  
FR1098 – Meikleriggs Cricket Foundation – declined

#### Declaration of Interest

Councillor MacKay having declared an interest in application FR1144, remained in the meeting and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

FR1118 – Renfrewshire Model Railway Club – declined  
FR1132 – Phoenix Flyers – declined  
FR1187 – Lamont Farm Project – declined

Category 3 – Ineligible applications

FR1039 – Eat Up - declined

**DECIDED:** That it be agreed to award the grant applications as noted above.





**To: Johnstone and Linwood Local Partnership**

**On: 17 November 2021**

**Report by:**  
Chief Executive, Renfrewshire Council

**TITLE:**  
**Eligibility Of Applications For Local Partnership Funding And Options For  
Application Of Criteria To Assist Decision Making**

**1. Summary**

- 1.1 Johnstone and Linwood Local Partnership received a report at the meeting held on 22 June 2021 regarding eligibility of applications for Local Partnership funding and options for the application of criteria to assist decision making. It was agreed at this meeting that this information be included as a standing item on Johnstone and Linwood Local Partnership papers
- 1.2 A guidance document is available to applicants to Local Partnership regarding eligibility (see link below). The guidance seeks to ensure that applicants provide the information that Local Partnerships need to make funding decisions, including alignment with local priorities and how the local community benefits.

[https://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/media/13348/Local-Partnership-Funding-Guidance-2021/pdf/LP\\_Grants\\_Application\\_Guidance\\_2021\\_final.pdf?m=1616431525030](https://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/media/13348/Local-Partnership-Funding-Guidance-2021/pdf/LP_Grants_Application_Guidance_2021_final.pdf?m=1616431525030)

- 1.3 The key criteria for assessing funding applicants is fit with the agreed local priorities of each area. Local Partnerships also have flexibility to determine for themselves a methodology for determining grant allocations. Examples of this include a cap on the maximum funding awarded, the award of funding requests in full up to a specified amount and requiring feedback on any previous awards made.
- 1.4 This presentation is intended to provide information to the membership about fit with local priorities and link to the Johnstone and Linwood area. Prior to the meeting, members will also receive separately a proposal from the Chair outlining an indicative allocation of funding, as a starting point for discussion at the meeting.

## **2. Recommendation**

- 2.1 It is recommended that members of Johnstone and Linwood Local Partnership:  
Note the standing item regarding eligibility criteria.

## **3. Background**

- 3.1 Johnstone and Linwood Local Partnership has a set of local priorities for action. Community and voluntary groups are invited to apply for Local Partnership funding for projects that align to the local priorities. At the Local Partnership meeting on 2 February 2021, members raised issues regarding the following aspects of funding allocation:
- Large organisations submitting Local Partnership applications, when national funding or raising their own funds might be an option.
  - Groups applying for general running costs.
  - The sustainability of groups seeking funding.
  - Application of criteria in relation to the purposes of the fund.
  - Whether Local Partnerships could be prescriptive in relation to groups applying for funding.
  - Potential conflict of interest if community planning partners apply for funding.
  - Public perception in granting awards to faith-based groups.
  - Scrutiny undertaken in relation to grant applications
  - Flexibility for Local Partnerships to limit awards solely to projects in the local area and any potential practical difficulties.
- 3.2 The guidance to applicants provides a response to many of the issues raised above. Any community or voluntary group with a constitution and bank account is eligible to apply, with the merits of the application considered by the Local Partnership. All applications should be specific to the Local Partnership area and clearly state the benefit to the community. Information is provided to applicants on sources of advice to apply for other sources of funding, including national funding.
- 3.3 Groups may apply for a portion of their running costs, but not their full running costs. The guidance also states that groups should consider any award as a “one-off” and that Local Partnership funds are not intended to provide ongoing funding. Applicants are advised to consider the sustainability of their project beyond the one-year funding term.
- 3.4 Applicants are advised to make clear how their project aligns to the priorities of each Local Partnership. Information on these priorities is also made available to applicants. This provides Local Partnership members with criteria against which to assess applications.

- 3.5 As Renfrewshire Council grants, applications are open to groups meeting the eligibility criteria. All applications from eligible groups are presented for consideration by the relevant Local Partnership. While Local Partnerships do not have the authority to be prescriptive about who applies for funding, they can commission projects to be delivered by named groups. Any such proposals require to be agreed by the Local Partnership members.
- 3.6 Community planning partners, with the exception of Renfrewshire Council, are eligible to apply for Local Partnership funding, but not for core activities. As with any applicant, community planning partners present at the meeting would require to declare an interest in any application and take no part in the discussion.
- 3.7 The guidance states that applications must encourage equality of opportunities. Faith-based groups may apply for activities open to the wider community, but not for purposes related to the faith itself.
- 3.8 Applicants are required to submit documentation in relation to their bank account and constitution when making an application for Local Partnership funding. Information on applications is presented in summary form in Local Partnership papers. Successful applicants are requested to provide feedback on projects at the end of the financial year.
- 3.9 Local Partnerships have the flexibility to use additional criteria such as locality in determining awards of Local Partnership funding. However, Local Partnership funding is the main source of funding available to community groups in Renfrewshire and members may wish to consider the potential impact on Renfrewshire-wide projects if funding was to be restricted to those operating from the local area. The requirement for groups applying to more than one Local Partnership area to make separate applications setting out the benefit to the local area was introduced to provide as much locally-relevant information as possible.



## **Communities Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund**

£15 million National Communities Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund - **£509,542** for Renfrewshire

To provide significant investment into community support for adults, building on the children and young people's community wellbeing supports currently being rolled out across Scotland

Fund will be locally focused – work with local partners and strong connections with community groups - Engage Renfrewshire is the point of contact for enquiries, applications, delivery of grant monies and collection of monitoring

This year's funding to is be fully allocated by the end of the financial year (31<sup>st</sup> March 2022), but anticipating further funding 2022/23 (subject to confirmation)

## Fund Aims and Criteria

Promote and develop good mental health and wellbeing - protect against the impact of distress and mental ill health within the adult population

Tackle issues within the Scottish Governments Transition & Recovery Plan such as; suicide prevention, social isolation and tackling loneliness

Address the mental health inequalities exacerbated by the pandemic and the needs of 'at risk' groups – women, BAME, disability, socio-economic, bereavement, older people, LGBTI, geographic, refugees, trauma,...

Focus on supporting projects with a strong community focus - delivered by groups and clubs, voluntary or community organisations, registered charities, and not-for-profit company or Community Interest Companies.

## Applications...

Appropriate 'light touch' application process to enable access to the fund—some guidance will follow but flexible to local processes

Amount of funding – expectations of some smaller grants (i.e. £10K and under) and flexibility to provide some larger grants (i.e. around £50k)

Potential for smaller amounts to Non-constituted groups

Monitoring, 'light touch' local suggestion of evidence gathering of programme's impact via experiences of participants, i.e. groups provide a story of change for participants, could be via photos, video, poetry, tbc

Scottish Government would like to see local application processes open to applications by 30th November – we intend to be going ASAP!



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**To: Johnstone and Linwood Local Partnership**

**On: 17 November 2021**

**Report by:**  
Chief Executive, Renfrewshire Council

**TITLE:**  
**Johnstone and Linwood Local Partnership Budget Monitoring Report**

**1. Summary**

- 1.1 Johnstone and Linwood 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 Johnstone and Linwood Local Partnership at its meeting on 22 June 2021 is attached as an appendix to this report.
- 1.3 The Celebrating Renfrewshire youth participatory budgeting process is still underway, with results due to be announced at an announcement event organised by the youth steering group on the 12<sup>th</sup> November 2021. Local Partnership members will be updated with details of successful projects following the results announcement.

**2. Recommendation**

- 2.1 It is recommended that the budget monitoring report and allocation of Celebrating Renfrewshire funding be noted.

**Appendix 1**

**Johnstone and Linwood Local Partnership Budget Monitoring Report 2021/22**

<b>General Grant Fund</b>	<b>£ 46,344 (net of Members expenses)</b>
<b>Carried Forward from 2020/21</b>	<b>£ 1,159</b>
<b>Total Funding Awards</b>	<b>£ 47,503</b>
<b>Carry Forward to 2022/23</b>	<b>£ Nil</b>

<b>Grant Ref</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Awarded £</b>	<b>Paid £</b>	<b>Still to be paid £</b>
FR1038	Linwood Community Council	£6,332.00	£6,332.00	£0
FR1049	I Am Me Scotland	£850.00	£850.00	£0
FR1052	The Boys Brigade, Paisley & District Battalion	£500.00	£500.00	£0
FR1075	The Renfrewshire Toy Bank	£887.00	£887.00	£0
FR1083	Rainbow Turtle	£500.00	£500.00	£0
FR1091	Fèis Phàislig	£1,773.00	£1,773.00	£0
FR1106	Forever Young	£950.00	£950.00	£0
FR1120	Howwood Road TARA	£4,500.00	£4,500.00	£0
FR1124	Johnstone Band	£6,161.00	£6,161.00	£0
FR1129	Youth Interventions	£5,066.00	£5,066.00	£0
FR1138	Fordbank Scout Group	£970.00	£970.00	£0
FR1139	Johnstone Dementia Friendly Group	£2,800.00	£2,800.00	£0
FR1144	Thorn Athletic Community Trust	£ 3,882.00	£3,882.00	£0
FR1155	Shopmobility Paisley and District	£ 950.00	£ 950.00	£0
FR1160	The Breastfeeding Network	£1,516.00	£1,516.00	£0
FR1162	Pachedu	£1,032.00	£1,032.00	£0
FR1169	Anchor Hockey Club	£1,352.00	£1,352.00	£0

FR1180	Darkwood Crew	£950.00	£950.00	£0
FR1197	Pachedu	£750.00	£750.00	£0
FR1200	Johnstone Business Consortium	£5,782.00	£5,782.00	£0

**Celebrating Renfrewshire Fund £21,697**

**Total Funding Awards                      £ TBA**

**Carry Forward to 2021/22                      £TBA**

<b>Grant Ref</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Awarded £</b>	<b>Paid £</b>	<b>Still To Be Paid £</b>

