

To: **Johnstone & the Villages Local Area**

Committee On: **18 February, 2016**

Report by: **Director of Finance & Resources**

Heading: **Application to Renfrewshire Council Citizens Fund**

1. Summary

- 1.1 At the meeting of this LAC held in February 2013, it was agreed that funding proposals that met the purposes of the Renfrew Council Citizens Fund be considered and thereafter submitted to the Council's Finance & Resources Policy Board for approval.
- 1.2 The appendix to this report contains information in relation to one application received for grant funding from the Renfrewshire Council Citizens Fund.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That consideration be given to the application for a grant from the Renfrewshire Council Citizens Fund as detailed in the appendix to this report.
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Implications of the Report

- 1. **Financial** – A balance of £17,257 exists within the Renfrewshire Council Citizens Fund. The award would be met from this balance.
- 2. **HR & Organisational Development** – *none*
- 3. **Community Planning** – Grants should be disbursed to projects and applications which meet the purposes of the Trust Fund. These purposes accord with a number of Community Plan key themes .

4. **Legal** – *none*
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. 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*

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Purposes of Trust Funds: The purposes of (One) promoting the welfare of individuals who are in need by reason of age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage and (Two) fostering 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.

APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FROM THE RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL CITIZENS FUND	
Name of applicant	Kilbarchan Improvement Project (KIPCo)
Name of project	Boiler replacement and associated works
Purpose of the project	<p>Summary:</p> <p>The boiler in the Old Library building, Kilbarchan has become unreliable and inefficient. In colder weather it struggles to heat the building and various faults leave the centre too cold for some activities to take place and expensive electric heaters have to be used to heat certain areas.</p> <p>The Boiler has been fully serviced and maintained but the repair bills are becoming heavier. The Centre has been advised that the boiler is no longer up to modern standards and requires to be replaced. While KIPCo can cover the running and maintenance costs, the boiler replacement represents a substantial sum.</p> <p>The Old Library hosts a number of groups such as pilates, yoga, toddlers' music and an elderly group of women who host a memories club. The computer suite is open for public use and for tuition and other rooms are used for various community activities.</p> <p>Sum requested:- £3,500</p>