



To: GREENER RENFREWSHIRE THEMATIC BOARD

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Report by:

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STALLED SPACES SCOTLAND

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report provides further update on the Stalled Spaces Scotland: Renfrewshire programme. A budget of £20,000 was allocated to the programme, this comprised of £10,000 from Architecture and Design Scotland, match funded by Renfrewshire Council. Across Renfrewshire, nine projects were funded covering: growing and planting; live music; art; and filming.
- 1.2 Although the vast majority of the funding has been distributed, there was a slight underspend on the budget. As it had been agreed at the Greener Thematic Board of 9 November 2015 that final details of level of award and content be remitted to the Lead Officer and Convener, an additional sum of £335 was awarded to the Kilbarchan Community Council project, which had created a community garden on the site of a disused petrol station. The purpose of this additional funding was for the purchase of a strimmer in order to allow the ongoing maintenance of the site as the owner is happy for the project to continue in this location.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board homologate the action of Oliver Reid, Lead Officer of the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic, in liaison with the Convener of the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board to award the additional sum of £335 to Kilbarchan Community Council's Stalled Spaces Scotland project.



3. Background

- 3.1 Community groups were invited to apply for grants of between £250 - £5,000 to bring derelict or vacant land back to temporary use within the Renfrewshire area as part of the Stalled Spaces Scotland programme. 75% of projects funded had to be town centre based and applications were approved by the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board, having been initially assessed for essential criteria by the Greener Communities sub-group.
- 3.2 The application form, guidance notes and scoring matrix were made available on the Renfrewshire 2023 website (www.renfrewshire2023.com). The scoring matrix was used by the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board to assess each application.

4. Community Involvement/Engagement

- 4.1 A total of nine projects have been funded through the Stalled Spaces programme covering a wide range of communities, community groups and different age groups. Details of the project are shown in the table below:

Reaching Older Adults in Renfrewshire	Development of disused site next to ROAR's premises
Paisley West & Central Community Council	Improve and clear two derelict sites in the West End of Paisley
Loud n Proud	Series of music events on unused ground near Sma' Shot Cottages in Paisley
Environmental Training Team	Revamp Alexander Wilson Park and install benches etc at site at St James' Street Paisley
I Am Me	Film making at derelict Coats site in Johnstone
Renfrew Development Trust	Artwork created on disused toilet block in Renfrew
Kilbarchan Community Council	Creation of a community garden at the old petrol station, Cartside Terrace, Kilbarchan
Erskine Music and Media	Pop up arena to host music events in the Erskine area
Star Project	Art work at the old St Mirren site in Paisley

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