

**To: Johnstone and Linwood Local Partnership**

**On: 5 September 2023**

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

**TITLE:**  
**Applications To Johnstone and Linwood Local Partnership Deferred From  
Meeting Held On 9 May 2023**

**1. Summary**

1.1 Johnstone and Linwood Local Partnership agreed at its meeting on 9 May 2023 to defer consideration of four applications. It was agreed to invite the applicants to attend the meeting on 5 September to provide further information to enable the Local Partnership members to make a decision on each application. Summaries of the four applications are attached for information.

1.2 The four applicants invited to attend the meeting on 5 September 2023 are listed below:

| <b>Ref No.</b> | <b>Name of project</b>                               | <b>Amount Requested</b> | <b>Name of organisation</b>      | <b>Contribution to Johnstone and Linwood priorities</b>       |
|----------------|--|-------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| FR1038         | Johnstone Castle Learning Centre                     | £10,000.00              | Johnstone Castle Learning Centre | Focus on young people.<br>What's on in Johnstone and Linwood. |
| FR1102         | (i) Workshop and Concert (ii) Band hall improvements | £ 9,990.00              | Johnstone Band                   | Focus on young people.  |
| FR1142         | Lamont Farm Project                                  | £5,000.00               | Lamont Farm Project              | Focus on young people   |
| FR1148         | Mobile Renfrewshire                                  | £324.25                 | Shopmobility Paisley & District  | Roads & Transport   |

- 1.3 The total value of the four deferred applications is £25,314.25 and the remaining available budget for 2023/24 is £14,432.

2. **Recommendation**

- 2.1 It is recommended that members of Johnstone and Linwood Local Partnership consider the applications for Local Partnership grant funding for 2023/24.

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| <b>Reference:</b><br>FR1038  | <b>Organisation Name:</b><br>Johnstone Castle Learning Centre |
| <b>Project Name:</b><br>Johnstone Castle Learning Centre   | <b>Amount applied for:</b><br>£ 10,000                        |
| <b>Purpose of the project</b><br>To provide adult learning and recreational opportunities in conjunction with other community partners. To provide regular youth activities for at least 12 hours per week, 50 weeks per year. Working with children and young people aged 8 plus. Providing a resource for an isolated community helping to mitigate the incidence and impact of anti-social behaviour within the community. Assisting young people to identify and develop their skills and take an active interest and role in their community.<br><br>The project has been established since 1999 and has consistently grown and responded to an increase in demand. This is most notable within the youth services where we make a large number of contacts with young people each week.<br><br>The demand for the service is the best indicator of the need for the service. |   |
| <b>What will the project do?</b><br>Address inequality by continuing to provide a service accessible to the local community in an area where few services exist.<br><br>Ensure we provide a service to young people aged 8 plus for at least 12 hours per week and for 50 weeks per year.<br><br>Engage with all sectors of the community to refresh a plan and strategy for providing adult education and leisure opportunities.<br><br>Engage with the community to help them take a more active role in their community and take more ownership and responsibility for the provision of services.<br><br>Provide a point of access for local people to use IT for job searching and CV construction   |   |
| <b>Johnstone &amp; Linwood Local Priorities:</b><br><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Key theme: Focus on young people.</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Taking pride in the look and feel of our towns.</b><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>What's on in Johnstone &amp; Linwood</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Roads and transport</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Community safety</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Partial fit with priorities</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Does not fit with priorities.</b>  |   |

**Anticipated Outcomes**

Community by having a consistent service provided for them.

Children and young people to be empowered to take a more active role in their community.

More adults from the local area engaged with their communities, taking an active role, and learning and developing new skills increasing their confidence and employability.

**Breakdown of costs**

| Item of spend          | Total Cost | Amount requested | Source of other funding | Timescale for funding |
|------------------------|------------|------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Insurance / Accountant | £7000      | £3500            | Other funders           | 4-6 weeks             |
| Telephone etc          | £1000      | £500             | Other funders           | 4-6 weeks             |
| Rent                   | £13,100    | £5550            | Other funders           | 4-6 weeks             |
| Stationery             | £1000      | £500             | Other funders           | 4-6 weeks             |

**About the organisation:**

To promote the wellbeing of the inhabitant of Johnstone Castle area without prejudice by associating with local and statutory authorities, voluntary organisations, and the local community in a common effort to advance the education and to provide facilities in the interest of social welfare for recreation and other leisure pursuits so that the wellbeing and quality of life of the community can be promoted and improved.

**Grant funding award history:**

|                | Grant Name            | Amount  | Used for              |
|----------------|-----------------------|---------|-----------------------|
| <b>2022/23</b> | Education Cat C Grant | £20,000 | General running costs |
| <b>2021/22</b> | Education Cat C Grant | £2000   | General running costs |
| <b>2020/21</b> | Education Cat C Grant | £2000   | General running costs |

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| <b>Reference:</b><br>FR1102  | <b>Organisation Name:</b><br>Johnstone Band |
| <b>Project Name:</b><br>(i) Workshop and Concert (ii) Band hall improvements   | <b>Amount applied for:</b><br>£ 9990.00     |
| <b>Purpose of the project</b><br>(i) Workshop and Concert.<br>Host a brass and percussion workshop to provide an opportunity for young and local brass players to be inspired and enjoy an opportunity to listen and perform.<br>(ii) Improving access and safe use of the band hall<br>- remodelling toilets and<br>- ramp installation.  |   |
| <b>What will the project do?</b><br>(i) Offer a free workshop and concert to young and local players. To do this, we will engage appropriate band workshop leaders to prepare and rehearse, hire a suitable performance space, such as Johnstone Town Hall, and engage other local and voluntary musical groups for a live brass and percussion event.<br>(ii) Replace current run-down toilet facilities with new unisex toilet cubicles to a modern standard.<br>Installation of a modular ramp system at side door to provide disabled access and improved manual handling of large and heavy equipment.  |   |
| <b>Johnstone &amp; Linwood Local Priorities:</b><br><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Key theme: Focus on young people.</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Taking pride in the look and feel of our towns.</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> <b>What's on in Johnstone &amp; Linwood</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Roads and transport</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Community safety</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Partial fit with priorities</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Does not fit with priorities.</b><br><br><b>Anticipated Outcomes</b><br>(i) Engaging young people, be they existing brass players, or future players. Showing good use of community space and highlighting the excellent local brass band and the opportunities that taking part in a musical performance can bring.<br>(ii) Improving toilet facilities will reduce repeat costs of repairs, replace outdated facilities and make users feel comfortable.<br>Enable safe access for all regardless of their physical ability. Reduce the risk of manual handling incidents by improving stepped access and supplementing with ramp access. |   |

**Breakdown of costs**

| Item of spend                               | Total Cost | Amount requested | Source of other funding   | Timescale for funding |
|---|------------|------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| Hall/Space Hire                             | £1460.00   | £1460.00         | N/A                       | N/A                   |
| Group Hire                                  | £400.00    | £250.00          | Donations and Fundraising | N/A                   |
| Van Hire/Promotion                          | £180.00    | £180.00          | N/A                       | N/A                   |
| Workshop Leader/Conductor                   | £840.00    | £600.00          | Player subscriptions      | N/A                   |
| Remodelling of Toilets                      | £5000.00   | £4500.00         | Donations and Fundraising | N/A                   |
| Modular Access Ramp and Stairs Improvements | £3000.00   | £3000.00         | N/A                       | N/A                   |

**About the organisation:**

Johnstone Band aims to provide an opportunity for members to give expression to their musical talents.

support the study and public performance of brass band music to as high a standard as is attainable; engage in local, area and national competitions, and participate in civic and community engagements.

**Grant funding award history:**

|                | Grant Name              | Amount   | Used for   |
|----------------|-------------------------|----------|--|
| <b>2022/23</b> | Local Partnership Grant | £3966.03 | Building Repairs and installation of heating                     |
| <b>2021/22</b> | Local Partnership Grant | £6161.00 | Workshop, Heating and Ventilation Improvements, Building Repairs |
| <b>2020/21</b> | Local Partnership Grant | £1725.86 | Online Festival Event  |

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| <b>Reference:</b><br>FR1142   | <b>Organisation Name:</b><br>Lamont Farm Project |
| <b>Project Name:</b><br>Lamont Farm Project   | <b>Amount applied for:</b><br>£5,000.00          |
| <b>Purpose of the project</b><br>To educate and provide hands on animal care and welfare facilities to the local community and surrounding areas. Lamont Farm offers a wide variety of services to various groups and organisations within the local area and further afield, work experience placements are provided to jobcentres, high schools, community service, kibble project and many more. The farm provides hands on experience for over 40 children who wish to pursue a career in animal care and veterinary practice, educational workshops are ran throughout the year for primary school   |  |
| <b>What will the project do?</b><br>The grant will help towards running costs and recovery from a deliberate attempt to set fire to ensure the project can continue to provide a variety of services and continue to work with a number of local educational establishments within the community.   |  |
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**Breakdown of costs**

| Item of spend         | Total Cost | Amount requested | Source of other funding | Timescale for funding |
|-----------------------|------------|------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Ongoing running costs | £5000.00   | £2500.00         | N/A                     | N/A                   |
| Fire damage recovery  | £2500.00   | £2500.00         | N/A                     | N/A                   |

**About the organisation:**

To educate children and adults on all aspects of animal husbandry and animal welfare. To provide a local establishment in the community for families to visit for a hands-on experience with a wide variety of animals.

**Grant funding award history:**

|                | Grant Name              | Amount   | Used for      |
|----------------|-------------------------|----------|---------------|
| <b>2022/23</b> | N/A                     | N/A      | N/A           |
| <b>2021/22</b> | Local Partnership Grant | £3000.00 | Running costs |
| <b>2020/21</b> | Local Partnership Grant | £8000.00 | Running costs |



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| <b>Reference:</b><br>FR1148  | <b>Organisation Name:</b><br>Shopmobility Paisley and District |
| <b>Project Name:</b><br>Mobile Renfrewshire  | <b>Amount applied for:</b><br>£ 324.25                         |
| <b>Purpose of the project</b><br>As part of our service, it is always at the forefront of our priorities to ensure we have a range of safe and maintained mobility scooters and wheelchairs for hire. We hire equipment to vulnerable people with disabilities and mobility challenges, whether that be permanent or temporary. Mobility equipment we hire has a lifespan of around 4 years. We have set up a small repairs and maintenance service and our strategy is to build upon this as part of our social enterprise development.<br>In addition, we are expanding our service across Renfrewshire.   |  |
| <b>What will the project do?</b><br>Enable us to forward plan and open up services across Renfrewshire by having enough equipment to be in a position to offer our service Renfrewshire wide - Give people choice and independence – help tackle social isolation and loneliness.<br>- Improve health and mental health by offering equipment and connections<br>- Offer new volunteering opportunities properly supported and invested in<br>- Help develop our repairs and maintenance service by supporting with purchasing of batteries<br>- Connect people by building stronger social connections  |  |
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**Breakdown of costs**

| Item of spend                  | Total Cost | Amount requested | Source of other funding | Timescale for funding |
|--------------------------------|------------|------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| for scooter mobility batteries | £324.25    | £ 324.25         | N/A                     | N/A                   |

**About the organisation:**

Enable Renfrewshire residents 16+ who experience permanent or temporary disabilities/mobility impairment to hire quality/safe equipment to help enhance life and health options as well as opening up opportunities. Whether that be shopping, meeting friends/family, leisure, holidays, appointments, lunch, dinner or any other activities of their choice.

Provision of advice, guidance, and support in a safe space. General repairs & maintenance for scooters and wheelchairs. Maintaining our own equipment.

**Grant funding award history:**

|                | Grant Name              | Amount     | Used for   |
|----------------|-------------------------|------------|--|
| <b>2022/23</b> | Local Partnership Grant | £2,395.00  | Purchased 2 wheelchairs outright as well as 2 scooter covers. Remaining balance was enough to go towards the purchase of 1 mobility scooter. |
|                | Local Partnership Grant | £15,000.00 | Salary, Insurance, Volunteer Expenses - Social Enterprise Discretionary Grant  |
|                | Winter Connections      | £1,937.00  |  |
| <b>2021/22</b> | Local Partnership Grant | £15,000.00 | Salary, Insurance, Volunteer Expenses - Social Enterprise Discretionary Grant  |
|                | Local Partnership Grant | £8,223.74  | Purchased a company van, logo'd the van with company branding  |

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| <b>2020/21</b> | Local Partnership Grant | £15,000.00 | Salary, Insurance, Volunteer Expenses - Social Enterprise Discretionary Grant |
|                | Local Partnership Grant | £9,000.00  | Reparation of office – damaged during COVID 19. Hand tools                    |
|                |                         |            |   |