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

**Committee On: 19 November, 2015**

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

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

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## **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 two applications received for grant funding from the Renfrewshire Council Citizens Fund.

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## **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 That consideration be given to the applications 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.

<b>APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FROM THE PAISLEY CITIZENS FUND – PAISLEY SOUTH LAC</b>	
<b>Name of applicant</b>	Kilbarchan Pipe Band
<b>Name of project</b>	Battle of the Somme Centenary Commemoration Event
<b>Purpose of the project</b>	<p>Summary:</p> <p>Kilbarchan Pipe Band has been invited, as the only Scottish Band, to participate in the Anniversary Remembrance Events to mark the Battle of the Somme. As well as participating in the actual event, which will provide historical and educational knowledge to the participants, including school children members of the band, the Band will hold an information historical evening to share the experience and information with the community. This is in keeping with our stated aims “to advance education and to advance the arts, heritage and culture, specifically in the area of bag-piping and drumming.”</p> <p>Detailed background</p> <p>The Band is honoured to have been asked to represent Renfrewshire and Scotland at this very important historic event. The Band’s participation is being entirely funded by fund raising by band members and supporters.</p> <p>As well as participating in the actual event, which will provide historical and educational knowledge to the participants, including school age members, the Band will hold an information evening to share the experience and information with the community. This is in keeping with our stated aims “to advance education and to advance the arts, heritage and culture”</p> <p>The events taking place in Albert being <u>30th June &amp; 1st July &amp; 2nd July</u></p> <p>Ceremonies to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Battle of the Somme.</p> <p>Official ceremonies in Bus-les-Artois, Courcellette, Ovillers-La-Boisselle, Contalmaison, Thiepval, Beaumont-Hamel, Fricourt and Albert.</p>

	<p>Attendance of the highest national and international authorities</p> <p>30th June - Albert : 100 Pipers, Lighting of the “Lumières du Souvenir” (Lights of Remembrance), theatrical concerts, multi-faith celebration - Place Emile Leturcq</p> <p>1st July - Albert Theatrical show with the 9 Heroes of the Albert Musée Somme 1916 telling their stories, Jardin Public</p> <p><u>1st July - Poppy Country</u> Multi-faith celebration and concert- free entrance</p> <p><u>1st July- Albert</u>- 9pm- Basilica Notre Dame de Brebières ? Concert of Barbara Hendricks contact: tourist office poppy country +33 (0)3.22.75.16.42 officedetourisme@paysducoquelicot.com</p> <p><u>From 1st July to 10th July</u> Albert Théâtre du Jeu de Paume “The Battle of the Somme” exhibition of archives and postcards.</p>
<b>Grant applied for</b>	<b>£2,000</b>

APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FROM THE PAISLEY CITIZENS FUND – PAISLEY SOUTH LAC	
<b>Name of applicant</b>	Kilbarchan Community Nursery
<b>Name of project</b>	Cloakroom extension
<b>Purpose of the project</b>	<p>The nursery's cloakroom area requires refurbishment to provide more pegs and storage areas for children's shoes and welly boots.</p> <p>The current benches and pegs are too high for the children to access independently and so some end up climbing up onto the bench to access the coats and jackets and we are concerned for their safety</p> <p>It is a relatively small area and a re-design, which makes better use of the space will be of significant benefit to both children and parents/guardians:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arriving at the nursery will be organised and therefore relaxed for the children and parents thus, the children, especially the younger children, will be better prepared for a positive learning experience.</li> <li>• A more organised cloakroom area will make it easy for the children to take responsibility for keeping their coats and shoes tidy.</li> <li>• It will be easy for children to get their own coats and shoes/boots when going out to play, encouraging independence.</li> </ul> <p>As part of the Forest Kindergarten programme, the children engage in outdoor learning as a core part of their nursery experience. The quicker and easier it is for the children to get ready to go outdoors, then the more time they will have to engage in this opportunity.</p> <p>The total cost of renovating the cloakroom area will be around £1000 however the nursery can afford to allocate £300 of the money they raise from fundraising towards this project.</p> <p>The nursery relies on fundraising about £8,000 per year to help with running costs and to achieve this a large group of parent volunteers run an extensive program of varied fundraising events designed to engage with as much of the community as possible, not only to raise funds but also in increase their involvement with the nursery.</p> <p>Kilbarchan Community Nursery provides an essential resource to parents of Kilbarchan with quality childcare being available for pre-school children over the age of 3 from 8am until 5.45pm Monday to Friday during term time. Parents are able to use their council funded hours and any additional hours they wish to pay for in a highly flexible manner to accommodate their childcare needs as best we can.</p> <p>Primary school children are able to use the breakfast club and children in primaries 1-3 are able to use out after school care.</p>

<b>Grant applied for</b>	<b>£700</b>
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