

## Minute of Meeting Local Partnership - The Villages

Date	Time	Venue
Thursday, 17 September 2020	18:00	Remotely by MS teams,

### Present

Ross Anderson (Lochwinnoch Community Council); Anne-Marie Balfour (Elderslie Community Council); Councillor Derek Bibby; Councillor Bill Binks; David Blair (Renfrewshire District Scouts); Councillor Jacqueline Cameron; Sandy Clark (Bridge of Weir Community Council); Councillor Andy Doig; Councillor Audrey Doig; Councillor Natalie Don; Councillor Alison Jean Dowling; Margaret Dundas (Brookfield Community Council); Meg Gilzean (Bridge of Weir Tenants' and Residents' Association); Nigel Hobbs (Houston Community Council); Councillor John Hood; Councillor Alistair Mackay; Councillor James MacLaren; Councillor Colin McCulloch; Stirling McGee (Renfrewshire Youth Voice); Linda O'Malley (Rays of Hope); Councillor Emma Rodden; Councillor Andy Steel; and Brenda Whitelaw (Howwood Community Council).

### Chair

Councillor Natalie Don, Chair, presided.

### In Attendance

O Reid, Head of Communities and Public Protection (Lead Officer); S Graham, Partnerships Planning and Development Manager and C Tollan, Senior Policy & Development Officer (both Chief Executive's); and E Currie, Senior Committee Services Officer and T Slater, Senior Committee Services Officer (both Finance & Resources).

## **Community Planning Partners**

A McNiven, Chief Executive (Engage Renfrewshire); Sergeant McGee (Police Scotland); and R Agnew (Renfrewshire Leisure Limited).

## **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.

## **Apologies**

Heather Cunningham (Renfrewshire HSCP); James Fletcher (Brookfield Bowling Club); and Fiona Stewart (Kilbarchan Community Council).

## **Declarations of Interest**

Linda O'Malley (Rays of Hope) declared an interest in item 2 – Applications for The Villages Local Partnership Funding in 2020/21 - FR1137 – as she was a member of the organisation and indicated that she would remain in the meeting but not take part in discussion of voting thereon.

David Blair (Renfrewshire District Scouts) declared an interest in item 2 – Applications for The Villages Local Partnership Funding in 2020/21 - FR1110 – as he was a member of the organisation and FR1187 - as he was the Treasurer of the organization until the end of March 2020 and indicated that he would remain in the meeting but not take part in discussion of voting thereon.

Anne-Marie Balfour (Elderslie Community Council) declared an interest in item 2 – Applications for The Villages Local Partnership Funding in 2020/21 - FR1193, FR1194, FR1196, FR1197, FR1198, FR1199 and FR1200– as she was a member of the organisation and indicated that she would remain in the meeting but not take part in discussion of voting thereon.

## **1 Minute**

There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of this Local Partnership held on 13 November 2019.

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

## **2 Applications for The Villages Local Partnership Funding 2020/21**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive relative to applications for funding from The Villages Local Partnership in 2020/21.

The report intimated that applications for funding from the Local Partnership had been invited to reflect the Local Partnership's priorities of connectivity and transport; environment and parks; access to services, facilities and assets; and village identity and character. The available allocation for the Local Partnership was £51,191. The sum of £50 per community representative required to be ringfenced for potential claims for administrative expenses, which left a balance of £50,441 for allocation.

The report advised that the Youth Challenge Fund component of the Local Partnership's funding, now known as Celebrating Renfrewshire, was £23,609. This would be allocated by young people through a participatory budgeting process, which was currently underway.

The Chair proposed a method for considering the applications, which had been circulated to members prior to the meeting. Following discussion, it was agreed that the Chair's proposal be amended to award application FR1189 – 1st Elderslie Girls Brigade 70% of the amount requested.

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

Applications with direct reference to The Villages local priorities

FR1057 – Greenside Carers - awarded £70  
FR1070 – Calder Drama Club – awarded £490  
FR1072 – Lochwinnoch Arts Festival – awarded £5,013.40  
FR1095 – Renfrewshire Walking Network – awarded £350

Declaration of Interest

David Blair having declared an interest in application FR1110, remained in the meeting and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

FR1110 – 1st Bridge of Weir Scout Group – awarded £5,699.40  
FR1111 – The Boys Brigade, Paisley & District Battalion – awarded £420  
FR1114 – Lochwinnoch Choral Society – awarded £1,158.50  
FR1116 – Local Energy Action Plan (LEAP) – awarded £4,021.15  
FR1122 – Friends of Howwood Park - £1,357.08  
FR1126 – Home-start Renfrewshire & Inverclyde – awarded £337.92  
FR1128 – Renfrewshire Christmas Toy Bank – awarded £850.50  
FR1135 – The Kilbarchan Singers – awarded £1,053.50  
FR1136 – Bridge of Weir Elderly Forum – awarded £700

Declaration of Interest

Linda O'Malley having declared an interest in application FR1137, remained in the meeting and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

FR1137 – Rays of Hope – awarded £6,850  
FR1160 – Houston Community Council – awarded £2,555  
FR1172 – Renfrewshire Access Panel – awarded £1,567.52  
FR1175 – Lamont Farm Project – awarded £2,800  
FR1186 – Lochwinnoch Toddlers Group - £1,228.50

Declaration of Interest

David Blair having declared an interest in application FR1187, remained in the meeting and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

FR1187 – Kilbarchan Improvement Projects – awarded £2,849  
FR1189 - 1st Elderslie Girls Brigade – awarded £377.30

FR1190 – 1st Elderslie Girls Brigade – awarded £350

#### Declaration of Interest

Anne-Marie Balfour having declared an interest in applications FR1194 and FR1196, remained in the meeting and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

FR1194 – Elderslie Community Council – awarded £770

FR1196 – Elderslie Community Council – awarded £490

FR1206 – Bridge of Weir Senior Citizens Association – awarded £1,050

FR1207 – Lochwinnoch SWI – awarded £210

FR1210 – Lochwinnoch Art Group – awarded £315

FR1212 – Shop Mobility Paisley & District – awarded £949.90

FR1216 – Johnstone Dementia Friendly Community Group – awarded £992.95

FR1217 – Lochwinnoch Christmas lights switch-on – awarded £1,750

Applications relevant to the Green Spaces, Parks and Play Areas and Villages Investment Fund

FR1163 – Lochwinnoch Primary School Parent Council – declined and referred to the Green Spaces, Parks and Play Areas and Villages Investment Fund

#### Declaration of Interest

Anne-Marie Balfour having declared an interest in applications FR1193, FR1197, FR1198 and FR1200, remained in the meeting and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

FR1193 – Elderslie Community Council - declined and referred to the Green Spaces, Parks and Play Areas and Villages Investment Fund

FR1197 – Elderslie Community Council - declined and referred to the Green Spaces, Parks and Play Areas and Villages Investment Fund

FR1198 – Elderslie Community Council - declined and referred to the Green Spaces, Parks and Play Areas and Villages Investment Fund

FR1200 – Elderslie Community Council - declined and referred to the Green Spaces, Parks and Play Areas and Villages Investment Fund

Applications with partial or no reference to The Villages local priorities

FR1043 – Eat Up – declined

FR1068 – Meikleriggs Cricket Foundation – declined

FR 1073 – Rainbow Turtle – declined

FR1074 – Ferguslie Cricket Club – declined

FR1089 – Paisley Sea Cadets – declined

FR1102 – Howwood Primary School – declined

FR1191 – Paisley YMCA – declined

#### Declaration of Interest

Anne-Marie Balfour having declared an interest in application FR1199, remained in the meeting and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

FR1199 – Elderslie Community Council – withdrawn

FR1209 – Phoenix Flyers Dog Agility Club – declined

Applications where activity date has passed

FR1141 – PACE Theatre Limited – declined

Following discussion, it was proposed that officers investigate whether there was any flexibility that would allow groups awarded funding last year carrying forward unspent balances as a result of events not taking place as planned and who had not made application for funding this year as a result of holding a balance of funds; that officers investigate whether funding awarded for Christmas lights switch-on events this year, which did not take place as a result of restrictions due to the coronavirus pandemic, could be rolled-over to next financial year and awarded to the relevant applicants for similar events in 2021; and that officers provide assistance to organisations in their attempts to source other funding and also those organisations who were referred to the Green Spaces, Parks and Play Areas and Villages Investment Fund. This was agreed.

**DECIDED:**

- (a) That it be agreed to award the grant applications as noted above;
- (b) That officers investigate whether there was any flexibility that would allow groups awarded funding last year carrying forward unspent balances as a result of events not taking place as planned and who had not made application for funding this year as a result of holding a balance of funds;
- (c) That officers investigate whether funding awarded for Christmas lights switch-on events this year, which did not take place as a result of restrictions due to the coronavirus pandemic, could be rolled-over to next financial year and awarded to the relevant applicants for similar events in 2021; and
- (d) That officers provide assistance to organisations in their attempts to source other funding and also those organisations who were referred to the Green Spaces, Parks and Play Areas and Villages Investment Fund.