

To: Paisley South Local Area Committee

On: 6 March 2018

Report by: Director of Finance & Resources

Heading: Grant Award Feedback 2016/17

1. Summary

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide some detail on a number of projects that were funded by the Paisley South LAC in 2016/17.

1.2 Providing regular feedback to LACs increases accountability and helps LACs identify clear community outcomes from grants awarded to community groups. It is also a condition of grant that groups account for their income and expenditure and set out the community benefits and other outcomes of their LAC grant awards.

2. Recommendations

2.1 The LAC is requested to note the report.

3. Background

3.1 A list of the groups that were awarded funding in 2016/17 together is appended to this report. The list highlights the status of each group relative to the provision of feedback to this LAC.

3.2 This report provides an overview of feedback submitted by a number of the successful grant applicants who were funded by the Paisley South LAC in 2016/17.

3.3 Association of African Communities in Renfrewshire (AACR)

3.3.1 The Association was awarded £1,153 by this LAC for its Africans@Renfrewshire hub Project. The award was allocated towards accommodation rental cost, utilities and telephone/broadband.

3.3.2 AACR advises that 127 people benefitted from the grant through the provision of a service for African/ BME persons to engage with the wider community. AACR has held a number of events including talks, film nights, museum visits and cultural celebrations. The Hub also provides basic IT training, third party reporting, CV writing, access to computers and photocopying.

3.4 Braehead Junior Ice Hockey Club

3.4.1 This LAC awarded £350 to Braehead Junior Ice Hockey Club, primarily for the cost of ice hire. Up to 75 young people benefitted from the club's ability to keep costs as low as possible to participants while promoting physical activity, discipline and training.

3.5 Greensyde Carers – Gardening Project

3.5.1 The LAC awarded £100 towards the cost of floor beanbags, plants and shrubs and pots and decorative stones at the Milldale Centre. The project completed a rough hard landscaped area to allow all clients at Milldale to get out into the fresh air for relaxation. The garden also encourages people to tend the garden and encourage a sensory interaction with their surroundings. The group estimates that as many as 200 people benefitted from the project.

3.6 Renfrewshire Sports Network (RSN)

3.6.1 The LAC awarded £2,400 towards the cost of supporting the FAST card award scheme. RSN has advised that 45 athletes from a range of sports benefitted under the scheme which has encouraged them to seek further success and achieve higher goals in the future.

3.7 Paisley Pirates

3.7.1 The entirety of the LAC's award of £1,600 was utilised by the Paisley Pirates to cover ice hire costs.

3.7.2 During the 2016/17 season the Pirates, a team consisting of and run by local volunteers, won the Scottish National League and were runners up in both the play-offs and the Scottish Cup. As a result of their success, Paisley was ranked 41 as one of the top ice hockey towns in Europe. The team estimates that 77 people have directly benefitted from the grant as well as several hundred spectators.

3.12 Alba Thistle

3.12.1 The LACs award of £600 was set against the club's hire of training facilities at Seedhill and Ralston, the hire of grass playing fields and the purchase of training gear and equipment.

3.13 Cotton Club

3.13.1 The £2,000 award was used to allow older people to achieve the John Muir Discovery Award. As part of this project the participants made bird boxes, birdfeeders and bird cake and participated in photography, bushcraft, environmental art, poetry, and nature days. 90 residents from sheltered housing took part in the project.

3.14 Double H Lunch Club

3.14.1 The multi area grant award has helped to provide two course lunch meals to elderly members of the club. The group has advised that by meeting hall rental costs the grant award helps to bring people together in a safe and friendly environment.

3.15 Parkrun

3.15.1 Parkrun UK was awarded a total of £1,800 towards the cost of establishing weekly parkrun events at ON-X Linwood, including the cost of purchasing a laptop, timers, scanners, course markers and high visibility vests. The running events are open to all and are free to participants.

3.15.2 In the 18 months since Parkrun Linwood was established a total of 1,300 different runners have registered as having run at the Linwood event, the weekly average is 133 runners and on two occasions over 200 runners have participated.

3.15.3 The sport of running has health benefits and the runners have participated in wider community activities such as collecting for the Renfrewshire Food Bank.

3.16 Lamont Farm

3.16.1 A regular recipient of LAC funding, Lamont Farm was awarded £2,000 by this LAC at its May 2016 meeting. The farm requires funding to help meet the cost of animal feed, bedding, hay and straw, farrier services, dentistry and insurance.

3.16.2 The Farm advises that over 1,000 people visit each year and that as many as 35 children volunteer at weekends. Lamont Farm also accepts work experience placements from local schools, colleges and universities.

3.17 The Boys' Brigade – Paisley & District Battalion

3.17.1 The Battalion received a total award of £5,000 towards the costs of refurbishing the headquarters building. The building now has a DDA compliant toilet facility and the upgraded kitchen allows the Brigade to provide catering for training courses being hosted at the headquarters. The upgraded heating system makes the building more suitable for daily working, meetings and training courses.

3.18 Brediland Primary Parents Teachers and Friends

3.18.1 The LAC awarded £5,000 towards the cost of the playground development project. The funding met the cost of installing mini football goals and nets; high jump challenge equipment; noughts and crosses playground game; a mounted chalkboard; and various other enhancements. The overall cost of the project was £15,667.62.

3.19 Charleston Tenants' and Residents' Association

3.19.1 The LAC awarded £1,500 towards the cost of a trip to the pantomime and a trip to Stirling. The Association advised that over 100 members benefitted from the trips.

3.20 Glenburn Seniors Forum

3.20.1 The LAC awarded £500 towards the cost of a visit to the transport museum by 45 members of the Forum. Costs included transport, food and drink.

3.21 Heriot Primary School Nursery Class Parent Group

3.21.1 The LAC awarded £1,114.93 towards the cost of the 'Fun with Books' project. The award allowed the group to provide an early years library which supported family learning and aimed to reduce societal disadvantages by providing a regular bedtime story club. The library is also used at lunchtimes when senior pupils provide story telling for the younger pupils.

3.22 South End Seniors Forum

3.22.1 The Forum was awarded £1,440 which was utilised towards the costs of a trip to the Burns Museum, hall rental, the hosting of a Burns celebration; and the purchase of a new kettle and crockery.

3.23 The Thursday Club

3.23.1 The £2,750 grant helped to meet the cost of hall rental charges; quiz and exercise sessions; dance exercises; a new bingo machine; and the purchase of song sheets.

3.24 RAMH – No Substitute for Life

3.24.1 The LAC awarded £376 towards the cost of this multi area application. The funding helped to meet the cost of a memorial football tournament for local people, especially young men, who were most at risk of suicide. The event acted as a platform for local and national organisations who were trying to tackle the stigmas and taboos that prevented people, and particularly young men, from talking about mental health and suicide.

3.24.2 The main outcomes of the event were that it was led by the local community, ensuring local ownership and developing the resources of the community; that suicide prevention messages were clear throughout the event in order to reduce the stigma associated with the subject; and direct access to information about suicide prevention.

3.25 Renfrewshire Access Panel

3.25.1 This LAC awarded £2,000 to help meet the running costs for the offices of Renfrewshire Access Panel and help to enable the group to continue assisting Renfrewshire Council on various projects such as Living Streets; Joint Employability Project; and Changing Places Toilets.

3.25.2 The Panel has advised that throughout 2016/17 it continued its work to advance access provision and maintenance to buildings, environments and access to approaches for disabled people; to advance knowledge and perception with the aid of training and development; to advance knowledge and understanding of hate crime within Renfrewshire and assist with reporting to the appropriate authority; to advance the scope and procedures of the Panel by networking and building alliances; to provide advice on financial hardship and sickness for people with

physical, mental and sensory impairments; and to develop the capacity and skills of the members of the socially and economically disadvantaged community of Renfrewshire, in such a way they are better able to identify, and help meet their needs and enable them to participate more fully in society.

3.26 Forever Young

3.26.1 This LAC awarded £1,600 towards the cost of a health and wellbeing project for sheltered housing residents.

3.26.2 The grant helped to fund exercise sessions and a creative art project. The applicant estimated that 300 sheltered housing residents benefitted from the project.

3.27 5th Paisley Girls Brigade

3.27.1 This LAC awarded £1,000 to help 5th Paisley Girls Brigade purchase art and craft materials, enabling the 50 young people to participate in a full programme of activities during 2016/17.

3.28 Renfrewshire Bowling Association Under 25s

3.28.1 The LAC grant of £600 helped to meet the cost of transport for 52 young people from all over Renfrewshire who represented the Renfrewshire Bowling Association at matches all over the country. The Under 25s team play in the Scottish Inter-County League & cups and include two under 25 internationalists and two under 17 internationalists.

3.29 The Breastfeeding Network

3.29.1 This LAC awarded £1,417.40 towards the cost of the ongoing Breast Buddies project aimed at promoting breastfeeding in Renfrewshire.

3.29.2 The group has advised that they have continued to provide breastfeeding support to families in Renfrewshire at their three weekly drop-in support groups at Ferguslie, Johnstone and Linwood. The group has also attended local community events including Lilies Day, Sma Shot Day and Barshaw Gala Day which has enabled them to engage with the local community, talking to parents and their wider families, normalising breastfeeding and providing evidence based information to local health professionals and new parents.

3.29.3 The group has continued to support their existing volunteers by providing ongoing learning, and two volunteers have now commenced nurse training. The group estimates that 82 local families directly benefitted from attendance at group sessions and 65 families attended the Teddy Bears' Picnic and Linwood's Birthday party events arranged by the Breastfeeding Network.

3.30 Don Bosco Support Base

3.30.1 The LAC awarded £8,340 towards the cost of creating an outdoor classroom at the Don Bosco Support Base, St Andrew's Academy.

3.30.2 The applicant has advised that the new outdoor space has enabled the delivery of a horticulture programme in conjunction with the Royal Horticultural Society; a fitness and wellbeing programme; and art lessons centred around health and wellbeing.

3.31 Langcraigs Parent Council

3.31.1 The Parent Council received a total of £10,000 from this LAC towards its 'set the stage for success' refurbishment programme. The grant helped provide stage lighting, sound system, stage curtains and a black backdrop. The Parent Council has advised that the equipment is also used by Glenfield Nursery and has enhanced children's shows and performances.

3.32 Renfrewshire Environmental & Restoration Group

3.32.1 The LAC awarded £868.07 towards the cost fuel, materials and other expenses helped the group carry out environmental improvements in the Paisley South area. The group undertook various activities such as litter picks, footpath clearances and path edging. The group advises that these activities were carried out at a number of locations including Durrockstock Park, Glenfield Woodland, National Cycle Route 7, Glennifer Braes Country Park and Moredun Playing Fields.

3.33 Paisley Sea Cadets

3.33.1 The £889 award from this LAC helped Paisley Sea Cadets to attend an annual camp in Benbecula. The applicants advise that 55 people attended the camp and the grant helped meet the food and accommodations costs, ferry fares and uniform polo shirts.

3.34 Future Feedback

3.34.1 All grant recipients are instructed to submit award feedback once their awards have been spent and further reports on the outcome of projects will be submitted to future meetings of this LAC.

Implications of this report

1. Financial

Grant awards were contained within 2016/17 LAC budget allocations.

2. HR and Organisational Development

None.

3. Community/Council Planning

The wide range of projects awarded LAC funding reflect the diverse nature of the community in Renfrewshire and meets many of the key ambitions set out in the Community and Council Plans.

4. Legal

Compliance with the Council's Condition of Grants

5. Property/Assets

None.

6. Information Technology

None.

7. Equality and Human Rights

- (a) 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 because all grant applicants must submit valid constitutions containing equality statements. 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 and Safety

None.

9. Procurement

None.

10. Risk

None.

11. Privacy

None.

12. CoSLA Policy Position

None.

List of Background Papers

None

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Appendix

| Name of Group | Award from this LAC | Update status |
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| GENERAL GRANT FUND | | |
| Brediland Primary School Parents Teachers and Friends | £5,000 | Reported to meeting held on 6 March 2018 |
| Charleston TARA | £1,500 | Reported to meeting held on 6 March 2018 |
| Don Bosco Base | £8,340 | Reported to meeting held on 6 March 2018 |
| Foxbar Resource Centre Management Committee | £6,000 | Group folded |
| Glenburn Seniors Forum | £500 | Reported to meeting held on 6 March 2018 |
| Glenfield Pre-5s Parents' Committee | £6,389 | No report received |
| Heriot Primary School Nursery Parents' Committee | £1,114.93 | Reported to meeting held on 6 March 2018 |
| Langcraigs Parent Council – Stage Refurbishment | £6,000 | Reported to meeting held on 6 March 2018 |
| Langcraigs Parent Council – Stage Refurbishment | £4,000 | Reported to meeting held on 6 March 2018 |
| Renfrewshire Environmental and Restoration Group | £900 | Reported to meeting held on 6 March 2018 |
| Southend Seniors Forum | £1,440 | Reported to meeting held on 6 March 2018 |
| The Thursday Club | £2,750 | Reported to meeting held on 6 March 2018 |
| Basketball Paisley | £50.25 | No report received |
| Association of African Communities In Renfrewshire | £1,153 | Reported to meeting held on 6 March 2018 |
| Breastfeeding Network | £1,417.40 | Reported to meeting held on 6 March 2018 |
| C-change Scotland | £2,000 | Reported to meeting held on 28 November 2017 |
| Cornerstone Drop-in Centre | £375 | Reported to meeting held on 29 August 2017 |
| Cotton Club | £2,000 | Reported to meeting held on 6 March 2018 |
| Double H Lunch Club | £233.33 | Reported to meeting held on 6 March 2018 |

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| Feis Feislig | £1,294.20 | Reported to meeting held on 6 March 2018 |
| Fitting-in | £1,156 | Reported to meeting held on 29 August 2017 |
| Forever Young | £1,600 | Reported to meeting held on 6 March 2018 |
| Greensyde Carers | £100 | Reported to meeting held on 6 March 2018 |
| I Am Me Scotland | £2,000 | Reported to meeting held on 29 August 2017 |
| Kelburne Hockey Club | £1,000 | Reported to meeting held on 29 August 2017 |
| Lamont Farm | £2,000 | Reported to meeting held on 6 March 2018 |
| Paisley Chess Club | £442.50 | Reported to meeting held on 29 August 2017 |
| Paisley Pens | £759.26 | Receipts returned – group no longer exists |
| Parkrun UK | £600 | Reported to meeting held on 6 March 2018 |
| Phoenix Flyers Dog Agility Training Club | £1,000 | Reported to meeting held on 29 August 2017 |
| Rainbow Turtle | £1,900 | Reported to meeting held on 28 November 2017 |
| RAMH – No Substitute for Life | £400 | Reported to meeting held on 6 March 2018 |
| Rays of Hope | £1,960 | Reported to meeting held on 29 August 2017 |
| Renfrewshire Access Panel | £1,226.20 | Reported to meeting held on 6 March 2018 |
| Renfrewshire Deaf Group | £600 | Meeting to be arranged with group |
| Renfrewshire Visually Impaired Forum | £300 | Meeting to be arranged with group |
| Shopmobility | £494 | Reported to meeting held on 28 November 2017 |
| St James' Church Friendly Hour | £400 | Reported to meeting held on 29 August 2017 |
| St James Orchestra | £340 | Reported to meeting held on 29 August 2017 |
| Stanley Athletic AFC | £1,236 | No report received |
| The Boys Brigade Paisley & District | | Reported to meeting held on 22 February 2018 |
| Wynd Centre (Adult) | £1,000 | Reported to meeting held on 28 November 2017 |
| Twist & Hit Cheerleaders | £2,750 | Reported to meeting held on 28 November 2017 |
| YMCA | £2,996.50 | Reported to meeting held on 29 August 2017 |
| PAISLEY COMMON GOOD FUND | | |
| Coats Memorial Church | £13,000 | No further update – project still to proceed |
| YOUTH CHALLENGE FUND | | |
| 5 th Paisley Girls Brigade | £1,000 | Reported to meeting held on 22 February 2018 |
| Basketball Paisley | £826.55 | No report received |
| Braehead Junior Ice Hockey Club | £350 | Reported to meeting held on 22 February 2018 |

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| Create Paisley | £8,981.15 | No report received |
| Ferguslie Cricket Club - Tractor | £5,000 | No report received |
| Ferguslie Cricket Club - Garage | £5,000 | No report received |
| Loud 'n'Proud | £2,200 | Reported to meeting held on 28 November 2017 |
| Meikleriggs Cricket Foundation | £2,500 | Reported to meeting held on 28 November 2017 |
| PAGGS | £2,453 | Reported to meeting held on 29 August 2017 |
| Paisley & District Scouts | £1,250 | Reported to meeting held on 28 November 2017 |
| Paisley Sea Cadets | £889 | No report received |
| Renfrewshire Bowling Association Under 25s | £600 | Reported to meeting held on 22 February 2018 |
| Renfrewshire Sports Network | £2,400 | Reported to meeting held on 29 August 2017 |
| Renfrewshire Youth Voice | £820 | Reported to meeting held on 29 August 2017 |
| Wynd Centre – Youth Counselling | £1,000 | Reported to meeting held on 28 November 2017 |
| Street Stuff | £5,000 | Reported to meeting held on 29 August 2017 and on an ongoing basis |
| Paisley Pirates | £1,600 | Reported to meeting held on 6 March 2018 |