

Notice of Meeting and Agenda

Local Partnership - The Villages

Date	Time	Venue
Thursday, 25 November 2021	18:00	Remotely by MS teams,

KENNETH GRAHAM
Head of Corporate Governance

Membership

John Anderson (Howwood Sports and Hobbies): Anne-Marie Balfour (Elderslie Community Council): Councillor Derek Bibby: Councillor Bill Binks: Alan Bissett (Lochwinnoch Community Council): Councillor Jacqueline Cameron: Sandy Clark (Bridge of Weir Community Council): Councillor Andy Doig: Councillor Audrey Doig: Councillor Alison Jean Dowling: Councillor Natalie Don: Margaret Dundas (Brookfield Community Council): James Fletcher (Brookfield Bowling Club): Meg Gilzean (Bridge of Weir Tenants and Residents Association): Nigel Hobbs (Houston Community Council): Councillor Scott Kerr: Councillor Alistair Mackay: Councillor Colin McCulloch: Stirling McGee (Renfrewshire Youth Voice): Councillor James MacLaren: Rev. Gary Noonan (Houston and Killellan Kirk): Linda O'Malley (Rays of Hope): Councillor Emma Rodden: Councillor James Sheridan: Councillor Andy Steel: Fiona Stewart (Kilbarchan Community Council): Neil Thomson (Brighter Bridge of Weir): Brenda Whitelaw (Howwood Community Council):

Chair

Councillor John Hood (Chair): David Blair (Renfrewshire District Scouts) (Vice-chair)

Apologies

Apologies from members.

Declarations of Interest

Members are asked to declare an interest in any item(s) on the agenda and to provide a brief explanation of the nature of the interest.

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Items of business

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| | Minute of meeting of this Local Partnership held on 10 June 2021. | |
| 2 | You Decide | |
| | Presentation by Kellie Miller. | |
| 3 | Communities Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund | 13 - 16 |
| | Presentation by Engage Renfrewshire. | |
| 4 | Budget Monitoring Report | 17 - 20 |
| | Report by Chief Executive. | |
| 5 | Villages Investment Fund | |
| | Presentation by Nicola Drummond. | |

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Present

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 Alison Jean Dowling; Councillor Natalie Don; Margaret Dundas (Brookfield Community Council); James Fletcher (Brookfield Bowling Club); Meg Gilzean (Bridge of Weir Tenants' and Residents' Association); Nigel Hobbs (Houston Community Council); Councillor John Hood; Councillor Scott Kerr; Councillor Alistair Mackay; Councillor Colin McCulloch; Stirling McGee (Renfrewshire Youth Voice); Councillor James MacLaren; Councillor Emma Rodden; Councillor James Sheridan; Councillor Andy Steel; Neil Thomson (Brighter Bridge of Weir); and Brenda Whitelaw (Howwood Community Council).

Chair

David Blair, Vice-chair, presided.

In Attendance

O Reid, Head of Communities and Public Protection (Lead Officer); A Armstrong-Walter, Strategic Partnership & Inequalities Manager and S Kraft, (both Chief Executive's); and E Currie, Senior Committee Services Officer, R Devine, Senior Committee Services Officer and E Gray, Senior Committee Services Officer (all Finance & Resources).

Community Planning Partner

A McNiven, Chief Executive (Engage Renfrewshire).

Recording of Meeting

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, the Vice-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

Alan Bissett (Lochwinnoch Community Council); Councillor Natalie Don; Rev. Gary Noonan (Houston and Killellan Kirk); and Linda O'Malley (Rays of Hope).

Declarations of Interest

Sandy Clark (Bridge of Weir Community Council) declared an interest in item 2 - Applications for Local Partnership Funding to The Villages Local Partnership 2021/22 - FR1086 - as he was a member of the community council and intimated that it was his intention to remain in the meeting and not take part in any discussion or voting thereon.

David Blair (Renfrewshire District Scouts) declared an interest in item 2 - Applications for Local Partnership Funding to The Villages Local Partnership 2021/22 – FR1148 – as he was a member of the organisation and FR1176 - as he was previously the Treasurer of the organization and intimated that it was his intention to remain in the meeting and not take part in any discussion or voting thereon.

Councillor Alistair Mackay declared an interest in item 2 – Applications for Local Partnership Funding to The Villages Local Partnership 2021/22 – FR1118 - as he was a member of the organisation and intimated that it was his intention to remain in the meeting and not take part in any discussion or voting thereon.

Nigel Hobbs (Brighter Bridge of Weir) declared an interest in item 2 - Applications for Local Partnership Funding to The Villages Local Partnership 2021/22 – FR 1116, FR1130 and FR1131 – as he was a member of the community council and intimated that it was his intention to remain in the meeting and not take part in any discussion or voting thereon.

Councillor Colin McCulloch declared an interest in item 2 – Applications for Local Partnership Funding to The Villages Local Partnership 2021/22 – FR1148 - as his son was a member of the organisation and intimated that it was his intention to remain in the meeting and not take part in any discussion or voting thereon.

Anne-Marie Balfour (Elderslie Community Council) declared an interest in item 2 – Applications for Local Partnership Funding to The Villages Local Partnership 2021/22 - FR1170, FR1171 and FR1172– as she was a member of the community council intimated that it was her intention to remain in the meeting and not take part in any discussion or voting thereon.

Annabelle Armstrong-Walter advised that David Love had completed applications FR1066 and FR1098 prior to his appointment as Chief Planning Officer, Renfrewshire Council.

1 Minute

There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of this Local Partnership held on 4 February 2021.

It was noted that Brenda Whitelaw was detailed in the Present and Apologies sections in the Minute and that the reference to Brenda Whitelaw being present should be deleted from the Minute.

DECIDED: That, subject to the above amendment, the Minute be approved.

2 **Applications for Local Partnership Funding in Villages 2021/22**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive relative to applications for funding from The Villages Local Partnership in 201/22.

The report intimated that the available allocation for the Local Partnership was £56,644, made up of £51,191 from the General Grant Fund and £5,453 underspend carried forward from 2020/21. The carry forward of underspend was agreed due to the exceptional circumstances of the Covid pandemic which impacted on the ability of community organisations to undertake activities due to restrictions in place over the period. The normal arrangement whereby underspends could not be carried forward into the next financial year would be reinstated for 2021/22. The sum of £50 per community representative required to be ringfenced for potential claims for administrative expenses, which left a balance of £55,894 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. In addition, an underspend of £14,223 would be carried forward to 2021/22, making the total £37,832. This would be allocated by young people through a participatory budgeting process, which would take place during autumn 2021.

Following the resignation of the Chair, officers had prepared a proposed method for considering the applications, which had been circulated to members prior to the meeting.

Following discussion, it was agreed that the proposal be amended by moving applications FR1084 by Rainbow Turtle; FR1134 by Loud n Proud; and FR1171 by Elderslie Community Council into category 1.

Following consideration, the Local Partnership:

(i) agreed that the undernoted category 1 applications be awarded in full:-

Category 1 – Projects meeting local priorities (previously partially funded by Local Partnership)

FR1043 - I Am Me Scotland – awarded £744
FR1052 - The Boys Brigade, Paisley & District Battalion – awarded £600
FR1062 – Brookfield Bowling Club – awarded £1,250
FR1078 – The Renfrewshire Toy Bank – awarded £1,400
FR1084 – Rainbow Turtle – awarded £500
FR1134 – Loud n Proud – awarded £1,000
FR1139 – Johnstone Dementia Friendly Group – awarded £5,600
FR1145 – Lochwinnoch Christmas Lights Society – awarded £1,500
FR1147 – Lochwinnoch Toddlers Group – awarded £1,900
FR1155 – Shopmobility Paisley and District – awarded £1,500

Declaration of Interest

Anne-Marie Balfour, having previously declared an interest in application FR1171, remained in the meeting and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

FR1171 – Elderslie Community Council – awarded £1,329
FR1175 – Lochwinnoch Choral Society – awarded £1,140
FR1177 – Lochwinnoch Chatterbox Trust – awarded £1,500;

(ii) agreed that the undernoted category 1 applications be awarded 70% of the amount requested plus a pro-rata amount of the available balance:-

FR1061 – Lochwinnoch Arts Festival – awarded £5,615.55
FR1067 – The Kilbarchan Singers – awarded £2,167.02

Declaration of Interest

Sandy Clark, having previously declared an interest in application FR1086, remained in the meeting and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

FR1086 – Bridge of Weir Community Council – awarded £2,797.84
FR1095 – Fèis Phàislig – awarded £2,015.84
FR1107 – Local Energy Action Plan (LEAP) – awarded £3,401.72

Declaration of Interest

Councillor Mackay, having previously declared an interest in application FR1118, remained in the meeting and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

Councillor Andy Doig, seconded by Councillor Steel moved that Renfrewshire Model Railway Club be awarded 70% of the amount requested.

Councillor Dowling, seconded by Councillor Rodden, moved that Renfrewshire Model Railway Club be awarded 50% of the amount requested.

On a vote being taken, 11 members voted for the motion and 11 members voted for the amendment. There being an equality of votes, the Vice-chair used his second and casting vote in favour of the motion.

On the roll being called, the following members voted for the amendment: Ann-Marie Balfour, Councillor Bibby, Councillor Binks, Sandy Clark, Councillor Dowling, James Fletcher, Councillor Hood, Councillor McCulloch, Councillor Rodden, Councillor Sheridan and Brenda Whitelaw.

The following members voted for the motion: Councillor Jacqueline Cameron, Councillor Andy Doig, Councillor Audrey Doig, Meg Gilzean, Nigel Hobbs, Stirling McGee, Councillor James MacLaren, Councillor Steel, Neil Thomson, David Blair and Margaret Dundas.

There being an equality of votes, the Vice Chair used his second and casting vote in favour of the motion. The motion was accordingly declared carried.

FR1118 – Renfrewshire Model Railway Club – awarded £5,017.99
FR1131 – Houston Community Council – awarded £1,835.85

Declarations of Interest

David Blair and Councillor McCulloch, having previously declared interests in application FR1148, remained in the meeting and took no part in the discussion or

voting thereon.

FR1148 – 1st Bridge of Weir Scout Group – awarded £7,199.42

FR1186 – Lamont Farm Project – awarded £2,879.77;

(iii) agreed that the undernoted category 2 applications be declined:-

Category 2 – projects with partial or no reference to local priorities (previously no award made by Local Partnership)

FR1135 – Howwood Primary School – declined

FR1143 – Wallace Parent Council – declined

It was noted that the application by Ferguslie Cricket Club had been completed by David Love prior to his appointment as Chief Planning Officer, Renfrewshire Council.

FR1066 – Ferguslie Cricket Club – declined

FR1096 – BSSC Gym – declined

FR1097 – BSSC Social Club – declined

It was noted that the application by Meikleriggs Cricket Foundation had been completed by David Love prior to his appointment as Chief Planning Officer, Renfrewshire Council.

FR1066 – Meikleriggs Cricket Foundation – declined

FR1132 – Phoenix Flyers Dog Agility Club – declined

FR1182 – Stronger Communities Glenburn – declined

FR1191 – Stronger Communities Glenburn – declined

FR1197 – Pachedu – declined;

(iv) agreed that the undernoted category 3 applications be declined and referred to the Green Spaces, Parks and Play Areas and Villages Investment Fund:-

Category 3 – projects previously referred to the Green Spaces, Parks and Play Areas and Villages Investment Fund for consideration with no award made by Local Partnership

FR1047 – Lochwinnoch Community Development Trust - declined and referred to the Green Spaces, Parks and Play Areas and Villages Investment Fund

FR1060 – Lochwinnoch Sustainable Community Garden Group- declined and referred to the Green Spaces, Parks and Play Areas and Villages Investment Fund

FR1107 - Friends of Howwood Park - declined and referred to the Green Spaces, Parks and Play Areas and Villages Investment Fund

FR1116 – Houston Community Council - declined and referred to the Green Spaces, Parks and Play Areas and Villages Investment Fund

FR1130 – Houston Community Council - declined and referred to the Green Spaces, Parks and Play Areas and Villages Investment Fund

Declaration of Interest

Anne-Marie Balfour, having previously declared interests in applications FR1170 and FR 1172, remained in the meeting and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

FR1170 – Elderslie Community Council - declined and referred to the Green Spaces, Parks and Play Areas and Villages Investment

FR1172 – Elderslie Community Council – withdrawn

Declaration of Interest

David Blair, having previously declared an interest in application FR1176, remained in the meeting and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

FR1176 – Kilbarchan Improvements Group - declined and referred to the Green Spaces, Parks and Play Areas and Villages Investment Fund

FR1199 – Howwood Community Council - declined and referred to the Green Spaces, Parks and Play Areas and Villages Investment Fund; and

(v) that £3000 be retained for any future applications received.

Following consideration of all applications, it was proposed 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 and that a workshop be held early in the new year at which members could examine options for allocating grant funding that were fair, equitable and focused on the Local Partnership's priorities. This was agreed.

DECIDED:

(a) That it be agreed to award the grant applications as noted above;

(b) That £3,00 be retained for any future applications received;

(c) 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; and

(d) That a workshop be held early in the new year at which members could examine options and methods for allocating grant funding that were fair, equitable and focussed on the Local Partnership's priorities.

3 The Villages Local Partnership Budget Monitoring Report and 2020/21 Funding Application Feedback

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive relative to the 2020/21 budget allocated to this Local Partnership. An appendix to the report detailed the distribution of funds.

The report also provided feedback from the local groups that had received funding in 2020/21 on the success of their projects and the benefits delivered to local communities. It was noted that efforts continued to encourage more recipients of awards in 2020/21 to provide feedback.

It was acknowledged that the Covid-19 pandemic and resultant lockdown restrictions had affected the ability of groups to pursue projects and spend their allocated grant funding during 2020/21. In recognition of this, and the fact that some groups had returned funding, it had been agreed that underspends in 2020/21 would be carried forward and added to the budget for 2021/22.

DECIDED: That the budget monitoring report and feedback from recipients of funding in 2020/21 be noted.

Communities Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund

£15 million National Communities Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund - **£509,542** for Renfrewshire

To provide significant investment into community support for adults, building on the children and young people's community wellbeing supports currently being rolled out across Scotland

Fund will be locally focused – work with local partners and strong connections with community groups - Engage Renfrewshire is the point of contact for enquiries, applications, delivery of grant monies and collection of monitoring

This year's funding to is be fully allocated by the end of the financial year (31st March 2022), but anticipating further funding 2022/23 (subject to confirmation)

Fund Aims and Criteria

Promote and develop good mental health and wellbeing - protect against the impact of distress and mental ill health within the adult population

Tackle issues within the Scottish Governments Transition & Recovery Plan such as; suicide prevention, social isolation and tackling loneliness

Address the mental health inequalities exacerbated by the pandemic and the needs of 'at risk' groups – women, BAME, disability, socio-economic, bereavement, older people, LGBTI, geographic, refugees, trauma,...

Focus on supporting projects with a strong community focus - delivered by groups and clubs, voluntary or community organisations, registered charities, and not-for-profit company or Community Interest Companies.

Applications...

Appropriate 'light touch' application process to enable access to the fund—some guidance will follow but flexible to local processes

Amount of funding – expectations of some smaller grants (i.e. £10K and under) and flexibility to provide some larger grants (i.e. around £50k)

Potential for smaller amounts to Non-constituted groups

Monitoring, 'light touch' local suggestion of evidence gathering of programme's impact via experiences of participants, i.e. groups provide a story of change for participants, could be via photos, video, poetry, tbc

Scottish Government would like to see local application processes open to applications by 30th November – we intend to be going ASAP!



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To: The Villages Local Partnership

On: 25 November 2021

Report by:
Chief Executive, Renfrewshire Council

TITLE:
The Villages Local Partnership Budget Monitoring Report

1. Summary

- 1.1 The Villages Local Partnership provides funding to community groups to undertake projects in the Local Partnership area which are aligned to the Partnership's Local Priorities. This funding is allocated from the General Grant Fund and through a youth-led Participating Budgeting exercise known as Celebrating Renfrewshire.
- 1.2 This report sets out the funds allocated by The Villages Local Partnership at its meeting on 10 June 2021, as well as the spend against this budget.
- 1.3 At the meeting on the 10 June, a number of applications were referred onwards to the Green Spaces and Villages Investment Funds for consideration. All of the referred applications were successful in applications to these funds.
- 1.4 The results of the Celebrating Renfrewshire youth participatory budgeting process were announced at an announcement event organised by the youth steering group on the 12th November 2021. Successful projects and amounts awarded are detailed in the table below.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 It is recommended that the budget monitoring report be noted.

The Villages Local Partnership Budget Monitoring Report 2021/22

Grant Ref	Organisation	Budget	Awarded	Paid
General Grant Fund 2021/22		£51,191		
Carry forward from 2020/21		£5,456		
Expenses for 15 community members		-£750		
FR1043	I Am Me Scotland		£744.00	£744.00
FR1052	The Boys Brigade, Paisley & District Battalion		£600.00	£600.00
FR1061	Lochwinnoch Arts Festival		£5,900.08	£5,900.08
FR1062	Brookfield Bowling Club		£1,250.00	£1,250.00
FR1067	The Kilbarchan Singers		£2,276.83	£2,276.83
FR1078	The Renfrewshire Toy Bank		£1,400.00	£1,400.00
FR1084	Rainbow Turtle		£500.00	£500.00
FR1086	Bridge of Weir Community Council		£2,939.60	£2,939.60
FR1095	Fèis Phàislig		£2,117.98	£2,117.98
FR1107	Local Energy Action Plan (LEAP)		£3,574.09	£3,574.09
FR1118	Renfrewshire Model Railway Club		£5,272.25	£5,272.25
FR1131	Houston Community Council		£1,928.87	£1,928.87
FR1134	Loud n Proud		£1,000.00	£1,000.00
FR1139	Johnstone Dementia Friendly Group		£2,800.00	£2,800.00
FR1145	Lochwinnoch Christmas Lights Society		£1,500.00	£1,500.00
FR1147	Lochwinnoch Toddlers Group		£1,900.00	£1,900.00
FR1148	1st Bridge of Weir Scout group		£7,564.21	£7,564.21

FR1155	Shopmobility Paisley and District		£1,500.00	£1,500.00
FR1171	Elderslie Community Council		£1,329.00	£1,329.00
FR1175	Lochwinnoch Choral Society		£1,140.00	£1,140.00
FR1177	Lochwinnoch Chatterbox Trust		£1,500.00	£0.00
FR1186	Lamont Farm Project		£3,025.68	£3,025.68
TOTAL		£55,894	£54,562.59	
		£1,331.41 available for allocation		

Celebrating Renfrewshire Fund	£ 23,609
Total Funding Awards	£ 21,469.91
Remaining budget	£ 2,116.09

Grant Ref	Group	Project	Total awarded
CE1002	1st Bridge of Weir Scout Group	Archery for All	£1808
CE1036	1st Lochwinnoch Boys Brigade	Protect our existing offering to boys	£2175
CE1003	Friends of Howwood Park	Howwood Park Football Pitch Training and Event Equipment	£2645
CE1016	Houston 1st Girls' Brigade	Houston 1st Girls' Brigade STEM Project	£1364.91
CE1022	Lochwinnoch Community Development Trust	Lochwinnoch Play Park - Teen Facilities	£2700
CE1009	Loud n Proud	Music Video Workshops	£2700
CE1047	Pachedu	Cultural Fusion	£2700
CE1046	Pachedu	Inspiring Connections	£2700
CE1049	Scotland Youth International Flyfishing Team	Scotland Youth International Flyfishing Team	£2700

