

Notice of Meeting and Agenda Local Partnership - The Villages

Date	Time	Venue
Thursday, 02 March 2023	18:00	Remotely by MS teams,

MARK CONAGHAN
Head of Corporate Governance

Membership

Councillor Fiona Airlie-Nicolson: John Anderson (Howwood Sports and Hobbies): Councillor Alison Ann-Dowling: Anne-Marie Balfour (Elderslie Community Council): Steve Banks (Lochwinnoch Community Council): vacant position (Bridge of Weir Community Council): Councillor Jacqueline Cameron: Councillor Andy Doig: Councillor Audrey Doig: Margaret Dundas (Brookfield Community Council): James Fletcher (Brookfield Bowling Club): Councillor Chris Gilmour: Meg Gilzean (Bridge of Weir Tenants and Residents Association): Councillor Gillian Graham: Councillor John Hood: Mark Arthur (Houston Community Council): Councillor James MacLaren: Councillor Colin McCulloch: Stirling McGee (Renfrewshire Youth Voice): Councillor David McGonigle: Councillor Iain McMillan: Rev. Gary Noonan (Houston and Killellan Kirk): Linda O'Malley (Rays of Hope): Councillor Emma Rodden: Councillor Andy Steel: Fiona Stewart (Kilbarchan Community Council): Neil Thomson (Brighter Bridge of Weir): Brenda Whitelaw (Howwood Community Council):

Councillor Robert Innes (Chair): David Blair (Renfrewshire District Scouts) (Vice-chair)

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Items of business

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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| 1 | Minute | 5 - 10 |
| | Minute of meeting of this Local Partnership held on 17 November 2022. | |
| 2 | Clyde Muirshiel - Tourism Action Plan | |
| | Presentation by Andrew McKean, Renfrewshire Council. | |
| 3 | You Decide | |
| | Verbal update by Gwyneth Heaney, Renfrewshire Council. | |
| 4 | Winter Connections | |
| | Verbal update by Annabelle Armstrong-Walter, Renfrewshire Council. | |
| 5 | CLAD Update | |
| | Verbal update by Isobel Sinclair, Renfrewshire Council. | |
| 6 | Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund | |
| | Verbal update by Alice McBride, Engage Renfrewshire. | |
| 7 | Budget Monitoring and Feedback Report | 11 - 16 |
| | Report by Chief Executive. | |
| 8 | Date of Next Meeting | |
| | Note that the next meeting of this Local Partnership will be held at 6.00 pm on 25 May 2023. | |



Minute of Meeting Local Partnership - The Villages

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Present

Councillor Fiona Airlie-Nicolson; Councillor Alison Ann-Dowling; Councillor Jacqueline Cameron; Councillor Andy Doig; Councillor Audrey Doig; James Fletcher (Brookfield Bowling Club); Councillor Chris Gilmour; Meg Gilzean (Bridge of Weir Tenants' and Residents' Association); Councillor Robert Innes; Councillor James MacLaren; Councillor Colin McCulloch; Councillor Iain McMillan; Councillor Emma Rodden; Councillor Andy Steel; and Neil Thomson (Brighter Bridge of Weir).

Chair

Councillor Innes, Chair, presided.

In Attendance

O Reid, Head of Communities and Public Protection (Lead Officer); A Armstrong-Walter, Strategic Partnership & Inequalities Manager, P Moss, Planning & Insight Manager and R Smith, Climate Emergency Lead Officer (all Chief Executive's); J Kennedy and I Sinclair, both Senior Community Development Officers (Communities & Housing); E Currie and P Shiach, both Senior Committee Services Officers (both Finance & Resources) and S Paton, Renfrewshire Renfrewshire Steering Group.

Community Planning Partner

A McNiven, Chief Executive (Engage Renfrewshire).

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

John Anderson (Howwood Sports and Hobbies); Anne-Marie Balfour (Elderslie Community Council); Steve Banks (Lochwinnoch Community Council); David Blair (Renfrewshire District Scouts); Margaret Dundas (Brookfield Community Council); Councillor Gillian Graham; Ian Andrew (Houston Community Council); Stirling McGee (Renfrewshire Youth Voice); Councillor David McGonigle; Fiona Stewart (Kilbarchan Community Council) and Brenda Whitelaw (Howwood Community Council).

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest intimated prior to the commencement of the meeting.

1 Minute

There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of this Local Partnership held on 23 June 2022.

Under reference to item 3 of the Minute, it was noted that Lamont Farm had been awarded £500 and not £1,000 as stated in the Minute.

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

2 Celebrating Renfrewshire Update

John Kennedy, Renfrewshire Council, and Scott Paton, Celebrating Renfrewshire Steering Group gave a presentation which provided an update in respect of the Celebrating Renfrewshire Fund 2022/23 which allocated grant funding via a participatory budget process.

The presentation outlined how participatory budgeting operated and gave a brief description of the role of the youth-led steering group and advised of the outcome of the planning sessions and the final priorities.

The presentation then advised that 15 applications had been received relating to The Villages Local Partnership area seeking funding of £39,650.20. Using the Council's in-house voting platform, over 2,000 local young people had voted, with 242 votes being recorded in the Villages area. Full details of the awards made were provided. A voting results announcement event, planned and organised by young people, had been held at the UWS Student Union on Friday 28 October 2022. It was noted that an evaluation of the process would now be undertaken, appropriate recommendations made for the future and planning for the next round initiated.

DECIDED: That the presentation be noted.

3 Winter Connections

Annabelle Armstrong-Walters, Chief Executive's Service, gave a presentation on the Winter Connections Programme, a network of local places where people could connect to others in their community in the coming winter.

The presentation highlighted the purpose of the Winter Connections Fund which would

provide assistance to local groups to help cover the additional costs in making venues, activities and sessions available as part of the Winter Collection Programme. The presentation outlined the timeline and next steps for the Programme.

DECIDED: That the presentation be noted.

4 Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund 2022/23

Alan McNiven, Engage Renfrewshire, provided a summary report relative to the Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund 2022/23.

The Local Partnership was advised that the Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund was now in its second year and Engage Renfrewshire had been allocated just over £550,000 to distribute to the third sector for new applicants and also previously awarded projects.

A brief overview of the aims, key priorities and target audience of the Fund was provided. It was noted that the deadline for applications was 31 October 2022, that successful groups would be notified in early December and that the Fund was oversubscribed.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

5 Building Communities Approach

Isobel Sinclair, Communities and Housing Services gave a presentation in connection with the Building Communities Approach.

An overview was provided of the four main areas of responsibility and the wide range of activities undertaken by Communities Learning & Development Section. Reference was made to the delivery of universal services, targeted provision, community capacity and connected communities initiatives and future partnership working with Local Partnerships.

DECIDED: That the presentation be noted.

6 Climate Change

Roz Smith and Pauline Moss, Chief Executive's Service gave a presentation on Climate Change.

During the presentation a definition of Climate Change was provided, while reference was made to the local impacts of Climate Change, the progress and achievements, to date, of Scotland's Climate Action, Renfrewshire's Plan for Net Zero.

It was highlighted that Renfrewshire's Plan for Net Zero was Council-led but was for the area as a whole and required everyone to participate in order to achieve the ambitions. In addition, it was also highlighted that the local aim of working towards Net Zero by 2030 was to ensure the whole of Renfrewshire was a safer, healthier, greener and fairer place for everyone to live, work and spend time in and that repeated small individual actions, repeated on a large scale could have a big impact in tackling climate change. On that basis it was deemed critical to identify key sources of emissions to be targeted to enable progress to be monitored using an open and transparent process. The importance of knowing the starting baseline for emissions in order to work to collectively reduce emissions was also emphasised. In this connection, the evidence used to determine the emissions baseline which would be used to monitor future progress and achievements was outlined.

A summary of the avenues via which local communities could get involved was provided.

DECIDED: That the presentation be noted.

7 Building and Strengthening the Local Action Group for the former LEADER rural areas

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive relative to a collaborative programme between Renfrewshire, East Renfrewshire and Inverclyde Councils to recruit new member to a strengthened Local Action Group (LAG) for the Greater Renfrewshire and Inverclyde (GRI) rural areas.

The report intimated that, between 2014 and 2020, the former European funded LEADER programme had invested £1.7 million, which leveraged £2.8 million match funding and generated £4.5 million for the area. The LEADER programme ceased in 2020 with the UK withdrawal from the European Community and the Scottish Government had been interested in how the approach to rural support and intervention might be enhanced and had invited submissions from former LEADER areas for projects to test new approaches to delivering community-led local development and now, in 2022/23, to identify how LAGs might be strengthened with more diverse representation.

The report provided detail on recruitment, membership and the role of LAGs and requested that Local Partnerships help publicise the recruitment opportunity.

DECIDED: That the Local Partnership help publicise the recruitment opportunity.

8 The Villages Budget Monitoring and Feedback Report

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive relative to the funds allocated by this Local Partnership in 2022/23 and the spend against this budget. A table setting out the funds allocated together with the feedback received from local organisations was appended to the report.

The report noted that the Celebrating Renfrewshire Fund for this Local Partnership for 2022/23 was £23,609.

DECIDED: That the budget monitoring and feedback report be noted.

9 Feedback Required from Local Partnership Award Recipients

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive relative to the terms and conditions in relation to the acceptance of grant funding from Local Partnerships.

The report intimated organisations awarded grant funding were required to sign terms and conditions and were required to provide satisfactory feedback information to evidence that funds awarded had been spent in accordance with the purpose for which it was requested and to provide information on the benefit to the local community.

The report advised that there had been instances where organisations had been awarded funding but had not submitted satisfactory feedback. Local Partnerships had flexibility to determine criteria by which funding was awarded from its budget and the report proposed that as part of this criteria, organisations which did not provide

satisfactory feedback on the use of an award from this Local Partnership in any year should not be considered for award of funding in the next year, should they apply. If agreed, this would apply from the 2023/24 funding round and any subsequent funding rounds.

DECIDED:

(a) That it be agreed that organisations that did not provide satisfactory feedback on projects awarded funding by this Local Partnership in 2022/23 would be ineligible to be considered for the award of funding by this Local Partnership in 2023/24; and

(b) That it be agreed that this criteria would apply in subsequent funding rounds of this Local Partnership unless otherwise agreed.

10 **Future Meeting Dates**

DECIDED: That meetings of the Local Partnership be held at 6.00 pm on 27 February, 22 May, 18 September and 11 December 2023.



To: The Villages Local Partnership

On: 02 March 2023

Report by:
Chief Executive, Renfrewshire Council

TITLE:
The Villages Local Partnership Budget Monitoring and Feedback Report

1. Summary

- 1.1 The Villages Local Partnership provides funding to community groups to undertake projects. This funding is allocated from the General Grant Fund and, through a Participating Budgeting exercise known as Celebrating Renfrewshire, the Youth Challenge Fund.
- 1.2 A table setting out the funds allocated by The Villages Local Partnership in 2022/23 and current budget position is attached as an appendix to this report.
- 1.3 Since the last meeting, Lochwinnoch Toddlers Group have returned their award of £2,701 as this is no longer required. The Villages Local Partnership therefore has a remaining balance of £3,872.
- 1.4 New feedback has been received from two organisations for funding awards in 2021/22 and this is detailed at Appendix 2.
- 1.5 Applications to the 2023/24 round of Local Partnership awards will be open from early March 2023. Updated guidance will be issued to applicants, with opportunities to attend support sessions to advise applicants and answer any queries about the process. Applications will be submitted to the May 2023 round of Local Partnership meetings for decisions on awards.

2. Recommendation

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

The Villages Local Partnership Budget Monitoring Report 2022/23

General Grant Fund	£50,441 (net of Members expenses)
Carry Forward to 2022/23	£4,131 (funds returned)
Total Funding Awards	£53,441
Available	£3,872

Grant Ref	Organisation	Awarded	Paid
FR1034	Friends of Howwood Park	£1,720	£1,720
FR1036	Kilbarchan Improvement Projects	£2,000	£2,000
FR1044	Lochwinnoch Choral Society	£2,070	£2,070
FR1047	Lochwinnoch Arts Festival	£2,879	£2,879
FR1050	Houston & Killellan Kirk Men's Shed	£2,500	£2,500
FR1052	Lochwinnoch S.W.I.	£300	£300
FR1053	The Kilbarchan Singers	£3,010	£3,010
FR1060	1 st Bridge of Weir Scout Group	£5,279	£5,279
FR1062	The Renfrewshire Toy Bank	£1,428	£1,428
FR1108	Lochwinnoch Toddlers Group	£2,701	£0
FR1116	Renfrewshire Model Railway Club	£2,654	£2,654
FR1120	Houston Community Council	£2,900	£2,900
FR1122	Elderslie Community Council	£1,545	£1,545
FR1127	Elderslie Community Council	£200	£200
FR1128	Paisley Sea Cadets/Brediland Hall	£200	£200
FR1136	Elderslie Community Council	£3,000	£3,000
FR1139	Howwood Community Council	£5,235	£5,235
FR1141	Lamont Farm Project	£500	£500
FR1145	Local Energy Action Plan	£10,000	£10,000
FR1152	Brookfield S.W.I.	£400	£400
FR1156	Kilbarchan Community Council	£2,000	£2,000
FR1175	Improving with age	£920	£920

Celebrating Renfrewshire Fund	£39,650.20
Total Awards	£39,650.20

Grant Ref	Organisation	Awarded	Paid
CE1001	1st Bridge of Weir Scout Group	£3,000.00	£3,000.00
CE1002	1st Lochwinnoch Boy's Brigade	£2,340.00	£2,340.00
CE1017	Friends Of Howwood Park	£3,000.00	£3,000.00
CE1024	Lamont farm project	£3,000.00	£3,000.00
CE1026	Lochwinnoch Youth Club	£2,439.20	£0.00
CE1031	PACE Theatre Company	£3,000.00	£0.00
CE1046	Renfrewshire Carers Centre	£1,715.00	£1,715.00
CE1050	Solid rock Cheer and Gym	£3,000.00	£3,000.00
CE1054	Who Cares Scotland	£3,000.00	£3,000.00
CE1008	Blue Triangle Housing Association	£2,906.00	£2,906.00
CE1010	Bungalow Enterprises CIC	£2,550.00	£2,550.00
CE1021	I was Gonnae	£2,200.00	£2,200.00
CE1027	Loud n Proud	£1,500.00	£1,500.00
CE1032	Pachedu	£3,000.00	£3,000.00
CE1043	Renfrew Town Sea Scouts	£3,000.00	£3,000.00

Feedback From 2021/22 Awards

Feedback received from community groups awarded funding from The Villages Local Partnership in 2021/22 is as follows:

Bridge of Weir Scout Group

Project Name: Essential Exterior Repairs to Scout building

Amount Received: £7564.21

Priorities: Health & wellbeing, Young people and/or intergenerational work

What did you spend the money on and was is fully spent?

- All monies spent towards treating woodworm, insulation and cladding with monies also received for other funding grants & donations.

How many people in your community benefited from your project and how?

- The scout hall has 130 young people ages 6 – 18 who attend weekly. Also, community group running sessions weekly.

Local Energy Action Plan (LEAP)

Project Name: Lochwinnoch Food Committee

Amount Received: £3574.09

Priorities: Tackling isolation & loneliness, Health & wellbeing, community facilities & public assets

What did you spend the money on and was is fully spent?

- The money was fully spent on what we originally intended it for. It allowed us to build a comprehensive website which detailed all of our projects, across 18 pages. It also covered costs for branding & logos. It helped to supplement staff costs at a crucial time when we were in a funding gap going through significant development.
- www.myleapproject.org

How many people in your community benefited from your project and how?

This funding allowed us to expand our reach across Renfrewshire and engage greater numbers of people. It has received over 7000 visitors since its launch in February this year. We have many more plans for how to best utilise it going forward, as we build more resource within the Team. The web address is www.myleapproject.org and there are 18 pages within the site which have been invaluable to our operation.

The site has brought more people to our Larder project who have been able to access important information about what we do, where we're located, who we're open to and when we're open. This information is not easy to glean from social media alone and many people are not on social media at all. Likewise, it gave us a permanent home for posting all the instructions and media supporting the Diggin' It project, including our high quality

videos. For the Feel-Good Festival, it was completely invaluable. It allowed us to list all the events in one place – we had more than 50 individual events in September's Feel Good Week alone, so it was impossible to put all the relevant information on social media or flyers. By referring people to the website, we could ensure all the important information about each individual event was shared.

The site offers vital information about the projects for the public, including a page signposting to support services and other facilities, charities and third sector orgs which can help beyond the scope of our own projects. This has been an important way to share information with some of the vulnerable people we engage.

The site has supported our recruitment process greatly. We received a high number of direct applicants recently and filled two new posts from individuals who found us through our website listing.

One really important thing that the website has done, is it has created an online window for funders to access information about us, which will massively support funding applications. I believe this was instrumental in attracting an award from the National Lottery recently. This will benefit us on an ongoing basis.

The funding which contributed to the Project Officer salary was vital for all areas of what we call LEAP Together. The Feel-Good Festival, Diggin' It and the Community Larder. It helped us through a funding gap at a time when all projects were on a steep developmental curve. The onward benefit to the community was that these projects were run efficiently and were accessible.

The funding for the website and the salary contribution together contributed to our achieving our aims in **building resilience locally by improving local services and facilities; supporting health & wellbeing; tackling social isolation and food insecurity; improving lives for those living in rural Renfrewshire; reducing carbon emissions and changing habits harmful to planetary health.**

