

Notice of Meeting and Agenda

Local Partnership - Johnstone & Linwood

Date	Time	Venue
Tuesday, 28 November 2023	18:00	Johnstone Town Hall,

Membership

Councillor Audrey Doig (Chair); James McLeod (Linwood Community Council) (Vice Chair)

Councillor Jacqueline Cameron; Lesley Compston (KLAS Care); Councillor Andy Doig; Councillor Alison Anne-Dowling; Adele Fraser (Linstone Housing Association); Councillor Chris Gilmour; Councillor Gillian Graham; Councillor John Hood; Councillor Robert Innes; Margaret Johnston (Johnstone Business Consortium); Ricky Kelly (Johnstone Castle Tenants' and Residents' Association); George MacDonald (Corseford Tenants' and Residents' Association); Councillor David McGonigle; Councillor Iain McMillan; Karen McShane (Johnstone Dementia Friendly Group); Councillor Emma Rodden; Councillor Andy Steel; Gavin Stewart (Renfrewshire Youth Voice); Cheryl Thomas (Active Communities) and Thomas Wallace (Johnstone Community Council).

Items of business

Apologies

Apologies from members.

Declarations of Interest and Transparency Statements

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

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| 3 | Community Learning and Development Update | |
| | Presentation by John Kennedy, Senior Development Officer, Renfrewshire Council. | |
| 4 | Winter Connections | |
| | Presentation by Stuart Graham, Partnership Manager, Renfrewshire Council. | |
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| | Report by the Chief Executive, Renfrewshire Council. | |

Minute of Meeting Local Partnership - Johnstone & Linwood

Date	Time	Venue
Tuesday, 05 September 2023	18:00	Tweedie Hall, Linwood,

PRESENT

Councillor Alison Ann-Dowling; Lesley Compston (KLAS Care); Councillor Andy Doig; Councillor Audrey Doig; Councillor Chris Gilmour; Councillor Gillian Graham; George MacDonald (Corseford Tenants' and Residents' Association); James McLeod (Linwood Community Council); Councillor Iain McMillan; Karen McShane (Johnstone Dementia Friendly Group); Cheryl Thomas (Active Communities) and Tom Wallace (Johnstone Community Council).

CHAIR

Councillor Audrey Doig, Convener, presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

S, Graham, Partnership Planning and Development Manager, J Long, Tackling Poverty Project Officer, J Kennedy, Senior Development Officer, L Currie, Managing Solicitor (Projects) and E Gray, Senior Committee Services Officer (all Renfrewshire Council); A McBride, Engage Renfrewshire; and M Dymond, Y Elliott, L Fernie, S Fernie, J Gallagher, K Miller and P Miller (grant funding applicants).

APOLOGIES

Councillor John Hood, Councillor Robert Innes, Councillor David McGonigle, Councillor Emma Rodden and Councillor Andy Steel.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND TRANSPARENCY STATEMENTS

Councillor McMillan indicated that he had a connection to item 2 - Johnstone and Linwood Local Partnership Budget Monitoring Report - by reason of being a member of Thorn Athletic Community Trust.

1 **MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of this Local Partnership held on 9 May 2023.

DECIDED: That the minute be approved.

2 **JOHNSTONE AND LINWOOD LOCAL PARTNERSHIP BUDGET MONITORING REPORT**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive relative to the 2022/23 budget allocated to this Local Partnership which detailed the distribution of funds and feedback received from projects funded.

The report advised that of the £46,344 budget allocation for 2023/24 for this Local Partnership there was currently an unallocated balance of £14,432. It was also highlighted that, £21,988 had been awarded to local youth groups from the Celebrating Renfrewshire Fund and that this had exhausted that particular funding pot. Feedback received from projects funded during financial year 2022/23 was provided for members' information.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

3 **COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING FUND**

A McBride, Engage Renfrewshire, provided a summary report relative to the Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund 2023/24, together with information on those groups who had received funding during 2022/23.

The Local Partnership was advised that the Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund was now in its third year and that the deadline applications for 2023/24 was 30 November 2023. Engage Renfrewshire had been allocated £500,000 to distribute to the third sector for new applicants and also previously awarded projects for adults. A brief overview of the aims, key priorities and target audience of the Fund was provided. It was noted that successful groups would be notified in early February 2024 with payments made during March 2024. Further updates on the Fund would be provided at future meetings of this Local Partnership.

Members were informed that Engage Renfrewshire published and issued a Network Newsletter monthly to promote funding and training opportunities and advising of network events and news.

DECIDED:

(a) That the content of the presentation be noted; and

(b) That further updates be provided at future meetings of this Local Partnership.

4 **JOHNSTONE AND LINWOOD LOCAL PARTNERSHIP - DEFERRED APPLICATIONS**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive, Renfrewshire Council, relative to applications for grant funding which had been submitted for consideration by the Johnstone & Linwood Local Partnership and had been deferred from the previous meeting.

The report set out that there was a total of £14,432 available for dispersal and that the applications recieved sought a total of £25,314.25. A representative from each applicant had been invited to attend the meeting to provide further information to the partnership around the groups and projects.

Councillor Audrey Doig, seconded by Councillor Andy Doig, moved that application FR1038 - Johnstone Castle Learning Centre be awarded £5,000.

Councillor McMillan, seconded by Councillor Gilmour, moved as an amendment that the application be awarded £6,000.

On a vote being taken by show of hands, 8 members voted for the amendment and 3 members voted for the motion. The amendment was accordingly declared carried.

Councillor Audrey Doig, seconded by Councillor Ann-Dowling, moved that application FR1102 - Johnstone Band be awarded £4,225.

Councillor McMillan, seconded by Councillor Gilmour, moved as an amendment that the application be awarded £6,000.

On a vote being taken by show of hands, 3 members voted for the amendment and 9 members voted for the motion. The motion was accordingly declared carried.

Councillor Audrey Doig, seconded by Councillor Andy Doig, moved that application FR1142 - Lamont Farm be awarded £2,500.

Councillor McMillan, seconded by Councillor Ann-Dowling, moved as an amendment that the application be awarded £3,882.75.

On a vote being taken by show of hands, 9 members voted for the amendment and 3 members voted for the motion. The amendment was accordingly declared carried.

Councillor Audrey Doig moved that application FR1148 - Shopmobility - Paisley & District be awarded £324.25. This was agreed unanimously.

DECIDED:

That the following grant awards be approved:

FR1038 - Johnstone Castle Learning Centre - £6,000

FR1102 - Johnstone Band - £4,225

FR1142 - Lamont Farm - £3,882.75

FR1148 - Shopmobility - Paisley & District - £324.25

5 **CELEBRATING RENFREWSHIRE RESULTS**

A presentation was made by J Kennedy, Senior Development Officer, Environment, Housing, & Infrastructure, which provided information on the Celebrating Renfrewshire event where young people were given the opportunity to vote for the projects they felt should receive funding.

A total of 21 groups had applied for funding with pot of £38,835.72 available for dispersal. 229 young people voted in the event and seven groups received funding:- Create Paisley; Fordbank Scout Group; Johnstone Castle Learning Centre; Johnstone High School Parent Council; Solid Rock Cheer and Gym; St. Convals YFC 2008; and Thorn Athletic Community Trust.

DECIDED: That the information provided be noted.

6 **COMMUNITY LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT TEAM PRESENTATION**

J Kennedy, Senior Development Officer, Environment, Housing & Infrastructure, made a presentation in connection with the approach and activities undertaken by Community Learning and Development. Youth Services supported young people and partners to access localised projects, including Young Scot services, in Renfrewshire.

An overview was provided of the main areas of responsibility and the wide range of activities undertaken by the Community Learning & Development Team. Reference was made to the delivery of universal services, targeted provision and specific community capacity and connected communities' initiatives undertaken.

DECIDED: That the presentation be noted.

7 **UPDATE ON LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS REVIEW**

S Graham, Partnerships Planning and Development Manager, Chief Executive's Service, provided members with information on how Community and Planning, led by the Partnership and Inequalities team, would engage with members of the Local Partnership and those who had received funding to gauge their experience. Through surveys and discussions, members' views on whether Local Partnerships had met their aims and objectives, what had worked well and what could potentially be improved would be identified.

Further information on the results of these surveys and discussions would be submitted to future meetings of all Local Partnerships.

DECIDED:

(a) That the information provided be noted; and

(b) That a further update be provided at future meetings of the Local Partnership.

8 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

DECIDED: That it be noted that the next meeting of the Johnstone & Linwood Local Partnership be held at 6.00 pm on 28 November 2023 in Johnstone Town Hall.



To: Johnstone and Linwood Local Partnership

On: 28 November 2023

Report by:
Chief Executive, Renfrewshire Council

TITLE:
Johnstone and Linwood Local Partnership Budget Monitoring Report

1. Summary

- 1.1 Johnstone and Linwood 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 Johnstone and Linwood Local Partnership in 2023/24 and current budget position is attached as an appendix to this report. The awards made at the Johnstone & Linwood Local Partnership meeting held on 5 September 2023 to Johnstone Castle Learning Centre, Johnstone Band, Lamont Farm and Shopmobility are now included in the Budget Monitoring Report.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 It is recommended that the budget monitoring report for 2023/24 be noted.

Appendix 1

Johnstone and Linwood Local Partnership Budget Monitoring Report 2023/24

General Grant Fund	£46,344.00 (net of Members expenses)
Total Funding Awards	£31,912.00
Available	£14,432.00

Grant Ref	Organisation	Awarded	Paid	Still to be paid
FR1031	Linwood Community Council	£5,000.00	£5,000.00	£0.00
FR1038	Johnstone Castle Learning Centre	£6,000	£6,000	£0.00
FR1045	REEM (Renfrewshire Effort to Empower Minorities)	£600.00	£600.00	£0.00
FR1051	The Renfrewshire Toy Bank	£850.00	£850.00	£0.00
FR1055	Renfrewshire Walking Network	£285.00	£285.00	£0.00
FR1064	Fèis Phàislig	£1,743.00	£1,743.00	£0.00
FR1065	Kickin' On	£2,500.00	£2,500.00	£0.00
FR1067	Active Communities	£2,500.00	£2,500.00	£0.00
FR1068	Thorn Athletic Community Trust	£900.00	£900.00	£0.00
FR1100	Rainbow Turtle	£375.00	£375.00	£0.00
FR1102	Johnstone Band	£4,225	£4,225	£0.00
FR1110	School of African Cultures	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	£0.00
FR1114	Spateston Community Development Trust SCIO	£1,375.00	£1,375.00	£0.00
FR1117	Johnstone Sound Community Radio	£1,494.00	£1,494.00	£0.00
FR1121	Renfrewshire Stroke & Disability Art Therapy Group	£375.00	£375.00	£0.00
FR1128	Linwood Community Council	£2,500.00	£2,500.00	£0.00
FR1129	Linwood Community Council	£2,500.00	£2,500.00	£0.00
FR1135	Renfrewshire Rainbow Buddies	£1,665.00	£1,665.00	£0.00
FR1142	Lamont Farm	£3,882.75	£3,882.75	£0.00
FR1147	Johnstone Business Consortium	£4,000.00	£4,000.00	£0.00
FR1148	Shopmobility	£324.25	£324.25	£0.00
FR1151	Renfrewshire Access Panel	£1,250.00	£1,250.00	£0.00

Celebrating Renfrewshire Fund	
Total funding available in 2023/24	£21,697.00
Total funding awarded in 2023/24	£21,988.00
Available funding	£0.00

Grant Ref	Organisation	Awarded	Paid	Still to be paid
CE1010	Create Paisley	£997.00	£997.00	£0.00
CE1015	Fordbank Scout Group	£3,200.00	£3,200.00	£0.00
CE1022	Johnstone Castle Learning Centre	£3,500.00	£3,500.00	£0.00

CE1023	Johnstone High	£3,500.00	£3500.00	£0.00
CE1046	Solid Rock Cheer and Gym	£3,500.00	£3,500.00	£0.00
CE1050	St. Convals YFC 2008	£3,500.00	£3,500.00	£0.00
CE1054	Thorn Athletic Community Trust	£3,500.00	£3,500.00	£0.00

Feedback On Local Partnership Awards 2022/23

Community groups awarded funding from the Local Partnership in 2022/23 were asked to provide feedback regarding the progress of their project and benefit to the local community.

Feedback received is as follows:

Feedback previously reported.

FR No.	Organisation Name	Project Name	Award
FR1082	Active Communities	Feel Good Johnstone	£3,910.45
FR1091	Rainbow Buddies	Rainbow Buddies	£1,588.00
FR1101	Thorn Athletic	Club Growth Programme	£1,786.50
FR1107	Fordbank Scout Group	Keeping Scouting Affordable and Specialist Expedition Equipment	£2,458.80
FR1109	Spateston Community Development Trust	Bins & Benches	£1,965.15
FR1125	Brick Lane Music Academy	Music for Families	£3,812.39
FR1117	Johnstone Band	Band hall repairs & improvements	£3,966.03
FR1140	Johnstone Business Consortium	Christmas Market	£3,812.79
FR1153	Cochrane Castle Halls Management Assoc.	Cochrane Castle Halls Management Assoc.	£3,043.24
FR1160	Autastic Club	Jump Session Free play	£3,941.42
FR1164	Paisley & District Battalion - The Boys Brigade	BB Development Funding	£794.00
FR1173	Kickin' On	Unit 23	£2,779.00

Feedback received since May 23 meeting.

Section 1

1.1 Organisation Name Lamont Farm Project

Section 2

2.1 Project Name Lamont Farm Project

2.2 Total Amount Received £2900

2.3 What priorities did you tell us your project would meet?

2.4 What did you want to do with the money & what did you spend it on?

Core Running Costs – used on resources to keep the farm running to be able to deliver the educational projects that we run.

Section 3 – Impact

3.1 How many people benefitted from/accessed your project?

Thousands – we do not monitor who comes from specific areas.

3.2 How did your project benefit people in the community?

Throughout the past year we hosted many schools and nursery groups from the Renfrewshire area, ran workshops for children during the holidays, hosted work experience placements, integrated new children into our junior volunteering programme and entertained visitors from the area of all ages on a daily basis.

Organisation Name: CREATE Paisley

November & December 2022 - We delivered a creative Christmas craft four-week project in Fordbank Primary School. We were asked to provide these by sessions by Corseford Tara Housing association.

Feb - Ongoing. In partnership with Active Communities, we have been providing youth work support and creative arts activities for children in P6&P7 from St. Mary's Primary School. 'Games & Grub' provides children who have been identified as at risk and most affected by the cost-of-living crisis a three-course meal each week along with fun and creative activities.

June - Our staff attended the Corseford Tara family fun day at Fordbank primary. Our team provided lots of fun and creative activities for children and their families.

CREATE has gone through a huge period of transition this year, its founder & CEO left after 14 years.

We were understaffed until April 2023.

We now have a new senior leadership team and have appointed a new CEO. We have more than doubled our staff team which means we can now focus on the steady growth and development of CREATE.



To: Johnstone and Linwood Local Partnership

On: 28 November 2023

Report by:
Chief Executive, Renfrewshire Council

TITLE:
Johnstone & Linwood Local Priorities

1. Summary

- 1.1 Johnstone & Linwood Local Partnership agreed a set of local priorities in 2019 and reassessed these in winter 2020/21 in the context of research on the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on communities within Renfrewshire. The current priorities are attached as Appendix 1 to this report.
- 1.2 The intention behind each Local Partnerships was to provide a focus for development and a framework to assist award decisions on grant applications.
- 1.3 As it is now three years since the priorities were considered, members of Johnstone & Linwood Local Partnership are invited to discuss their continued relevance to the area and any amendments required. It is intended to discuss the local priorities at the November 2023 meeting and the first meeting of 2024, in order to ensure that members of the Local Partnership are satisfied with the relevance of priorities in advance of the 2024/25 award decisions.
- 1.4 Key questions for the members of the Local Partnership are:
 - Considering each of the current priorities, which of these should be retained and should any be discontinued?
 - For each current local priority being retained, do any amendments need to be made to refocus or refine these further?
 - Are there any new priorities that should be added?

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 It is recommended that Local Partnership members discuss the local priorities for Johnstone and Linwood with a review to agreeing these in advance of 2024/25 funding decisions.

Johnstone and Linwood Local Priorities

Key theme: Focus on young people

The Local Partnership are particularly keen to see a focus on how young people can be engaged and involved in work around the Local Priorities.

Taking pride in the look and feel of our towns

The Local Partnership want people in Johnstone and Linwood to take pride in the look and feel of their towns and their heritage, with vibrant and well-used town squares, fewer derelict buildings, and making sure the streets are clean.

What's on in Johnstone and Linwood

The Local Partnership want to explore how people know what's going on across Johnstone and Linwood. They also want to see community spaces and community events which are safe and affordable, particularly in community halls and hubs.

Roads and transport

The Local Partnership want to address a range of issues related to roads and transport, including congestion, speed, parking and public transport connections.

Community safety

The Local Partnership want to see safe spaces, both safe from crime but also safe physical environments. They also want to look at how they can, along with other community leaders, promote the reporting of crime and anti-social behaviour.