



To: Finance & Resources Policy Board

On: 11 November, 2015

Report by: Director of Finance & Resources

Heading: APPLICATION TO THE PAISLEY BURGH CITIZENS FUND

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report contains information in relation to one application for funding from the Paisley Burgh Citizens Fund that has been recommended for approval by the Paisley South Local Area Committees (LAC).
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2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That consideration be given to the award from the Paisley Burgh Citizens Funds to Paisley Sea Cadets as detailed in Section 3 below.
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3. Background

- 3.1 The broad purpose of the citizens funds was to promote the welfare of individuals who were in need by reason of age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage and to foster good citizenship and community wellbeing and regeneration by giving financial assistance by way of grant to those living or working in the area to further voluntary activity or to contribute to the regeneration of the community in the area.
- 3.2 Funds were made available to all five LACs with further restrictions being included within the purpose of the funding available to the Johnstone & the Villages LAC insofar as awards are available to Lochwinnoch and Kilbarchan based projects only. This restriction reflects the nature of the bequests amalgamated into the Citizens Fund for that LAC area.

3.3 At the meeting of the Paisley South LAC held on 25 August, 2015 the following project were recommended for an award as follows:-

3.3.1 **Paisley Sea Cadets**

The Paisley Sea Cadets, based at Brediland Community Centre, applied for funding:

- to ensure the Paisley Sea Cadets survival and continued service to the cadets present and future whilst maintaining the community centre for use by the cadets and their three lodger groups and the general public for private or community driven events.
- to improve safety aspects of the hall – purchase of a howler alarm system.

3.3.2 Paisley Sea Cadets are a youth group operating in Renfrewshire for almost 76 years providing a service to the children of the area using a nautical theme. They see themselves as similar to Guides, Scouts, Boys Brigade etc. They are not a pre armed service organisation and help to guide the young cadets on a path to a responsible future using sporting and specialist subjects which may help them to gain employment and to become responsible members of our community.

3.3.3 The Brediland Community Centre is currently used by the Paisley Sea Cadets (30 members) and three Girl Guides groups (totalling around 80 members). About 800 members of public book hall hires for various events

The breakdown of funding is as follows:-

Utilities - £1,850

Office equipment - £400

Fire extinguishers - £300

Howler alarm system - £100

Mini bus insurance and tax - £880

Printing and stationery - £326

The LAC recommended an award of £3,846.38 from the Paisley Burgh Citizens Fund.

Implications of this report

1. **Financial Implications**
The award will be met from existing resources within the Paisley Burgh Citizens Fund.
2. **HR and Organisational Development Implications**
None.
3. **Community Plan/Council Plan Implications**

Empowering our Communities	The awards of funding will strengthen the social and cultural fabric of the local community
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4. **Legal Implications**
Compliance with the Council's Condition of Grants
5. **Property/Assets Implications**
None.
6. **Information Technology Implications**
None.
7. **Equality and Human Rights Implications**
(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 membership of both groups is open to all members of the community. 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 Implications**
None.
9. **Procurement Implications**
None.
10. **Risk Implications**
None.
11. **Privacy Impact**
None.

List of Background Papers

None

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