

Notice of Meeting and Agenda Local Partnership - Renfrew

Date	Time	Venue
Wednesday, 13 September 2023	18:00	Remotely via Teams,

MARK CONAGHAN
Head of Corporate Governance

Membership

Diane Booth (Our Place Our Families): Samantha Gillan (Renfrew YMCA): Councillor Edward Grady: Councillor John Gray: Councillor Lisa-Marie Hughes: Thomas Johnston (Renfrew Football Club): Ramsay Maclennan (30 Acres): Councillor Jamie McGuire: Councillor Cathy McEwan: Councillor Jim Paterson: Gordon Burgess (Renfrew Community Council): Roberta Robertson (Renfrew Development Trust)

Councillor John Shaw (Chair), Samantha Gillan (Vice Chair), Renfrew YMCA.

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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.

- 1 Minute of Previous Meeting** **1 - 4**
Minute of previous meeting held on 17 May 2023.
- 2 Renfrew Local Partnership Budget Monitoring Report** **5 - 22**
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- 3 Applications For Local Partnership Funding To Renfrew Local Partnership 2023/24** **23 - 36**
Report by Chief Executive.
- 4 Celebrating Renfrewshire 2023 Results**
Presentation by Chief Executive and Community Learning and Development Team.
- 5 Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund**
Presentation by Engage Renfrewshire.
- 6 Community Learning and Development Team Presentation**
 - Outcome of Youth and Family Learning Survey
 - Upcoming HM Inspectors Progress Visits For Community Learning and Development
 - Youth Voice Programme
- 7 Update On Local Partnerships Review**
Verbal report by Chief Executive.
- 8 Date Of Next Meeting**
Members are asked to note that the next meeting of the Renfrew Local Partnership is scheduled to be held on Wednesday 6 December 2023 at 6.00pm.

Minute of Meeting Local Partnership - Renfrew

Date	Time	Venue
Wednesday 17 May 2022	18:00	Remote using Microsoft Teams Platform,

Present:

Samantha Gillan (Vice Chair) (Renfrew YMCA): Councillor John Gray: Councillor Lisa-Marie Hughes: Thomas Johnston (Renfrew Football Club): Councillor Cathy McEwan: Councillor Jamie McGuire: Councillor Jim Paterson: Roberta Robertson (Renfrew Development Trust): Councillor John Shaw (Chair).

Chair

Councillor Shaw, Chair, presided.

In Attendance

E Shields, Business Services Manager (Lead Officer), S Graham, Partnerships Manager and J Long, Tackling Poverty Project Officer (both Chief Executive's); D Pole, End User Technician; and C MacDonald, Senior Committee Services Officers (all Finance & Resources).

Community Planning Partners

K McIntyre (Engage Renfrewshire).

Apologies

Diane Booth (Our Place Our Families):

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 YouTube channel.

Declarations of Interest

S Gillan declared an interest in item 3 – Applications for Local Partnership Grant Funding – in respect of application FR1062 submitted by Renfrew YMCA as she was a member of that organisation and intimated her intention to take no part in any discussion or voting thereon.

Councillor Shaw declared an interest in item 3 – Applications for Local Partnership Grant Funding – in respect of application FR1119, submitted by Kirklandneuk Parent Council as his daughter attended this school and intimated his intention not take part in any discussion or voting thereon.

R Robertson declared an interest in item 3 – Applications for Local Partnership Grant Funding – in respect of application FR1091 submitted by Renfrew Development Trust as she was a member of that organisation and intimated her intention to take no part in any discussion or voting thereon.

Councillor Paterson declared an interest in item 3 – Applications for Local Partnership Grant Funding – in respect of application FR1101, submitted by Renfrew Town Sea Scouts as his son was a member of this organisation and intimated his intention not take part in any discussion or voting thereon.

1 Minute

There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of this Local Partnership held on 22 February 2023.

DECIDED: That the Minute as amended be approved.

2 Renfrew Local Partnership Budget Monitoring Report and Feedback Report

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive relative to the 2022/23 budget allocated to this Local Partnership. An appendix to the report detailed the distribution of funds.

The report advised that £194.00 was available from the 2022/23 budget allocated from the General Grant Fund and the Renfrew Common Good Fund of £111,649 for this Local Partnership. Community groups which were awarded funding from Renfrew Local Partnership in 2022/23 were asked to provide feedback regarding the progress of their project and benefit to the local community and this was appended to the report.

Councillor Shaw advised that the Celebrating Renfrewshire Award Scheme had updated their voting procedure and the process would be more secure in future.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

3 Applications for Local Partnership Funding To Renfrew Local Partnership 2023/24

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive relative to the applications for Local Partnership grant funding.

The report intimated that the available allocation for Renfrew Local Partnership for 2023/24 was £115,403 once the sum ringfenced for expenses had been deducted, made up of £40,453 from the General Fund and £75,300 from Renfrew Common Good Fund.

The Youth Challenge Fund component of Renfrew Local Partnership Funding for 2023/24 was £18,657. This funding would be allocated by young people through a Participatory Budgeting exercise called Celebrating Renfrewshire that would take place during April and May 2023.

An initial assessment of the applications had been carried out by officers to support Local Partnership members in their decision-making. Applications that made clear reference to the Local Priorities identified by the Local Partnership were identified in the first table in the appendix to the report. Applications that made a partial or no reference to Renfrew Local Priorities were summarised in the second table in the appendix.

Following consideration, the Local Partnership agreed:

- (i) Applications with direct reference to the Renfrew Local Priorities and where the project was located in or specific to Renfrew

FR1049 C Change Scotland - Dates'n'Mates - awarded £1,000
FR1051 The Renfrewshire Toy Bank - Renfrewshire Toy Bank - awarded £1,500
FR1061 Paisley Pirates Ice Hockey Club - Provision of Ice - awarded £6,610.57

Declaration of Interest

S Gillan having previously declared an interest in application FR1062 took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

FR1062 Renfrew YMCA - Dunlop Street - Youth Social action space - awarded £15,000
FR1064 Fèis Phàislig - Fèis Phàislig 2023/24 - awarded £4,470
FR1075 Paterson Park Allotments - Toilet block - awarded £9,750
FR1077 Renfrew Burgh Band - Community concerts - awarded £1,500

Declaration of Interest

R Robertson having previously declared an interest in application FR1091 took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

FR1091 Renfrew Development Trust - Investing in Renfrew Development Trust - awarded £12,200 to be split

Declaration of Interest

Councillor Patterson having previously declared an interest in application FR1101 took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

FR1101 Renfrew Town Sea Scouts - Safety and training - awarded £10,000
FR1110 School of African Cultures - KARIBU HUB 2 - awarded £1,000
FR1131 Robertson Park Bowling Club - Replacement of Roller Shutters - awarded £2000
FR1154 Renfrewshire Access Panel - Accessibility for all - awarded £2,562

Declaration of Interest

Councillor Shaw having previously declared an interest in application FR1105 took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

FR1119 Kirklandneuk Parent Council - 1-2, 1-2, testing - awarded £5,095

(ii) that the undernoted application be declined and referred to other funds, as detailed:-

FR1040 Forever Young - declined.

FR1041 REEM - declined.

FR1045 REEM - declined.

FR1055 Renfrewshire Walking Network - declined.

FR1063 Paisley Sea Cadets/Brediland Hall - declined.

FR1074 SSAFA - declined.

FR1106 PACE Theatre Company - declined.

FR1121 Renfrewshire Stroke and Disability Art Therapy Group - declined.

FR1145 Lamont Farm Project - declined.

FR1148 Shopmobility - declined.

FR1159 Gallowhill Bowling Club - declined.

FR1100 Rainbow Turtle Fair - declined.

DECIDED: That it be agreed to award the grant applications as noted above.



To: Renfrew Local Partnership

On: 13 September 2023

Report by:
Chief Executive, Renfrewshire Council

TITLE:
Renfrew Local Partnership Budget Monitoring and Feedback Report

1. Summary

- 1.1 Renfrew 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 Renfrew Local Partnership in 2023/24 and current budget position is attached as an appendix to this report.

2. Recommendation

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

Appendix 1

Renfrew Local Partnership Budget Monitoring Report 2023/24

General Grant Fund	£ 40,103.00 (net of Members expenses)
Renfrew Common Good	£ 75,300.00
Total Funding Awards	£ 72,687.18
Available	£ 42,715.82

Grant Ref	Organisation	Awarded	Paid	Still to be paid
FR1049	Dates-n-Mates	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£0.00
FR1051	The Renfrewshire Toy Bank	£1,500.00	£1,500.00	£0.00
FR1061	Paisley Pirates IHC	£6,610.57	£6,610.57	£0.00
FR1062	Renfrew YMCA SCIO	£15,000.00	£15,000.00	£0.00
FR1064	Fèis Phàislig	£4,470.00	£4,470.00	£0.00
FR1075	Paterson Park Allotments	£9,750.00	£9,750.00	£0.00
FR1077	Renfrew Burgh Band	£1,500.00	£1,500.00	£0.00
FR1091	Renfrew Development Trust	£12,200.00	£0.00	£12,200.00
FR1101	Renfrew Town Sea Scouts	£10,000.00	£10,000.00	£0.00
FR1110	school of African Cultures	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£0.00
FR1119	Kirklandneuk Primary School Parent Council	£5,095.00	£5,095.00	£0.00
FR1131	Robertson Park Bowling Club	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	£0.00
FR1154	Renfrewshire Access Panel	£2,561.61	£0.00	£2,561.61

Celebrating Renfrewshire Fund	£18,657
Total Funding Awards	£18,657

Grant Ref	Organisation	Awarded	Paid	Still to be paid
CE1021	Jazzle Dazzle	£3,500.00	£3,500.00	£0.00
CE1037	Renfrew High	£3,500.00	£0.00	£3,500.00
CE1038	Renfrew Town Sea Scouts	£3,500.00	£3,500.00	£0.00
CE1039	Renfrew Victoria YFC	£3,500.00	£3,500.00	£0.00
CE1040	Renfrew YMCA	£3,500.00	£3,500.00	£3,500.00
CE1055	Trinity High School Parent Council (Trinity High School P.T.A)	£1,157.00	£0.00	£1,157.00

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
FR1042	Paisley Pirates IHC	Provision of Ice	£6,829.00
FR1049	Renfrew FC	Pitch repairs and maintenance	£5,000.00
FR1059	C-Change Scotland	Dates n Mates	£1,000.00
FR1062	Renfrewshire Toy Bank	Renfrewshire Toy Bank	£1,430.00
FR1085	Renfrew YMCA SCIO	Connect Us	£10,000.00
FR1086	Renfrew Development Trust	Frew Fest	£6,875.00
FR1098	Paterson Park Allotments	Security enhancements & fence replacement	£8,750.00
FR1186	Renfrew Development Trust	Sensory Garden - Robertson Park	£20,000.00

Feedback received since May 23 meeting.

1.1 Organisation Name Forever young

Section 2

2.1 Project Name FR1040 Buddy Food

2.2 Amount Received £2809.72

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

x Tackling isolation & loneliness.

x Health & wellbeing

2.4 What did you want to do with the money?

We originally asked for the money to be spent on Buddy Food which was to help with the fuel crisis and bring people together to have a warm space to eat a warm meal together, but we changed the name to "Pop up Café" this was a bit more appealing to tenants.

2.5 What did you spend it on?

Over the winter months we had easy cooking demonstrations for tenants in the 10-council sheltered housing complex lounges. Each week tenants would come together in the warm lounge, and we would cook a variety of different meals where they could

take away the recipes and share a warm meal together. Some of the meals were homemade tomato soup using a tin of cheap tomatoes, pasta bolognaise, lasagne, and good old mince and potatoes.

Section 3 – Impact

3.1 How many people benefitted from/accessed your project?

284 tenants got the opportunity to join us but overall, we fed 50% of this around

3.2 How did your project benefit people in the community?

Our project hasn't benefitted the community yet, but we are hoping to get the recipes made into a booklet to be distributed out and this will be benefitting the wider community as it is how to make meals on a budget for single people living alone or people looking for ideas on how to make their money go further when cooking for the family.

3.3 How can you evidence the impact of your project?

We have some lovely case studies as well as pictures of us delivering the project. See attachments.

3.4 How has the grant been spent?

Cooking instructor	£2150
Food ingredients	£419.76
Portable cooker	£287.81

Case Study

Case Study - LAP

My Name is Robert, I stay at Gallacher Court West End, Paisley. I live independently within sheltered housing. My sheltered housing officer came to me and encouraged me to go along to let me know about the pop-up café and thought this would be good for me. She knew that at times I was lonely and thought this would be a good activity for me to meet new people and make friends.

My mobility is not good I walk with a walking frame from the first day I went along I had a good experience everyone was so friendly.

I would recommend this to friends it was a great experience and I made new friends. I went along every week, but my favourite night was when we got the full Roast chicken dinner it was delicious.

I am sad to see it stop but would support if it restarted.
The Staff I give 100% they looked after us so well.



1.1 Organisation Name Kirklandneuk Primary School Parent Council

2.1 Project Name Mon the Weans, 'Mon the Bees, 'Mon the Community!

2.2 Total Amount Received £3,100.00

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

Our Renfrewshire is well.

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

This project will re-establish links with the local community as we continue to recover. It will cut down on food waste, produce locally grown food and support biodiversity. Many pupils, families and community members are in need of support. This project will help them to reengage and maximise their access to food and company. It will help keep people well by supplying food bags. The outdoor space will be used to grow vegetables and fruit, and also a seating area and pergola that can be used to host small community events.

We spent the money as requested.

Section 3 – Impact

3.1 How many people benefitted from/accessed your project?

There are 489 children in Kirklandneuk PS which equates to approximately 380 families who live in Renfrew.

3.2 How did your project benefit people in the community?

Feedback on 'Mon the Bees, 'Mon the Weans,



The parent council, the pupil council and the P7 leadership team were delighted to be awarded funding from the Local Partnership.

We have worked within the school year so our milestones and plans have been made using the school calendar taking into considerations holidays and term times.

Outcomes	Updates	Comments
Area of play ground to be used identified	The P7 leadership team along with the pupil council identified the best area of the playground to be used	Creating a biodiversity area and growing area. Outcome met
A number of clean up/ground prep events happened including the local community	Made connections with local community "leaders" who kept in contact re the project and offering support.	Involving the school and wider community. Outcome met
Established links with key people from Paterson and Broadloan Allotments	Offered help in preparing the ground and a list of items that would be easy to grow and when to plant.	Establishing links with experienced people. Outcome met

Planned food distribution of left over lentils from the kitchen and vegetables from Barnhill farm	This is organised for late may/early June	Supporting the school and wider community to access food. Outcome met
We have had the canopy/pergola/outside learning/classroom space built	Pupils, families and the local community have been delighted with this. We have used the space for a few schools led events already.	We have a community event planned for before the school year ends. Which will allow the wider community to visit and use the space. Outcome met
We have used our social media to advertise/highlight all food opportunities to the school and wider community.	We know that we have helped a number of families to secure food help by doing this and highlighting it to the school management team.	Connecting people and sign posting Outcome met
Planting food and plants that create a biodiverse environment	As advised by experienced gardeners our planting will be complete in the next few weeks	Learning about growing food. Outcome met
We have a website to share information on the weather station that was purchased for this project.	The children are beginning to do some work on this. www.montheweans.co.uk	Supports making links with the wider community. Outcome met

The original idea



The transformation



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huge roots!



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From
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To this!

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The Final Look





In action





Quotes from children and staff:

"I love the outdoor classroom because we can read our stories in there." – P2 pupil

"I like to play in the outdoor classroom at playtime with my friends." – P1 pupil

"I have planted strawberries and a pumpkin." – P1 pupil

"The outdoor classroom is a fantastic resource which we have been using for drama, reading and check-ins so far this session." – P2 teacher

"Wow – what an amazing resource! Thank you! We are delighted with our new outdoor classroom and planters which have been invaluable for taking learning outside and bringing our science to life." – DHT, Kirklandneuk PS

"I have been working with the children in small groups to plant our strawberries and pumpkins at breaktimes and lunchtimes. They absolutely love it!" – Additional Support Needs Assistant, Kirklandneuk PS

Quotes from people in the local community and the school community

"What a great resource!" – Parent

"The area is looking great; can't wait to see what the children grow" – local neighbour to the school

"We are looking forward to getting to use the area when we are visiting the school" – Parent

“It is lovely to see the children making use of the outside learning space, it’s a joy to hear them when passing by” – local community member

Weather Station

The children are delighted with this and are contently checking in to see what changes are happening and what the weather might be in the coming days. This will not only help with learning about the climate and changes but also help with learning about growing vegetables and herbs and the affect weather can have on it success.



Quotes from our STEM team

“It is very useful for playtime so Johnny knows if it will rain or not”.

“It is cool how it changes in real time as you know you can see and learn about so many different thinks about the weather”.

“It is extreme accurate as it changes with the weather conditions”.

“I like how you can see what the weather is like without going outside”.

“It is good to have lots of facts”.

1.1 Organisation Name Renfrewshire Access Panel

Section 2

2.1 Project Name Accessibility for All

2.2 Amount Received £5151.51

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

- Tackling isolation & loneliness
- Health & wellbeing
- Environment & parks
- Roads & transport
- Moving around & connectivity
- Community & road safety
- Community facilities & public assets
- Community identity & civic pride
- Young people and/or intergenerational work
- Renfrew town centre & play facilities.

2.4 What did you want to do with the money?

We wanted to sustain our office base ensuring residents have a definitive way of contacting us, by doing this we ensured that we were able to discuss issues and find solutions for roads, parks, reduced isolation and provide a warm place and food.

2.5 What did you spend it on?

Office costs and peripherals such as Rent, Insurance and phones.

Section 3 – Impact

3.1 How many people benefitted from/accessed your project?

It is not a number per local partnership but all residents that benefit even if they are unaware.

3.2 How did your project benefit people in the community?

The outcomes we produced were reduced isolation and improved socialization, Training is offered to all residents on computers, tablets, and phones.

3.3 How can you evidence the impact of your project?

Evidence emailed





3.4 How has the grant been spent?

Office Rent	£3899.99
Phone Line	£1254.71

1.1 Organisation Name Friends of Knockhill Park

Section 2

2.1 Project Name Security

2.2 Total Amount Received £10,000

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

Within the park we currently have CCTV which has not been working, we are looking to get this back up and running to enable us to put new equipment into the park. The CCTV has proven useful in the past when we had a fire within the park. Due to the current CCTV system no longer working, we are looking to upgrade the park but are reluctant to do this before the CCTV system is fixed.

2.4 What did you want to do with the money & what did you spend it on?
This money has not been spent yet as we are currently working with Renfrewshire Council to get the CCTV upgrade, they are tendering companies that can do this for us.

Section 3 – Impact

3.1 How many people benefitted from/accessed your project?

Over 300 people will benefit.

3.2 How did your project benefit people in the community?

With the new CCTV we can then look to continue to improve the park and creating more and exciting opportunities for the users. The CCTV will not only allow for users of the park to continue to feel safe, it will allow for vulnerable people to feel comfortable and safe within the park also.

Section 1

1.1 Organisation Name Paisley and District Battalion – the Boys' Brigade

Section 2

2.1 Project Name BB Development Funding

2.2 Amount Received £3,306.15 (4 awards)

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

- Moving around & connectivity
- Community facilities & public assets
- Community identity & civic pride
- Young people and/or intergenerational work

2.4 What did you want to do with the money?

We wanted to use the awards to go towards administration and recruitment costs/flyers for growing the numbers of boys in each of the companies, with an ambitious target of 25% increase in numbers with a full funding award. We received full funding of £500 and £1,000 from Renfrew and Paisley East, and £794 (from £2,000 request) and £1,012.15 (from a £2,500 request) from Johnstone and Paisley North and West.

2.5 What did you spend it on?

We spent some of the money on recruitment documentation and on social media support to try to attract new boys. We also used it to subsidise all of the companies with respect to fees which they pay nationally to the Boys' Brigade for their boy numbers and support by way of free supplies such as badges and uniforms. This programme was more successful in some areas and less successful in others.

Section 3 – Impact

3.1 How many people benefitted from/accessed your project?

We don't have data to accurately identify exactly how many people were impacted here. Post pandemic, we hope that we simply got people to hear about the Boys' Brigade whether on-line or by hearing about us at a school or church. In terms of numbers:

Renfrew – we had 63 boys; we now have 58. There are always natural attrition as older boys leave so this result was disappointing. Part of the reason here in uncertainty regarding the future of the church.

Johnstone – we had 57 boys, we now have 58, so a little success here.

Paisley East – we had 26 boys, we now have 28 boys, so again some success here.

Paisley North, West and Central – we had 104 boys, we now have 120, so this has been a great success.

3.2 How did your project benefit people in the community?

As above, we hope that we simply got people to hear about the Boys' Brigade whether on-line or by hearing about us at a school or church. It's very difficult to attract boys to a church organization in today's world so anything to get our message out there is deemed a success.

3.3 How can you evidence the impact of your project?

The main evidence is the increased numbers noted above.

3.4 How has the grant been spent?

- Flyers/banners £465.04
- Website support/update £205.87
- Admin/recruitment support costs £2,635.24

1.1 Organisation Name Our place, Our families Renfrew.

Section 2

2.1 Project Name Eat, Share, Care cooking classes.

2.2 Amount Received £9895.00

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

- Tackling isolation & loneliness
- Health & wellbeing
- Moving around & connectivity
- Young people and/or intergenerational work

2.4 What did you want to do with the money?

Cooking classes

2.5 What did you spend it on?

- ingredients
- stationary
- publicity
- tutor
- volunteer expenses
- rent

Section 3 – Impact

3.1 How many people benefitted from/accessed your project?

- 39 people from one partnership Renfrew

3.2 How did your project benefit people in the community?

- Cooking skills communication skills budgeting and making long term friendships

3.3 How can you evidence the impact of your project?

We have attendance sheets to monitor who was coming.
Also, prequestionnaires and post questionnaires and pictures

3.4 How has the grant been spent?

£9895.00



To: Renfrew Local Partnership

On: 13 September 2023

Report by:
Chief Executive, Renfrewshire Council

TITLE:
**Applications for Local Partnership Funding To Renfrew
Local Partnership 2023/24**

1. Summary

- 1.1 Three applications for funding to Renfrew Local Partnership have been received since the meeting held on 17 May 2023. These applications have been received from Our Place Our Families, Arkleston & Newmains Over 60s Club and Renfrew Victoria Youth Football Group.
- 1.2 £72,687.18 was awarded to successful grant applicants at the meeting in May 2023, leaving a remaining balance for allocation as at September 2023 of £42,715.82.
- 1.3 The total value of applications made to Renfrew Local Partnership in September 2023 is £19,930.70.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that members of Renfrew Local Partnership consider the applications for Local Partnership grant funding, as set out below in Appendix 1 and 2.

3. Background

- 3.1 Applicants for funding in 2023/24 have been provided with guidance, as well as a description of the Local Priorities identified by the Renfrew Local Partnership.
- 3.2 Local Partnership members are asked to consider the applications for funding summarised at Appendix 1 and 2 of this report, and to assess these against the Local Priorities agreed by the Renfrew local priorities.

3.3 The priorities of the Renfrew Local Partnership are:

Bringing Renfrew Town Centre to life

The Local Partnership want to see more things to do in the town centre, particularly encouraging local events and seeing more happening in the evenings. They want to do this by making best use of community assets and spaces, including working with the town centre business community.

Moving around and connectivity

The Local Partnership want the economic investment in Renfrew to benefit the local community, particularly making it easier for people to get around the town, and to travel to and from Renfrew.

Making the most of public assets

The Local Partnership want to see the maximum use of public resources, such as parks and outdoor spaces, as well as maximising the use of buildings in the community.

Strengthening social connections

Improving social connections and tackling social isolation is a key theme for the Local Partnership, and the Partnership recognise this affects all ages, including younger and older people. Community events and activities are important, as will be a focus on improving health and well-being locally.

Key Theme: Maximising economic impact

The Local partnership want to see a focus on boosting the economic outcomes for people in Renfrew and how this can support their Local Priorities.

APPENDIX 1**GRANT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY REFERENCE TO PRIORITY THEME**

Renfrew Grant application forms – amount available £42,715.82.

APPLICATIONS WITH DIRECT REFERENCE TO RENFREW LOCAL PRIORITIES WHERE PROJECT IS LOCATED IN OR SPECIFIC TO RENFREW

Ref No.	Name of project	Amount Requested	Name of organisation	Contribution to Renfrew priority
FR1160	Cheap and cheerful cooking tips and classes	£9,900	Our Place Our Families	Strengthening Social Connections
FR1161	Community Events/Activities	£5,150	Arkleston and Newmains Over 60s Club	Strengthening Social Connections
FR1163	Regeneration of Kirklandneuk Playing Fields	£4,880.70	Renfrew Victoria Youth Football Club	Strengthening Social Connections

SUMMARY OF APPLICATIONS

APPLICATIONS WITH DIRECT REFERENCE TO THE RENFREW LOCAL PRIORITIES WHERE PROJECT IS LOCATED IN OR SPECIFIC TO RENFREW

Application for Renfrew

Local Partnership Support 2023/24

Reference: FR 1160	Organisation Name: Our Place, Our Families
Cheap and cheerful cooking tips and classes	Amount applied for: £9,900.00
<p>Purpose of the project</p> <p>The project will deliver cooking classes to enable people to gain basic cooking skills. The project will improve skills in food budgeting/meal planning and storing/freezing food safely and economically to consume later. This will enable people to eat healthier food that they cook themselves, save people money and reduce food waste.</p> <p>There is also a social dimension to the project in bringing people together and increasing social connection.</p> <p>These classes are to give help to people that are on universal credits or pensions to give them greater knowledge of cooking fresh and cheap instead of buying microwave meals. The project is based on a recipe book with 23 recipes designed by a fully qualified chef who worked in Renfrew.</p> <p>We had received £2000 from the Winter Connections grant, which funded the project between December 2022 and March 2023. We had a great turn out for this so we asked the people that attended to be our critics and there was support to continue and expand the project after Winter Connections funding was fully used. Since March 2023, OPOF has continued the classes from its own funds, but additional funding is now needed to continue and expand the project.</p> <p>Funding had also previously been received from Williamsburgh Housing Association for a pilot 10-week session of cooking classes for a group of six older men, which was successful.</p>	

If successful in being awarded funding for this year from Renfrew Local partnership, it is our intention to ensure the project continues in future years by applying to the National Lottery Investing In Communities Fund for a further three years funding from 2024.

What will the project do?

We propose to deliver 4 blocks of a session of 10 two-hour classes, held once per week (Friday 12.30-2.30). This would be a total of forty classes in total. There would be around 30+ people benefitting from each class.

Sessions are delivered by qualified food professionals, OPOF staff and five volunteers to ensure support to people participating.

Classes would use the recipe book as guidance and this will help people's basic knowledge and increase cooking and budgeting skills in a social environment.

During classes, people will be taught to make meals such as soup, eat together the meals prepared and take food away to store and use later. People will also enjoy a cup of coffee and home baking at the sessions.

Other meals taught will include mince and potatoes, chicken goujons, frittata, curry and spaghetti so people have a range of meals they can confidently and affordably cook.

Some of the ingredients will be fresh from an allotment near OPOF.

Other advice given will include how to freeze food safely, ideas on sharing costs (e.g. by people sharing purchase of some food), using the internet, advice on the best times to visit supermarkets for bargains and how to manage energy costs.

Social elements alongside the cooking classes include bringing together older and younger people to play board games, darts and dominoes. Younger people have also helped older people learn skills in using i-pads

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- Does not fit with priorities**

Anticipated Outcomes

People on limited incomes, who are local to Renfrew, improve their knowledge, confidence and skills in food cooking and planning. They will gain skills to enable them to prepare and store food that is healthy and cheap.

People are given advice on reducing food costs and also receive other cost of living advice.

People learn in a fun and social environment which strengthens social engagement and confidence.

Breakdown of costs

Item of spend	Total Cost	Amount requested	Source of other funding	Timescale for funding
Hire of hall (40 x two-hour sessions)	£1200.00	£1200.00		
Food costs for 40 classes (vegetables, meat, eggs, pasta etc)	£3000.00	£3000.00		
Volunteer Expenses (petrol/public transport costs for 40 sessions, 5 volunteers per session)	£1000.00	£1000.00		
Cleaning Sundries	£200.00	£200.00		
Staff costs: Sessional hire of qualified cook (40 sessions at £60 per	£4500.00	£4500.00		

session) One member of staff to plan and organise sessions, supervise and support volunteers including assurance of Disclosure status, carry out evaluations to inform future development.				
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About the organisation:

Support to vulnerable families and encourage Healthy eating and budgeting.

- . To promote low cost active for families,. Individuals and promote friendship and positive thinking and net work with other projects
- . To promote a greater knowledge and awareness of drugs and alcohol issues.

Arrange and run activities around Renfrew designed to get families out and about having fun. We will rotate the activities and events around Renfrew, specifically Moorpark, Kirklandneuk, Newmains and Arkleston. This way we can get families together from communities that have historically kept to themselves and minimised any contact between each other

Grant funding award history:

	Grant Name	Amount	Used for
2022-23	Winter Connections	£2000.00	Eat Share Care Cafe
2022-23	Local Partnership	£10,000.00	Eat Better, Feel Better

2021-22	Local Partnership	£10,000.00	IT for All
2020-21	Local Partnership	£8,950.00	

Application for Renfrew

Local Partnership Support 2023/24

Reference: FR1161	Organisation Name: Arkleston & Newmains Over 60's Club
Project Name: Community Events/Activities	Amount applied for: £ 5,150
<p>To improve social connections, share experiences, reduce isolation, improve mental health and wellbeing NHS programme Eat Better Feel Better healthy meals at reducing costs</p> <p>The project was identified through community engagement. The need for a group for people of over 60s to share experiences, socialise, learn from others which helps reduce isolation and improve social connections. To help improve health and wellbeing of Renfrewshire residents.</p>	
<p>What will the project do?</p> <p>We will hold group sessions weekly (every Thursday) for 40 weeks running from September 2023 to May 2024. Each session is for three hours.</p> <p>The activities offered varies from week to week in order to provide a varied and interesting programme across the year.</p> <p>63 people are currently registered to attend and benefit from the sessions, pending new registrations.</p> <p>People attending learn new skills and participate in new activities, hear advice and information on different subjects and enjoy entertainment in a social setting with tea and coffee. The group brings together older people to strengthen social connections, engage older people in exercise and activities that support good mental health.</p> <p>The group offers activities including the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Entertainment – singers and instrumentalists such as accordion players• Speakers on issues affecting older people, such as Age UK and Energy Advice• Relaxation therapies with a qualified instructor• Chair yoga to support good health and mobility• Flower arranging• Hands-on musical instrument teaching• Eat Better Feel Better cooking demonstrations funded by NHS• Refreshments (tea, coffee and biscuits)• Bingo	

A networking event is also being planned which will invite other pensioner groups operating across Renfrewshire to meet in Arkleston Community Centre in Renfrew. Groups and people will share ideas and experience about how to meet the needs of older people in our communities.

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Anticipated Outcomes

Members will benefit from the social aspect of the group. Meeting friends and sharing experiences, learning about budgeting, health & wellbeing.

Breakdown of costs

£5150

Item of spend	Total Cost	Amount requested	Source of other funding	Timescale for funding
Bingo Books	£50	£50		
Entertainment - Singers (£50-£150 per session) - Instrumentalists - Florists	£1500	£1500		
Miscellaneous - Materials to support activities -	£200	£200		
Rent of Arkleston Community Hall (40 sessions)	£1200	£1200		
Older People's Networking Event - Costs of hosting event	£600	£600		
Accountant fee	£100	£100		
Volunteer expenses (petrol/public transport costs) 40 sessions, 8 volunteers per session, plus sessional volunteers (e.g. volunteer instrument	£1500	£1500		

tutors)				
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About the organisation:
 To benefit members and reduce isolation, community engagement, social activities, improving mental health and well being, supporting families

Grant funding award history:

	Grant Name	Amount	Used for
2022/23	Renfrew Local Partnership	£4,150	Rent, Entertainment, ,Music system, Various items
2021/22	Renfrew Local Partnership	£2,400	Events/Activities
2020/21	Renfrew Local Partnership	£1,200	Events/Activities

**Application for Renfrew
Local Partnership Support 2023/24**

Reference: FR1162	Organisation Name: Renfrew Victoria Youth Football Club
Project Name: Regeneration of Kirklandneuk Playing Fields	Amount applied for: £ 4,880.70
<p>Purpose of the project To regenerate an area of wasteland which at present is overgrown with weeds and is used as a dumping area.</p> <p>With current funding from the Greenspace Fund we are at present embarking on transforming an area of 600 square meters into an environmentally and socially friendly area for local residents to use as a space to walk and relax. This area will be covered by the relaying top soil to grass and the planting of wildflowers.</p> <p>Since inception of this initial project, we have had interaction from local high schools (Trinity High and Renfrew High Schools) to create a partnership project involving S3 and S4 pupils. This partnership would entail both schools closely together to design, build and deliver a landscaped area suitable for the community's needs. This would include an increased size of area and an upscale of the project to include a further 400 square meters.</p>	
<p>What will the project do? Teachers and pupils in conjunction with the club have defined the needs following a site meeting. Next, they will design a potential solution, gain agreement from all parties to suitability.</p> <p>Once agreed, works can then be planned, materials and other costs factored in. The build and works can then be carried out to suit the timetable of the school curriculum and the associate national award schemes.</p>	
<p>Renfrew Local Priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Key theme: Maximising economic impact <input type="checkbox"/> Bringing Renfrew town centre to life <input type="checkbox"/> Moving around and connectivity <input type="checkbox"/> Making the most of public assets <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Strengthening social connections <input type="checkbox"/> Partial fit with priorities <input type="checkbox"/> Does not fit with priorities <p>Anticipated Outcomes 4 seating areas will be constructed by the pupils which will include benches and areas of flower and shrubbery. 2 paths to allow local residents and dog walkers safe access to Kirklandneuk playing fields,</p>	

currently access is gained through uneven, wooded and weeded area.

By increasing the area this will allow visually improved landscape which was not covered in the Greenspace funding application made previously.

Breakdown of costs

Item of spend	Total Cost	Amount requested	Source of other funding	Timescale for funding
Contractor to scrape back area including heavy plant and machinery.	£1058.00	£740.60	RVYFC	
Purchase of topsoil	£1344.00	£940.80	RVYFC	
Removal of weeds, wood and any other items including chemical testing prior to dumping.	£560.00	£392.00	RVYFC	
Chemical spraying of the area	£396	£277.20	RVYFC	
Seeding and levelling of the area	£1488.50	£1041.95	RVYFC	
Purchase of flowers and shrubs and materials for flowerbed	£602.34	£421.63	RVYFC	
Construction of benches including materials	£876.61	£613.62	RVYFC	
Materials to create 2 paths/walkways.	£647.00	£452.90	RVYFC	

About the organisation:

The club aims to provide a safe environment free of any outside challenges which are face

by children on a daily basis. In this environment the children are taught the basic skills required to enjoy football from early years till later life. Our aims out with sport are to foster coaches who the players look to as role models in how to conduct themselves showing respect to all no matter race, creed, culture, or gender showing no bias.

Grant funding award history:

	Grant Name	Amount	Used for
2022/23	Celebrating Renfrewshire	£3000.00	Holland Trip 2023
2021/22	Celebrating Renfrewshire	£2500.00	Holland Trip
2020/21	N/A	N/A	N/A