

Notice of Meeting and Agenda Local Partnership - Renfrew

Date	Time	Venue
Wednesday, 06 December 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.

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Minute of Meeting Local Partnership - Renfrew

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Wednesday, 13 September 2023	18:00	Remotely via Teams,

PRESENT

Diane Booth (Our Place Our Families): Samantha Gillan (Vice Chair) (Renfrew YMCA): Councillor Lisa-Marie Hughes: Councillor Cathy McEwan: Councillor Jamie McGuire: Councillor Jim Paterson: Councillor John Shaw (Chair).

CHAIR

Councillor Shaw, Chair, presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

C Rooney, Head Boy and C McKerlie, Head Girl, Renfrew High School; E Shields, Business Services Manager (Lead Officer), S Graham, Partnerships Manager, (Chief Executive's); J Kennedy, Senior Development Officer (Communities & Housing); C MacDonald, Senior Committee Services Officers (both Finance & Resources).

COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERS

A McBride, 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 YouTube channel.

VALEDICTORY

Councillor Shaw advised that this was the last meeting of the Partnership Samantha Gillan, Centre Manager, Renfrew YMCA, would attend before leaving to take up another position and took the opportunity to thank her for her professionalism, help and support she had provided during her tenure as Vice-Chair of the Partnership.

APOLOGIES

Thomas Johnston, Renfrew Football Club: Gordon Burgess, Renfrew Community Council.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND TRANSPARENCY STATEMENTS

Diane Booth declared an interest in item 3 – Applications for Local Partnership Grant Funding – in respect of applications FR1160, submitted by Our Place Our Families and application FR1161, submitted by Arkleston and Newmains Over 60s Club as she was a member of both organisations and intimated her intention to not take part in any discussion or voting thereon.

1 MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of this Local Partnership held on 17 May 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 2023/24 budget allocated to this Local Partnership. An appendix to the report detailed the distribution of funds.

The report advised that £42,715.82 was available from the 2023/24 budget allocated from the General Grant Fund and the Renfrew Common Good Fund 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.

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 £42,715.82. Three applications for funding to Renfrew Local Partnership had 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. The applications for grant funding were set out in Appendix 1 and 2.

Following consideration, the Local Partnership agreed:

Declaration of Interest

D Booth having previously declared an interest in applications FR1160 and FR1161 took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

FR1160 Our Place our Families - awarded £9,900

FR1161 Arkleston & Newmains Over 60 Club - awarded £5,150

FR1163 Renfrew Victoria Youth Football Club - awarded £4,880.70

Councillor Shaw advised that there was an opportunity to refurbish the dog run in Robertson Park; increase the size of the area and include regular maintenance to the ground. He also intimated that it was intended that there would be a charge to enter this area. After discussion it was agreed that a further £20,000 would be set aside for the project with Friends of Robertson Park overseeing the programme.

DECIDED:

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

(b) That it be agreed that £20,000 be set aside to refurbish Robertson Park dog run; increase the size of the area and include regular maintenance to the ground and that Friends of Robertson Park would oversee the project.

4 CELEBRATING RENFREWSHIRE 2023 RESULTS

J Kennedy, Senior Community Development Officer, Chief Executive's Services gave a presentation relative to the results for Celebrating Renfrewshire 2023.

The presentation gave background information; identified fund priorities; detailed statistics on the voting platform; outlined organisations who received funding; and highlighted the Celebrating Renfrewshire event.

DECIDED: That the presentation be noted.

5 COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING FUND

A McBride, Wellbeing and Volunteering Senior Development Officer, Engage Renfrewshire gave a presentation relative to an update on the Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund.

The presentation gave a brief update on the fund; outlined Year 3 of the project; highlighted the timeline, fund guidance and newsletter; and provided information on the exhibition which was to be held in Renfrewshire Town Hall on 5 October 2023.

Members were informed that Engage Renfrewshire had a Network Newsletter which was published and issued monthly to promote funding and training opportunities and advised of network events and news. Further updates on this fund would be provided at a future meeting of this Local Partnership.

DECIDED:

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

(b) That further updated information be provided to a future meeting of this Local Partnership.

6 COMMUNITY LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT TEAM PRESENTATION

J Kennedy, Senior Community Development Officer, Chief Executive's Services gave an update on the Community Learning and Development Team

The presentation updated the Partnership on the Adult Learning survey and the Youth Services Survey; advised of the upcoming HM Inspectors Progress visit for Community Learning & Development Section; detailed the Youth Voice Programme and the Community Capacity Programme.

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 reach out to members and those who had received grants to gauge their experience of Local Partnerships to date. Through surveys and discussions, members views on whether Local Partnerships had met their aims and objectives, what worked well and what could 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 and future meetings of the Local Partnership.

8 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

DECIDED: That it be noted that the next meeting of the Renfrew Local Partnership be held online at 6.00 pm on Wednesday 6 December 2023.



To: Renfrew Local Partnership

On: 6 December 2023

Report by:
Chief Executive, Renfrewshire Council

TITLE:
Renfrew Local Partnership Budget Monitoring 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 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 Available	£ 113,117.88
	£ 2,785.12

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	£12,200.00	£0.00
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	£2,561.61	£0.00
FR1160	Our Place Our Families	£9,900	£9,900	£0.00
FR1161	Arkleston and Newmains Over 60s Club	£5,150	£5,150	£0.00
FR1163	Regeneration of Kilklandneuk Playing Fields	£4,880.70	£4,880.70	£0.00
FR1171	Friends of Robertson Park	£20,000	£0	£20,000

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	£3,500.00	£0.00
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	£0.00

CE1055	Trinity High School Parent Council (Trinity High School P.T.A)	£1,157.00	£1,157.00	£0.00
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To: Renfrew Local Partnership

On: 6 December 2023

Report by:
Chief Executive, Renfrewshire Council

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

1. Summary

- 1.1 Renfrew Local Partnership agreed at the meeting held on 13 September 2023 to set aside £20,000 funding to Renfrew Development Trust for the extension of the dog exercise area in Robertson Park.
- 1.2 An application form for the project is attached at Appendix 1 to this report to provide a summary of the project.
- 1.3 A further application from Renfrew Baths ASC has also been received and is attached for consideration by Renfrew Local Partnership.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that members of Renfrew Local Partnership:
 - (a) Note the agreement at the meeting of Renfrewshire Local Partnership on 13 September 2023 to set aside an award of £20,000 to Friends of Robertson Park for the extension of the dog exercise area in Robertson Park
 - (b) Note the summary of application FR1171 Friends of Robertson Park attached at Appendix 1.
 - (c) Consider application FR1170 Renfrew Baths ASC attached at Appendix 1.

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 application 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 An initial assessment has been carried out by officers to support Local Partnership members in their decision-making. Where applications have made clear reference to the Local Priorities identified by the Local Partnership, this is identified in the first table at Appendix 1. Applications that make a partial or no reference to Renfrew Local Priorities are summarised in the second table – for example, the project may work with young people (and therefore meet the Local Priority around young people) but not deliver this directly in the Local Partnership area or make reference to how many young people from the area would be engaged in the project.
- 3.4 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

APPLICATION 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
FR1170	Coach Development and Employment Opportunities	£2,785	Renfrew Baths ASC	Making The Most Of Public Assets Strengthening Social Connections
FR1171	Extension To Robertson Park Dog Exercise Area	£20,000	Friends of Robertson Park	Making The Most Of Public Assets

SUMMARY OF APPLICATIONS

Application for Renfrew Local Partnership Support 2023/24

Reference: FR1170	Organisation Name: Renfrew Baths ASC
Project Name: Coach development and employment opportunities	Amount applied for: £2,785
Purpose Of The Project Ensure a regular flow of high quality, trained volunteer coaches - educating volunteers to a level that ensures swimmers receive the best possible quality of swim coaching and where older swimmers have the opportunity to advance from competitive swimming to coaching. The project will start on 1/12/2023 and will end on 31/1/2024.	
What Will The Project Do?	

The club has a development plan in place with Scottish Swimming and as part of this process acknowledged the need to ensure regular coach development. We provide an opportunity for older swimmers to progress into coaching so they can volunteer with the club and gain experience and coaching skills that will help them move onto employment. As most of our volunteers are either parents of swimmers or young adults who may move on, we must ensure a regular influx of new volunteer coaches.

The project will provide approximately 5 poolside helpers, 5 Level 1 swim coaches and 2 Level 2 coaches. The project will also support swimmers who are nearing the end of their competition career to access life guard and swim teacher training via the local learn to swim provider (One Ren at Renfrew Victory Baths) so that we can strengthen our relationship with our pool provider and give young adults the chance to enter employment.

We will measure success by the number of trained coaches we have on the team and by how many swimmers are trained and employed as life guards or swimming teachers.

Renfrew Local Priorities:

- Key theme: Maximising economic impact**
- Bringing Renfrew town centre to life**
- Moving around and connectivity**
- Making the most of public assets**
- Strengthening social connections**
- Partial fit with priorities**
- Does not fit with priorities**

Anticipated Outcomes

We expect the project to provide a regular influx of high quality coaching which will in turn positively impact our swimmers in terms of their ability in the pool as well as their mental ability to cope when they are not seeing the improvements they are aiming for.

Breakdown of costs

Item of spend	Total Cost	Amount requested	Source of other funding	Timescale for funding
Poolside helpers x 5	£122.50	£122.50		
Level 1 coach training x 4	£1212.50	£1212.50		
Level 2 coach training x 2	£1200.00	£1200.00		
Life guard training x 1	£250.00	£250.00		

About the organisation:

Renfrew Baths ASC is an Unincorporated Club or Association founded in 1973.

The Club has 30 volunteers and 105 members.

We are a 'swimmer led' community club. Promoting positive physical and mental health for young people aged 6-18 by providing qualified swim coaching and competition opportunities. We supporting swimmers progress to coaching - providing opportunities to develop their education and explore potential employment with local learn to swim provider.

<https://uk.teamunify.com/team/rbasc/page/home>

Grant funding award history:

Year	Grant Name	Amount	Used for
2022/23	N/A		
2021/22	N/A		
2020/21	N/A		

Application for Renfrew Local Partnership Support 2023/24

Reference: FR1171	Organisation Name: Friends of Robertson Park c/o Renfrew Development Trust
Project Name: Robertson Park Dog Run	Amount applied for: £20,000
Purpose of the project To expand and improve the current dog run facilities in Robertson Park. Friends of Robertson Park create a monthly feedback post on social media. Through this we received around a dozen complaints about the currently facilities. We reached out to the council to enquire what improvements we could make in partnership.	
What will the project do? We will expand the area in width and length, we will repair the surface and ensure the waste bin and bags to help with the maintenance. If possible we may look to enhance the surface with additional funding from another source. We will monitor the works itself and then after we will survey users to ask them about the change. We will replenish dog waste bags and this will give us a chance to record how well used the facility is.	
Renfrew Local Priorities: <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Making the most of public assets <input type="checkbox"/> Strengthening social connections <input type="checkbox"/> Partial fit with priorities <input type="checkbox"/> Does not fit with priorities Anticipated Outcomes 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.

Robertson Park is hugely popular with dog owners but right now the facilities are not fit for purpose. Given the recent investment in the neighbouring tennis court, it makes sense to improve the facilities nearby where there is a growing need and more and more people are asking for this.

Breakdown of costs

Item of spend	Total Cost	Amount requested	Source of other funding	Timescale for funding
Expansion and repair of dog run – quote from Renfrewshire Council contractor	£20,000	£20,000		

About the organisation:

To advance development of the Community of Renfrew.

To advance protection or improvement of the Community through the preservation and conservation of areas of significant interest.

To address the needs of the community affected by unemployment, poverty, poor physical and mental health, deprivation and social and economic disadvantage.

To advance education and to promote opportunities for learning so they can have a proactive role in the sustainable development of the Community.

To provide in the interests of social welfare facilities for recreation to the residents Renfrew with to improve their wellbeing.

<https://www.facebook.com/FriendsofRP/>

Established: 2014 (Renfrew Development Trust) 2022 (Friends Of Robertson Park), incorporated as a Charity

Renfrew Development Trust has one part time employee, 20 volunteers and 100

members

Grant funding award history:

	Grant Name	Amount	Used for
2022/23	Renfrew Local Partnership Awards	£20,860 £6,875	Sensory Garden and Music Festival
2021/22	Renfrew Local Partnership Award (held over from 2019/20 and 2020.21)	£36,415	Robertson Park Projects
2020/21	N/A		