

**To: The Villages Local Partnership**

**On: 21 September 2023**

**Report by:**  
Chief Executive, Renfrewshire Council

**TITLE:**  
**Applications To The Villages Local Partnership Deferred From Meeting Held  
On 25 May 2023**

**1. Summary**

- 1.1 The Villages Partnership agreed at its meeting on 25 May 2023 to defer consideration of two applications and requested further information. Summaries of the two applications are attached for information.
- 1.2 The two deferred applicants to be considered the meeting on 21 September 2023 are:

<b>Ref No.</b>	<b>Name of project</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>Name of organisation</b>	<b>Contribution to The Villages priorities</b>
FR1083	School Coaching Programme and Summer Camp	£240.00	Kelburne Cricket Club Cricket Section	Does not fit with Villages Local Priorities
FR1155	Accessibility for All	£2,561.61	Renfrewshire Access Panel	Access to services, facilities, and assets

- 1.3 Kelburne Cricket Club Cricket Section has now withdrawn its application, as the project was summer activity. Kelburne Cricket Club asked that the Villages Local Partnership note that, although the club itself is based in Paisley, it is keen to work across Renfrewshire and the project concept was to provide coaching visits to local primary schools.

- 1.4 Application FR1155 from Renfrewshire Access Panel was deferred from the meeting held on 25 May 2023 as the application summary text submitted on the original application was not fully complete in the papers submitted to the Local Partnership. The full application summary is attached at Appendix 1.
- 1.5 The available budget for 2023/24 is £10,000. In line with agreement at the 25 May 2023 meeting of The Villages Local Partnership, the maximum award for any one project is £5,000.
- 1.6 One application referred at the meeting on 25 May to the Villages Investment Fund and one new application are also to be considered at this meeting. These applications are presented as separate papers on this agenda.

## 2. **Recommendation**

- 2.1 It is recommended that members of the Villages Local Partnership:
  - (a) Consider the application by Renfrewshire Access Panel for Local Partnership grant funding for 2023/24.
  - (b) Note the withdrawal of the application by Kelburne Cricket Club Cricket Section and the club's intention to expand its work at locations across Renfrewshire.

## Application for Villages Local Partnership Support 2023/24

<b>Reference:</b> FR1155	<b>Organisation Name:</b> Renfrewshire Access Panel
<b>Project Name:</b> Accessibility for All	<b>Amount applied for:</b> £ 2561.61
<b>Purpose of the project</b>  <p>The purpose of the project is to ensure that all the villages are accessible to everyone in the community and further enhancing the goals of the local partnership.</p> <p>If we ensure the accessibility of the villages this will increase the ability for the community to gain access to the facilities and services the local partnership and Renfrewshire Council provide ensuring that as well as disabled people, all groups of people such as people with injuries, children learning to walk and the elderly. This will reduce social isolation therefore ensuring the villages are accessible and enjoyable place to live, work and visit.</p>	
<b>What will the project do?</b>  <p>We continue to work with Dave Hill (Castle Semple Centre) and look for ways to improve the health and wellbeing of people who live and work in the area as well as opportunities to increase visitors to the village.</p> <p>We will continue to assist Renfrewshire Council's Property Services Manager with the best placement for the changing places toilets.</p> <p>We are also working with residents and local groups regarding the roads, pavements and dropped kerbs where we can assist with contacting Renfrewshire Council and identifying the locations for improvement and following on from that we would advise the best outcomes for the issues at hand.</p> <p>We are loaning out hearing loops and ramps to anyone hosting events or to local business until they can arrange their own.</p> <p>We are also providing the use of our office space to the Sensory Team and the Disability Resource centre. The Sensory Team have been advised that they are no longer allowed to meet clients in their current office, we provide space for the Film Group from the Disability Resource Centre do not have enough space for all their groups.</p> <p>We currently have various residents and local groups that we are working with on Roads, pavements and dropped kerbs whether for road/pavement repairs, parking issues and or improvements to the area.</p>	

We continue to work with council run Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park where we have various equipment available such as bikes and boats free of charge to disabled people to encourage people to visits the area as well as reducing social isolation and improving fitness and wellbeing.

We will be using our office at 10 Falcon Crescent, Paisley as a base however we will be visiting all areas within the Villages.

**Villages Local Priorities:**

- Connectivity & transport**
- Environment & parks**
- Access to services, facilities, and assets**
- Village identity and character**
- Partial fit with priorities**
- Does not fit with priorities**

**Anticipated Outcomes**

Our aim is to make the area fully accessible to everyone and not just disabled people therefore ensuring that business should thrive and help reduce social isolation improving community spirit.

**Breakdown of costs**

<b>Item of spend</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>Amount requested</b>	<b>Source of other funding</b>	<b>Timescale for funding</b>
Mobile Phone	£153.00	£153.00	N/A	N/A
Accountancy Fees	£1700.00	£1700.00	N/A	N/A
Printing & Stationary	£3544.54	£3544.54	N/A	N/A
Office Peripherals	£1624.93	£1624.93	N/A	N/A
Office Rental	£4399.99	£4399.99	N/A	N/A

**About the organisation:**

Renfrewshire Access Panel is a small charity based in Renfrewshire dealing with accessibility. Originally, we started with access to the built and natural environment and access to services although we are now delighted to be at the forefront of promoting access across its widest remit and endeavours to be fully inclusive in its approach. This means working across the private, public and third sector to remove physical and attitudinal barriers to equality, and to promote all aspects of independent living.

**Grant funding award history:**

	<b>Grant Name</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Used for</b>
<b>2022/23</b>	Social Work Section 10 Grant	£2000.00	Tablet & Computer Training
<b>2022/23</b>	Local Partnership Grant	£5151.51	Office Costs
<b>2022/23</b>	Local Partnership Grant	£2000.00	Providing hot lunch and heating - Winter Connections
<b>2021/22</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>2020/21</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A