

Notice of Meeting and Agenda Local Partnership - Johnstone & Linwood

Date	Time	Venue
Tuesday, 14 February 2023	18:00	Meeting Room 1, 1st Floor, Tweedie Hall, Linwood,

MARK CONAGHAN
Head of Corporate Governance

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; Geraldine McNealey (Johnstone Community Council); Karen McShane (Johnstone Dementia Friendly Group); Councillor Emma Rodden; Councillor Andy Steel; Gavin Stewart (Renfrewshire Youth Voice); and Cheryl Thomas (Active Communities).

Items of business

Apologies

Apologies from members.

Declarations of Interest

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

- 1 Minute** **3 - 8**
Minute of previous meeting held on 16 November 2022.
- 2 You Decide Results for Johnstone and Linwood**
Presentation by Environment and Infrastructure.
- 3 Winter Connections**
Presentation by Chief Executive's.
- 4 Parks, Play Areas and Green Spaces**
Presentation by Communities and Housing.
- 5 Grant Awards in Johnstone and Linwood Area -
November 2022 - January 2023** **9 - 12**
Report by Chief Executive's.
- 6 Johnstone and Linwood Local Partnership Business
Arrangements** **13 - 14**
Report by Chief Executive's.
- 7 Budget Monitoring Report 2022/23 and 2021/22 Awards
Feedback** **15 - 18**
Report by Chief Executive's.
- 8 Date of Next Meeting**
Note that the next meeting of the Johnstone and Linwood Local Partnership is scheduled to be held on 9 May 2023 at 6pm.



Minute of Meeting Local Partnership - Johnstone & Linwood

Date	Time	Venue
Wednesday, 16 November 2022	18:00	Microsoft Teams Meeting,

PRESENT

Councillor Jacqueline Cameron; Lesley Compston (KLAS Care); Councillor Alison Ann-Dowling; Councillor Audrey Doig; Councillor Chris Gilmour; Councillor Iain McMillan; Geraldine McNelly (Johnstone Community Council); Karen McShane (Dementia Friendly Group); and Councillor Emma Rodden

CHAIR

Councillor Audrey Doig, Convener, presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

S Graham, Partnership Planning and Development Manager, R Cooper, Economic Development Manager, and E Shearer, Economic Regeneration Officer (all Chief Executive's); J Murdoch, Housing Regeneration & Service Improvement Manager, J Kennedy, Senior Community Development Officer, M Lockhard, Housing Regeneration Officer, and G Reid, Community Learning & Development Officer (all Communities and Housing); L Currie, Managing Solicitor (Projects), E Gray, Senior Committee Services Officer, and D Pole, End User Technician (all Finance & Resources).

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

K McIntyre and A McBride, both 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 website.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor McMillan declared an interest in item 10 of the agenda – Applications for Local Partnership Funding in respect funding received by Thorn Community Trust as he was a member of that organisation and intimated his intention to not take part in any discussion or voting thereon.

TRANSPARENCY STATEMENT

Karen McShane indicated that she had a connection to item 10 of the agenda as she was a member of the Johnstone Dementia Group. However, she indicated that she had applied the objective test and did not consider she had an interest and intimated that it was her intention to remain in the meeting and to take part in any discussion.

1 MINUTE

There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of the Local Partnership held on 22 June 2022.

DECIDED: That the Minute be approved.

2 CELEBRATING RENFREWSHIRE UPDATE

John Kennedy, Renfrewshire Council, and Calum Watson, Celebrating Renfrewshire Steering Group gave a presentation which provided an update in respect of the Celebrating Renfrewshire Fund 2022/23 which allocated grant funding via a participatory budget process.

The presentation outlined how participatory budgeting operated and gave a brief description of the role of the youth-led steering group and advised of the outcome of the planning sessions and the final priorities.

The presentation then advised that 17 applications had been received relating to the Johnstone & Linwood Local Partnership area seeking funding of £45,137. The available budget had been oversubscribed by £23,440,14. Using the Council's in-house voting platform, over 2000 local young people had voted, with 247 votes being recorded in the Johnstone & Linwood area. Full details of the awards made were provided. A voting results announcement event, planned and organised by young people, had been held at the UWS Student Union on Friday 28 October 2022. It was noted that an evaluation of the process would now be undertaken, appropriate recommendations made for the future and planning for the next round initiated.

DECIDED: That the presentation be noted.

3 WINTER CONNECTIONS

Stuart Graham, Chief Executive's Service, gave a presentation on the Winter Connections Programme, a network of local places where people could connect to others in their community in the coming winter.

The presentation highlighted the purpose of the Winter Connections Fund which would provide assistance to local groups to help cover the additional costs in making venues, activities and sessions available as part of the Winter Connection Programme. The presentation outlined the timeline and next steps for the Programme.

DECIDED: That the content of the presentation be noted.

4 **COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING FUND 2022/23**

Alice McBride, Engage Renfrewshire, provided a summary report relative to the Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund 2022/23.

The Local Partnership was advised that the Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund was now in its second year and Engage Renfrewshire had been allocated just over £550,000 to distribute to the third sector for new applicants and also previously awarded projects.

A brief overview of the aims, key priorities and target audience of the Fund was provided. It was noted that the deadline for applications was 31 October 2022, that successful groups would be notified in early December and that the Fund was over-subscribed.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

5 **BUILDING COMMUNITIES APPROACH**

Glen Reid, Communities and Housing Services gave a presentation in connection with the Building Communities Approach.

An overview was provided of the four main areas of responsibility and the wide range of activities undertaken by Communities Learning & Development Section. Reference was made to the delivery of universal services, targeted provision, community capacity and connected communities initiatives and future partnership working with Local Partnerships.

DECIDED: That the presentation be noted.

6 **HOUSING REGENERATION PROGRAMME (HOWWOOD ROAD AREA)**

Jennifer Murdoch and Michelle Lockard, Communities & Housing Services, gave a presentation in connection with the housing-led regeneration and renewal programme approved by the Council. The presentation made reference to the project in the Howwood Road area.

The presentation then outlined the consultation feedback, details of what the project would entail; gave examples of previous work; and detailed the next steps and timeline.

DECIDED: That the content of the presentation be noted.

7 **START UP STREET JOHNSTONE**

Ruth Cooper, Chief Executive's Service, gave a presentation on the Start-Up Street project and wider support to business start-ups.

The presentation provided an overview of Business Gateway and the services they could offer someone starting a business including training and workshops and a budget for expert help. The organisation were based in InCube on Paisley High Street and offered support to around 300 start-ups per year across Renfrewshire. Further information was provided on the initiatives run by the group including Creative Business Support, the InCube Creative Programme and Incubator, the InCube Shop, the Creative Hub Development Fund, and a wide range of grants and loans.

The Start-Up Street initiative began in Paisley and was designed to support new businesses who weren't able to take the step to moving into a commercial property. Six shop units were converted into spaces which early stage businesses could use while being offered subsidised rents for a period of two years. Start-Up Street Johnstone had renovated four garage units to create workshop space for for new businesses with a focus on health and wellbeing. Three new businesses were on site with applications for the fourth space being evaluated.

DECIDED: That the presentation be noted.

8 **JOHNSTONE TOWN CENTRE ACTION PLAN**

Euan Shearer, Chief Executive's Service, gave a presentation on the Johnstone Town Centre Strategy.

The Strategy was initially prepared in 2016 as part of a series of Council strategies to support growth in Renfrewshire's town centres. Each strategy was unique to the town, took consideration of their individual characteristics and aimed to support the health of town centres and the delivery of the Local Development Plan.

The presentation gave an overview of the key features of the Johnstone Town Centre Strategy along with actions identified within it based on the themes of transport, environment, local economy and opportunity sites. A summary of how these actions had been delivered was also provided. Plans to refresh the strategy were set out with the first phase to begin before the end of 2022.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

9 **BUILDING AND STRENGTHENING THE LOCAL ACTION GROUP FOR THE FORMER LEADER RURAL AREAS**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive, Renfrewshire Council, relative to a collaborative programme between Renfrewshire, East Renfrewshire and Inverclyde to recruit new members to a strengthened Local Action Group for the Greater Renfrewshire and Inverclyde rural areas.

The report advised that the LEADER programme, which generated around £4.5m for the area between 2014 and 2020 through investment and the leveraging of match funding, stopped in 2020 with the UK's withdrawal from the European Union. The Scottish Government had since invited submissions from Local Action Groups in former LEADER areas for projects to test new approaches to delivering community-led local development.

The Scottish Government was also looking to strengthen Local Action Groups through more diverse representation. An application processes was opened for people and organisations from the geography of the rural areas whose activities were considered to meet equality, diversity and inclusion criteria to join Local Action Groups.

DECIDED: That the link to apply to join the Greater Renfrewshire and Inverclyde rural areas Community Action Group would be circulated to members.

10 **JOHNSTONE AND LINWOOD LOCAL PARTNERSHIP BUDGET MONITORING AND FEEDBACK REPORT**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive, Renfrewshire Council, relative to the Johnstone & Linwood Local Partnership budget for 2022/23.

The report advised that the Local Partnership provided funding to community groups to undertake projects. This funding was allocated from the General Grant Fund and, through a Participatory Budgeting exercise known as Celebrating Renfrewshire, the Youth Challenge Fund .

Appendix 1 to the report detailed the funding allocated at the meeting of the Johnstone & Linwood Local Partnership held on 22 June 2022 together with the current budget position, while Appendix 2 detailed feedback received from community groups awarded funding during 2021/22.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

11 **FUTURE MEETING DATES**

Members of the Local Partnership were advised that it was proposed that meetings of the Johnstone & Linwood Local Partnership be held at 6pm on 14 February, 9 May, 5 September and 28 November 2023.

DECIDED: That arrangements be made to convene meetings of the Johnstone & Linwood Local Partnership at 6pm on 14 February, 9 May, 5 September and 28 November 2023.



To: Johnstone and Linwood Local Partnership

On: 14 February 2023

Report by:
Chief Executive, Renfrewshire Council

TITLE:
Grant Awards In Johnstone and Linwood Area November 2022 to January 2023

1. Summary

- 1.1 Johnstone and Linwood Local Partnership makes awards on an annual basis to local community and voluntary groups and also receives a statement of awards to local groups in the area from the Celebrating Renfrewshire Fund which funds activities for 12-25 year olds through a Participatory Budgeting process.
- 1.2 In addition to the awards directly through the Local Partnership and Celebrating Renfrewshire, other awards have been made since the last Local Partnership meeting to groups in the Johnstone and Linwood area through a number of other funding sources. Awards made with specific reference to Johnstone and Linwood Local Partnership are set out below.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 It is recommended that members of Johnstone and Linwood Local Partnership Note the awards made since November 2022 to community and voluntary groups in Renfrewshire from funding sources other than the Local Partnership.

3. Awards Made To Community Groups in Johnstone and Linwood November 2022-January 2023

3.1 Winter Connections

Project	Location	Amount
Renfrewshire Rainbow Buddies Johnstone Castle Toddlers – Funding for additional free toddler, Bookbug and lunch sessions per week to expand the current programme.	Johnstone Castle Community Learning Centre	£1,701
ROAR - Jam Jar Picture House - The Picture House aims to improve wellbeing throughout the community by offering everyone the opportunity to come together to watch a film and connect with a hot drink.	ROAR, Station 7, Johnstone	£2,000
Thorn Athletic - Wake Up, Warm Up -The project will provide a 45-minute easy exercise class twice a week for older adults to help them kickstart their day positively and health and wellbeing. A hot drink and biscuits will be provided afterwards along with signposting to other groups .	Thorn Athletic Sports Academy, Greenend, Johnstone	£1,920
Active Communities - Winter Connections at Station 7 - Funding will support an afterschool social club for local families providing a warm, healthy meal for children with games and activities and an opportunity to learn about healthy food choices.	Active Communities, Station 7	£2,000
Winter Connections at Johnstone Library	Church Street, Johnstone	Funded by part of separate £10,000 award across Renfrewshire libraries
Johnstone Castle Learning Centre -Winter Connections – the Centre will deliver activities on a Tuesday and Thursday evenings and hope to support between 40-50	Johnstone Castle Learning Centre	£2,000

<p>young people aged 8 to 15 years old. They will also deliver activities on a Friday morning for adults and older people and hope to support 12-20 people. They will offer healthy eating and opportunities for people of all ages to learn new skills and make healthy meals for themselves and their families.</p>		
<p>Homestart - Winter Warmer – extension of 5 group sessions per week in Paisley and Linwood providing families of young children with peer support locally providing a hot meal</p>	<p>KLAS Care</p>	<p>£2,000</p>
<p>Winter Connections at Linwood Library</p>	<p>Linwood Library</p>	<p>Funded by part of separate £10,000 award across Renfrewshire libraries</p>
<p>Over 60's Peer Support Drop In – a drop in for over 60's at their community mental health hub where they can participate in a range of free activities such as music and art, use the gym space and take part in yoga or other exercise classes.</p>	<p>Unit 23, Mossedge Industrial Estate</p>	<p>£1,900</p>
<p>Baptist Church Winter Connection – The Church will offer activities along with hot drinks and food in a welcoming space, encouraging people in the community to come out and meet others and alleviate loneliness and help with mental health and wellbeing. The group will be encouraged to take part in activities and exercises and will be open to everyone in the community.</p>	<p>Linwood Baptist Church</p>	<p>£2,000</p>

3.2 Community Health and Wellbeing Fund (Engage Renfrewshire)

Project	Location	Amount
KLAS Care CIC	Renfrewshire Families Together Project	£11,716.80
Youth Interventions	Peer-led Additional Support Needs Parent Group in Linwood	£10,000

3.3 Culture, Heritage and Events Fund

Project	Location	Amount
Johnstone and Linwood – Live Music Now Scotland	Care Homes in Paisley, Johnstone and Linwood	£9,630
Fablevision – Woven In Renfrewshire	Royal Alexandra Hospital, Johnstone and Renfrew	£10,000
Tannahill Arts Festival	Paisley, Bridge of Weir, Linwood	£4,763

3.4 Alcohol and Drugs Recovery Change Fund

Project	Location	Amount
Youth Interventions – YI Love Me. Group spaces for young people and families affected by alcohol and drugs to create social connection and reduce stigmatization	Linwood	£10,000



To: Johnstone and Linwood Local Partnership

On: 14 February 2023

Report by:
Chief Executive, Renfrewshire Council

TITLE:
**Johnstone and Linwood Local Partnership Business Arrangements –
Applications Timeline**

1. Summary

1.1 This paper sets out the timeline and arrangements for the 2023/24 round of applications for Local Partnership funding.

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2. Recommendation

2.1 It is recommended that members of Johnstone and Linwood Local Partnership note the timeline for the 2023 round of applications for Local Partnership funding

3. Background

2023/24 Round Of Local Partnership Applications

3.1 Applications to the 2023/24 round of Local Partnership awards will be open for 6 weeks from Friday 24 February to Sunday 9 April 2023. Updated guidance will be issued to applicants, with opportunities to attend support sessions to advise applicants and answer any queries about the process.

3.2 Applications will be submitted to the May 2023 round of Local Partnership meetings for decisions on awards.



To: Johnstone and Linwood Local Partnership

On: 14 February 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 2022/23 and current budget position is attached as an appendix to this report.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 It is recommended that the budget monitoring report for 2022/23 be noted.

Johnstone and Linwood Local Partnership Budget Monitoring Report 2022/23

General Grant Fund	£ 46,344 (net of Members expenses)
Carry Forward to 2022/23	£1,821 (returned by Linwood Community Council)
Total Funding Awarded	£48,159.19
Remaining Available	£5.81

Grant Ref	Organisation	Awarded £	Paid £
FR1045	Youth Interventions	£2,848.48	£2,848.48
FR1063	Linwood Community Council	£2,679.75	£2,679.75
FR1079	CREATE Paisley	£2,012.79	£2,012.79
FR1082	Active Communities	£3,910.45	£3,910.45
FR1091	Renfrewshire Rainbow Buddies	£1,588	£1,588
FR1101	Thorn Athletic Community Trust	£1,786.50	£1,786.50
FR1103	Own Yer Bike	£1,288.40	£1,288.40
FR1107	Fordbank Scout Group	£2,458.80	£2,458.80
FR1109	Spateston Community Development Trust SCIO	£1,965.15	£1,965.15
FR1116	Renfrewshire Model Railway Club	£1,000	£1,000
FR1117	Johnstone Band	£3,966.03	£3,966.03
FR1125	Brick Lane Music Academy	£3,812.39	£3,812.39
FR1130	Breastfeeding Network	£3,972	£3,972
FR1140	Johnstone Business Consortium	£3,812.79	£3,812.79
FR1141	Lamont Farm Project	£500	£500
FR1153	Cochrane Castle Halls Management Association	£3,043.24	£3,043.24
FR1160	AUTASTIC CLUB	£3,941.42	£3,941.42
FR1164	Paisley and District Battalion – Boys Brigade	£794	£794
FR1173	Kickin' On	£2,779	£2,779

Celebrating Renfrewshire Fund £21,697
Total Funding Awards £21,697

Grant Ref	Organisation	Awarded £	Paid £	Still To Be Paid £
CE1050	Solid Rock Cheer and Gym	£3,000.00	£3,000	£0
CE1055	YI (Youth Interventions)	£3,000.00	£3,000	£0
CE1051	St Convals YFC 2008	£3,000.00	£3,000	£0
CE1054	Who Cares Scotland	£3,000.00	£3,000	£0
CE1046	Renfrewshire Carers Centre	£1,715.00	£1,715	£0
CE1016	Fordbank Scout Group	£2,959.00	£0	£2,959.00
CE1025	Linstone Housing Association	£2,913.14	£2,913.14	£0
CE1031	PACE Theatre Company	£3,000.00	£3,000	£0

2021/22 Award Feedback

Feedback received from groups awarded funding by Johnstone & Linwood Local Partnership in 2021/22 since the last meeting in November 2022 is as follows:

FR1214 Linwood Community Council

Section 1

1.1	Organisation Name	Linwood Community Council
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Section 2

2.1	Project Name	VE Day/Platinum Jubilee
2.2	Amount Received	£5,403.83
2.3	What priorities did you tell us your project would meet? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Tackling isolation & loneliness <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X Health & wellbeing <input type="checkbox"/> Environment & parks <input type="checkbox"/> Roads & transport <input type="checkbox"/> Moving around & connectivity <input type="checkbox"/> Community & road safety <input type="checkbox"/> Community facilities & public assets <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X Community identity & civic pride 	

ITEM 10

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Young people and/or intergenerational work<input type="checkbox"/> Renfrew town centre & play facilities
2.4	<p>What did you spend the money on and was it fully spent? (was this different to what you originally intended? If so, please explain).</p> <p>Spent £5,347.06. £56.81 returned to Council.</p> <p>Provided free entertainment – facepainting, magician, BBQ, jubilee coins distributed to all primary schools and nurseries in the local area.</p>

Section 3 – Impact

3.1	<p>Project available to all children in the Linwood area. Fun Day including free Bouncy Castle. Party snack boxes for all children attending, including BBQ. Proceeds from Tombola donated to Erskine Home For Veterans.</p>
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