



Renfrewshire
Council

To: Finance & Resources Policy Board

On: 15 March 2017

Report by: Director of Finance & Resources

Heading: APPLICATIONS TO THE RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL CITIZENS FUND

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report contains information in relation to two applications for funding from the Renfrewshire Council Citizens Fund that have been recommended for approval by the Johnstone & the Villages Local Area Committee (LAC) together with a request for additional funding for the installation of a bench at the Mary Barbour Memorial Cairn.
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2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That consideration be given to the recommended awards to Kilbarchan Community Council and Kilbarchan Improvement Project (KIPCo), the request for funding for the installation of the bench at the Mary Barbour Memorial Cairn and the request that the additional allocation of £1,862 towards the cost of constructing the Mary Barbour Memorial Cairn from the Kilbarchan element of the Renfrewshire Council Citizens Fund be homologated, all as detailed in Section 3 below.
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3. Background

- 3.1 The broad purpose of the citizens funds is to promote the welfare of individuals who are in need by reason of age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage and to foster good citizenship and community wellbeing and regeneration by giving financial assistance by way of grant to those living or working in the area to further voluntary activity or to contribute to the regeneration of the community in the area.

3.2 Funds were made available to all five LACs with further restrictions being included within the purpose of the funding available to the Johnstone & the Villages LAC insofar as awards would be available to Lochwinnoch and Kilbarchan based projects only. This restriction reflects the nature of the bequests amalgamated into the Citizens Fund for that LAC area. Only funds ringfenced for Kilbarchan based projects remain.

3.3 At the meeting of the Johnstone & the Villages LAC held on 16 February 2017 the following projects were recommended for an award as follows:-

3.3.1 **Kilbarchan Community Council**

The Community Council applied for funding totalling £2,000 for the purchase of additional Christmas Lights to be located on a row of trees by the scout hut at Barn Green, Kilbarchan.

The LAC recommended an award of £2,000 from the Renfrewshire Council Citizens Fund.

3.3.2 **Kilbarchan Improvement Project (KIPCo)**

KIPCo applied for funding for the installation of double glazing to two downstairs windows into the existing wooden frames at the Old Library, Kilbarchan . This would enhance the quality of the drop in sessions at the front of the building through reducing noise pollution and would reduce heat loss from the building.

The LAC recommended an award of £1,180 from the Renfrewshire Council Citizens Fund.

3.3.3 **Mary Barbour Bench**

At a meeting of the Johnstone & the Villages LAC held on 21 May 2015, it was recommended that an award of £6,000 be made from the Kilbarchan element of the Renfrewshire Council Citizens Fund to erect a memorial cairn, park bench and interpretive board on Low Green, Kilbarchan, in recognition of Kilbarchan-born, radical visionary Mary Barbour. This recommendation was agreed at the meeting of the Finance & Resources Policy Board held on 26 August 2015.

As a result of additional ground works and the installation of the footpath, the final cost of the memorial and information plaque was £7,862 and the memorial cairn was officially unveiled on 21 November 2015. However, as a result of the increased costs of the memorial cairn the bench was not installed at that time. The cost of the bench, including installation and ground works, has been estimated as £700.

The LAC recommended (a) that a further award of £700 be made from the Renfrewshire Council Citizens Fund to meet the cost of installing a commemorative bench at the Mary Barbour Memorial Cairn, Kilbarchan and (b) that the additional allocation of £1,862 to the cost of constructing the Mary Barbour Memorial Cairn from the Kilbarchan element of the Renfrewshire Council Citizens Fund be homologated.

Implications of this report

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

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4. **Legal Implications**
Compliance with the Council's Condition of Grants
5. **Property/Assets Implications**
None.
6. **Information Technology Implications**
None.
7. **Equality and Human Rights Implications**
(a) The recommendations contained within this report have been assessed in relation to their impact on equalities and human rights. No negative impacts on equality groups or potential for infringement of individuals' human rights have been identified arising from the recommendations contained in the report because membership of both groups is open to all members of the community. If required following implementation, the actual impact of the recommendations and the mitigating actions will be reviewed and monitored, and the results of the assessment will be published on the Council's website.
8. **Health and Safety Implications**
None.
9. **Procurement Implications**
None.
10. **Risk Implications**
None.
11. **Privacy Impact**
None.

List of Background Papers

None

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