

To: The Villages Local Partnership

On: 20 June 2024

Report by:

Chief Executive, Renfrewshire Council

TITLE:

Membership of The Villages Local Partnership

1. Summary

- 1.1 The purpose of this paper is to invite standing members of The Villages Local Partnership to agree the appointment of community representatives to vacant positions within the Local Partnership.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that standing members of The Villages Local Partnership:
- (a) Consider the summary of application received by the Elderslie Wallace Foundation, as summarised at paragraph 3.7
 - (b) Discuss and agree whether to appoint to a vacant community representative position on the Local Partnership.

3. Background

- 3.1 As set out in the paper agreed by Renfrewshire Council on 27 September 2018, membership of Local Partnerships will be comprised of an equal number of elected members from Renfrewshire Council and Community Representatives.
- 3.2 Following the review of Local Partnerships carried out in autumn/winter 2023/24, the community representative positions now require to be refreshed. Applications were invited from current community representatives and new applicants for these positions. The list of applications received is presented for consideration at paragraph 3.7
- 3.3 The standing members of the Local Partnership are those elected members from Renfrewshire Council which represent the Local Partnership area and a representative of

active Community Councils in the area. In this Local Partnership area there are 15 eligible Renfrewshire Council members as follows:

1.	Councillor Robert Innes Chair
2.	Councillor Fiona Airlie-Nicolson
3.	Councillor John Hood
4.	Councillor Alison Ann-Dowling
5.	Councillor Andy Doig
6.	Councillor Andy Steel
7.	Councillor Audrey Doig
8.	Councillor David McGonigle
9.	Councillor Colin McCulloch
10.	Councillor Chris Gilmour
11.	Councillor Emma Rodden
12.	Councillor Jacqueline Cameron
13.	Councillor James MacLaren
14.	Councillor Iain McMillan
15.	Councillor Gillian Graham

3.4 As there are 15 elected members eligible to sit on this Local Partnership, this means there are 15 spaces for Community Representatives. Active Community Councils are automatically allocated a Community Representative space. All seven of the Community Councils in the Houston, Bridge of Weir, Brookfield, Kilbarchan, Howwood, Lochwinnoch and Elderslie Local Partnership are active. The names of the Community Councils and their representatives are as follows:

1.	Houston Community Council	Iain Andrew
2.	Bridge of Weir Community Council	tbc
3.	Brookfield Community Council	Margaret Dundas
4.	Kilbarchan Community Council	Fiona Stewart
5.	Howwood Community Council	Scott Young
6.	Lochwinnoch Community Council	Ross Anderson
7.	Elderslie Community Council	Anne-Marie Balfour

3.5 At the last Villages Local Partnership meeting in April 2024, the following community representatives were appointed. This means that there are four spaces remaining to be filled by community representatives.

1.	Brookfield Bowling Club	Jim Fletcher
2.	Bridge of Weir Tenants and Residents Association	Meg Gilzean
3.	Bee Happy Houston	Lesley Walker
4.	Lochwinnoch Youth Club	Natalie Graham

3.6 Criteria have been developed to support members to come to a decision on the appointment of community representatives. These were set out as part of the application and are as follows:

- Size of the community the group represents.
- Mechanisms in place to communicate with the local community.
- Whether a group represents or support a community of interest and how connected the group is to other community groups in the area.

3.7 One further organisations has expressed an interest in providing a community representative.

Applicant	Organisation	Summary of Application Information
Lindsay Brown	Elderslie Wallace Foundation	<p>Lindsay is the co-founder of the Elderslie Wallace Foundation. They aim to improve the health and wellbeing of the community of Elderslie and educate and improve the traditions of William Wallace. Lindsay has formerly been involved with the local Community Council as Secretary.</p> <p>The foundation has 38 members, and engage through social media. They work with Foundation Scotland, Engage Renfrewshire, One Ren, Sustrans and Hanover Scotland.</p> <p>When asked why he wants to be a member of the Local Partnership, he says: <i>“The health and wellbeing of the community of Elderslie”</i></p>

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