

Notice of Meeting and Agenda Local Partnership - The Villages

| Date | Time | Venue |
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| Thursday, 21 September 2023 | 18:00 | Remotely by MS Teams, |

MARK CONAGHAN
Head of Corporate Governance

Membership

Councillor Robert Innes (Chair): David Blair (Renfrewshire District Scouts) (Vice-chair)

Councillor Fiona Airlie-Nicolson: John Anderson (Howwood Sports and Hobbies): Councillor Alison Ann-Dowling: Anne-Marie Balfour (Elderslie Community Council): Marion Cochrane (Lochwinnoch Community Council): vacant position (Bridge of Weir Community Council): Councillor Jacqueline Cameron: Councillor Andy Doig: Councillor Audrey Doig: Margaret Dundas (Brookfield Community Council): James Fletcher (Brookfield Bowling Club): Councillor Chris Gilmour: Meg Gilzean (Bridge of Weir Tenants and Residents Association): Councillor Gillian Graham: Councillor John Hood: Mark Arthur (Houston Community Council): Councillor James MacLaren: Councillor Colin McCulloch: Stirling McGee (Renfrewshire Youth Voice): Councillor David McGonigle: Councillor Iain McMillan: Rev. Gary Noonan (Houston and Killellan Kirk): Linda O'Malley (Rays of Hope): Councillor Emma Rodden: Councillor Andy Steel: Fiona Stewart (Kilbarchan Community Council): Neil Thomson (Brighter Bridge of Weir): Brenda Whitelaw (Howwood Community Council):

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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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| 1 | Minute | 5 - 10 |
| | Minute of meeting of this Local Partnership held on 25 May 2023. | |
| 2 | The Villages Local Partnership Budget Monitoring Report | 11 - 14 |
| | Report by Chief Executive. | |
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| | Report by Chief Executive. | |
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| | Report by Chief Executive. | |
| 5 | Application for Local Partnership Funding to The Villages Local Partnership 2023/24 | 25 - 30 |
| | Report by Chief Executive. | |
| 6 | Lochwinnoch Community Development Trust: request to amend use of previous award | |
| | Verbal update by Chief Executive. | |
| 7 | Celebrating Renfrewshire Results | |
| | Presentation by Chief Executive. | |
| 8 | Castle Semple/Muirshiel Strategic Tourism Infrastructure Development | |
| | Presentation by Chief Executive. | |
| 9 | Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund | |
| | Presentation by Engage Renfrewshire. | |

10 Community Learning & Development Team

Presentation by Chief Executive on outcomes of youth and family learning survey; upcoming HMI progress visits and the Youth Voice Programme.

11 Update on Local Partnerships Review

Verbal update by Chief Executive.

12 Date of Next Meeting

Note that the next meeting of the Local Partnership will be held at 6.00 pm on 14 December 2023.

Minute of Meeting Local Partnership - The Villages

| Date | Time | Venue |
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| Thursday, 25 May 2023 | 18:00 | Remotely by MS Teams, |

Present

Councillor Fiona Airlie-Nicolson; Councillor Alison Ann-Dowling; Anne-Marie Balfour (Elderslie Community Council); Councillor Andy Doig; Councillor Audrey Doig; Margaret Dundas (Brookfield Community Council); James Fletcher (Brookfield Bowling Club); Councillor Chris Gilmour; Councillor Gillian Graham; Councillor Robert Innes; Councillor James MacLaren; Councillor Colin McCulloch; Stirling McGee (Renfrewshire Youth Voice); Councillor David McGonigle; Councillor Iain McMillan; Councillor Emma Rodden; Councillor Andy Steel; Fiona Stewart (Kilbarchan Community Council) and Neil Thomson (Brighter Bridge of Weir).

Chair

Councillor Innes, Chair, presided.

In Attendance

P Moss, Strategy, Policy & Insight Manager (Lead Officer), A Armstrong-Walter, Strategic Partnership & Inequalities Manager and E Barr, Assistant Planning & Policy Development Manager (all Chief Executive's); I Sinclair, Senior Community Development Officer (Environment, Housing & Infrastructure) and E Currie, Senior Committee Services Officer (Finance & Resources).

Community Planning Partner

A McNiven, Chief Executive (Engage Renfrewshire).

Recording of 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.

Apologies

John Anderson (Howwood Sports and Hobbies); David Blair (Renfrewshire District Scouts); Councillor Jacqueline Cameron; Meg Gilzean (Bridge of Weir Tenants' and Residents' Association) and Councillor John Hood.

Declarations of Interest

Councillor Colin McCulloch declared an interest in item 3 – Applications for Local Partnership Funding to The Villages Local Partnership 2023/24 – FR1058 - as his son was a member of the organisation and intimated that it was his intention to remain in the meeting and not take part in any discussion or voting thereon.

1 Minute

There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of this Local Partnership held on 2 March 2023.

DECIDED: That the Minute be approved.

2 The Villages Local Partnership Budget Monitoring Report

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive relative to the funds allocated by this Local Partnership in 2022/23 and the spend against this budget.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

3 Applications for Local Partnership Funding to The Villages Local Partnership 2023/24

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive relative to applications for funding from The Villages Local Partnership in 2023/24.

The report intimated that the available allocation for the Local Partnership was £51,191 with £750 ringfenced for community representatives' expenses. It was noted that in 2022/23, the Local Partnership had decided that £3,832 be ringfenced and carried forward to contribute to activities in the Villages aligned to the Winter Connections programme for 2023/24. This amount had not been reflected in the available balance.

It was noted that the budget available for allocation by The Villages Local Partnership was £50,441 and that the total value of applications received for funding was £80,602.61.

The report advised that the Youth Challenge Fund component for 2023/24 amounted to £23,907, which included a carry forward of £298 from the 2022/23 allocation, and it was noted that this funding would be allocated by young people through a participatory budgeting exercise which would take place during May 2023 with decisions announced in June 2023.

The report noted that an initial assessment of the applications had been carried out by officers to support Local Partnership members in their decision-making. The tables in the appendix to the report detailed those applications with direct reference to the Villages local priorities where the project was located in or was specific to the Villages; applications with direct reference to the Villages local priorities where the project was not located in or was not specific to the Villages; and applications with no direct reference to the Villages local priorities where the project was not located in or was not specific to the Villages.

An application for funding received from Kilbarchan Improvement Projects had been issued to members prior to the start of the meeting and it was noted that this was an application with direct reference to the Villages local priorities where the project was located in or was specific to the Villages.

The Convener proposed

(i) that, as the budget was oversubscribed, a £5,000 limit on applications be agreed;

(ii) that the undernoted applications be referred to the Villages Investment Fund, as detailed:-

FR1048 – Lochwinnoch Arts Festival – award £1,100 and refer to the Village Investment Fund for balance of funding

FR1053 – Lochwinnoch Community Development Trust – award £5,000 and refer to the Villages Investment Fund for balance of funding

FR1059 – Kilbarchan Community Council – refer to the Villages Investment Fund

FR1084 – Friends of Howwood Park – refer to the Villages Investment Fund

FR1086 – Elderslie Community Council – refer to the Villages Investment Fund

FR1087 – Elderslie Community Council – refer to the Villages Investment Fund

FR1088 – Elderslie Community Council – refer to the Villages Investment Fund

FR1090 – Lochwinnoch Gala Day 2023 – refer to the Villages Investment Fund

FR1123 – Bridge of Weir Community Council – refer to the Villages Investment Fund

FR1132 – Lochwinnoch Sustainable Community Garden – refer to the Villages Investment Fund

FR1134 – Lochwinnoch Art Group – refer to the Villages Investment Fund;

(iii) that the undernoted applications be awarded, as detailed:-

FR1045 – REEM (Renfrewshire Effort to Empower Minorities) – award £1,000

FR1046 – Lochwinnoch Choral Society – award £1,980

FR1050 – Local Energy Action Plan – award £5,000

FR1051 – The Renfrewshire Toy Bank – award £900

FR1054 – Calder Drama Club – award £700

FR1055 – Renfrewshire Walking Network – award £570

FR1058 – 1st Bridge of Weir Scout Group – award £5,000
FR1064 – Fèis Phàislig – award £4,470
FR1076 – The Kilbarchan Singers – award £3,452
FR1085 – Elderslie Community Council – award £300
FR1106 – PACE Youth Theatre Bursary Fund – award £1,600
FR1115 – Lochwinnoch S.Wi. – award £250
FR1126 – Bridge of Weir Community Council – award £2,300
FR1130 – Viewfield Rovers AFC – award £5,000
FR1133 – Improving with Age – award £950
FR1156 - Kilbarchan Improvement Projects – award £2,000;

(iv) that consideration of the undernoted applications be continued for further information and the amounts requested be ringfenced meantime:

FR1083 – Kelburne Cricket Club Cricket Section – continue consideration of application for further information and ringfence £240 meantime
FR1155 – Renfrewshire Access Panel – continue consideration of application for further information and ringfence £2,561.61 meantime; and

(v) that the undernoted applications be declined:

FR1000 – Rainbow Turtle – decline
FR1141 – Lamont Farm – decline as organisation had not provided satisfactory feedback on project awarded funding in 2022/23, in terms of the decision taken by this Local Partnership at its meeting held on 17 November 2022.

The Conveners proposals were agreed unanimously.

DECIDED: That it be agreed to award the grant applications as noted above.

4 **Date of Next Meeting**

Following discussion, the Convener proposed that the next meeting of The Villages Local Partnership be held remotely on MS teams at 6.00 pm on 21 September 2023 and that further discussion take place at that meeting as to arrangements for future meetings. This was agreed.

DECIDED:

(a) That it be noted that the next meeting of this Local Partnership would be held remotely on MS teams at 6.00 pm on 21 September 2023; and

(b) That further discussion take place at that meeting as to arrangements for future meetings.

At the close of the meeting, Alan McNiven advised that on 21 April 2023 the Scottish Government announced a third year of the Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund which would be delivered by TSIs locally. As yet, the amount to be distributed in Renfrewshire and application criteria and deadlines were unknown. An update would be provided to Local Partnerships. Based on previous years this third year of funding would support activity from late 2023 to end 2024.



To: Villages Local Partnership

On: 21 September 2023

Report by:
Chief Executive, Renfrewshire Council

TITLE:
Villages Local Partnership Budget Monitoring Report

1. Summary

- 1.1 Villages 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.
- 1.2 A table setting out the funds allocated by Villages 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 and feedback from recipients of funding in 2022/23 be noted.

Villages Budget Monitoring Report 2023/24

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|-----------------------------------|---|
| General Grant Fund | £50,441.00 (net of Members expenses) |
| Carry Forward from 2022/23 | £ 1,131.00 |
| Total Funding Awards | £41,572.00 |
| Available | £10,000.00 |

| Grant Ref | Organisation | Awarded | Paid | Still to be paid |
|-----------|--|-----------|-----------|------------------|
| FR1045 | REEM (Renfrewshire Effort to Empower Minorities) | £1,000.00 | £1,000.00 | £0.00 |
| FR1046 | Lochwinnoch Choral Society | £1,980.00 | £1,980.00 | £0.00 |
| FR1048 | Lochwinnoch Arts Festival | £1,100.00 | £1,100.00 | £0.00 |
| FR1050 | Local Energy Action Plan | £5,000.00 | £5,000.00 | £0.00 |
| FR1051 | The Renfrewshire Toy Bank | £900.00 | £900.00 | £0.00 |
| FR1053 | Lochwinnoch Community Development Trust | £5,000.00 | £0.00 | £5,000.00 |
| FR1054 | Calder Drama Club | £700.00 | £700.00 | £0.00 |
| FR1055 | Renfrewshire Walking Network | £570.00 | £570.00 | £0.00 |
| FR1058 | 1st Bridge of Weir Scout Group | £5,000.00 | £5,000.00 | £0.00 |
| FR1064 | Fèis Phàislig | £4,470.00 | £4,470.00 | £0.00 |
| FR1076 | The Kilbarchan Singers | £3,452.00 | £3,452.00 | £0.00 |
| FR1085 | Elderslie Community Council | £300.00 | £300.00 | £0.00 |
| FR1106 | PACE Theatre Company | £1,600.00 | £0.00 | £1,600.00 |
| FR1115 | Lochwinnoch SWI | £250.00 | £250.00 | £0.00 |
| FR1126 | Bridge Of Weir Community Council | £2,300.00 | £2,300.00 | £0.00 |
| FR1130 | Viewfield Rovers AFC | £5,000.00 | £5,000.00 | £0.00 |
| FR1133 | Improving with Age | £950.00 | £950.00 | £0.00 |
| FR1156 | Kilbarchan Improvement Projects | £2,000.00 | £2000.00 | £0.00 |

Celebrating Renfrewshire Fund

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|---|-------------------|
| Total funding available in 2023/24 | £23,609.00 |
| Carry Forward from 2022/23 | £ 298.00 |
| Total funding awarded in 2022/23 | £23,907.00 |
| Available funding | £ 0.00 |

| Grant Ref | Organisation | Awarded | Paid | Still to be paid |
|-----------|--|-----------|-----------|------------------|
| CE1001 | 1st Bridge of Weir Scout Group | £3,500.00 | £3,500.00 | £0.00 |
| CE1002 | 1st Lochwinnoch Boys' Brigade | £1,500.00 | £0.00 | £1,500.00 |
| CE1003 | 1st Lochwinnoch Company Girls' Brigade | £2,906.00 | £0.00 | £2,906.00 |
| CE1007 | Bungalow Enterprises CIC | £1,000.00 | £1,000.00 | £0.00 |
| CE1016 | Friends of Howwood Park | £3,500.00 | £0.00 | £3,500.00 |
| CE1023 | Johnstone High | £1,000.00 | £0.00 | £1,000.00 |
| CE1027 | Lochwinnoch youth club | £3,500.00 | £0.00 | £3,500.00 |
| CE1028 | Loud n Proud | £1,000.00 | £1,000.00 | £0.00 |
| CE1036 | Rainbow Turtle | £651.00 | £651.00 | £0.00 |
| CE1038 | Renfrew Town Sea Scouts | £1,000.00 | £1,000.00 | £0.00 |
| CE1051 | Storm Gymnastics | £1,000.00 | £1,000.00 | £0.00 |
| CE1052 | Strathgryffe Tennis & Squash Club | £2,350.00 | £2,350.00 | £0.00 |
| CE1057 | Who Cares? Scotland | £1,000.00 | £1,000.00 | £0.00 |

Feedback On Local Partnership Awards 2022/23

Community groups awarded funding from the Local Partnership in 2022/23 were asked to provide feedback regarding the progress of their project and benefit to the local community.

Feedback received is as follows:

| FR No. | Organisation Name | Project Name | Award |
|--------|-------------------------------------|--|-----------|
| FR1152 | Brookfield SWI | SWI Survival | £400.00 |
| FR1044 | Lochwinnoch Choral Society | Singing development | £2,070.00 |
| FR1047 | Lochwinnoch Arts Festival | Lochwinnoch Arts Festival | £2,879.00 |
| FR1050 | Houston & Killellan Kirk Men's Shed | First Aid Training for members and supervisors | £2,500.00 |
| FR1052 | Lochwinnoch SWI | Assistance with Hall rent and cost of speakers | £300.00 |
| FR1053 | The Kilbarchan Singers | Royal Conservatoire Students | £3,010.00 |
| FR1062 | The Renfrewshire Toy Bank | The Renfrewshire Toy Bank | £1,428.00 |

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| FR1128 | Paisley sea cadets/Brediland hall | Hall improvements / running costs | £200.00 |
| FR1145 | Local Energy Action Plan | Community Larder: Facility Fit Out & Membership Development | £10,000.00 |
| FR1175 | Improving with age | Improving with age | £920.00 |
| FR1060 | 1st Bridge of Weir Scout Group | Improvement of accessibility and Fire Safety, | £5,279.00 |
| FR1036 | Kilbarchan Improvement Projects | Continuation of the Centre post pandemic. | £2,000.00 |
| FR1116 | Renfrewshire Model Railway Club | Re-rendering exterior of club hall | £2,654.00 |
| FR1127 | Elderslie Community Council | Caddy Storage (inc Queens Park planting & Stoddart Sq benches) | £200.00 |
| FR1141 | Lamont Farm | Lamont Farm Project | £500.00 |
| FR1034 | Friends of Howwood Park | Pavillion Kitchen applicates and part group running costs | £1720.00 |
| FR1120 | Howwood Community Council | Social events in Howwood | £5232.00 |



To: The Villages Local Partnership

On: 21 September 2023

Report by:
Chief Executive, Renfrewshire Council

TITLE:
Application To The Villages Local Partnership On 25 May 2023 By Kilbarchan Community Council

1. Summary

1.1 The Villages Local Partnership considered at its meeting on 25 May 2023 an application by Kilbarchan Community Council as outlined below.

| Ref No. | Name of project | Amount Requested | Name of organisation | Contribution to Villages priorities |
|---------|---------------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------|---|
| FR1059 | Kilbarchan Christmas Lights Switch On | £2,000 | Kilbarchan Community Council | Access to services, facilities & assets |

1.2 The decision of The Villages Local Partnership was to refer the application to the Villages Investment Fund, as an appropriate funding source for the project.

1.3 The Villages Investment Fund subsequently awarded £1,000 to Kilbarchan Community Council for the project and is also funding a further cost of £800 that was requested as an update to the original application of £2,000. This leaves a funding shortfall of £1,000 on the amount applied for by Kilbarchan Community Council for the project. The original application summary is attached at Appendix 1.

1.4 Two applications deferred from the meeting on 25 May 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 The Villages Local Partnership considers awarding to Kilbarchan Community Council £1,000 from its remaining budget of £10,000 to fund the outstanding amount required in respect of application FR1059.

Application for Villages Local Partnership Support 2023/24

| Reference: FR1059 | | Organisation Name: Kilbarchan Community Council | | |
|--|------------|---|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Project Name: Kilbarchan Christmas Lights Switch On | | Amount applied for: £ 2,000 | | |
| Purpose of the project After 2022's very successful event, which was accomplished with the aid of LP funding of £2,000, we wish to emulate or even better this, again in 2023. | | | | |
| What will the project do? This event engenders a great deal of community interest, by using different attractions, all done with local people and organisations. | | | | |
| Villages Local Priorities: <input type="checkbox"/> Connectivity & transport <input type="checkbox"/> Environment & parks <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Access to services, facilities, and assets <input type="checkbox"/> Village identity and character <input type="checkbox"/> Partial fit with priorities <input type="checkbox"/> Does not fit with priorities | | | | |
| Anticipated Outcomes: As previously stated, to foster a community spirit, at this time of year, by locals enjoying the enterprise of fellow locals, in the lead up to Christmas. | | | | |
| Breakdown of costs | | | | |
| Item of spend | Total Cost | Amount requested | Source of other funding | Timescale for funding |
| Purchase of Hot Chocolate etc + Advertising | £200.00 | £200.00 | N/A | N/A |
| Purchase of luxury Christmas Hamper for raffle | £300.00 | £300.00 | N/A | N/A |
| Purchase of handouts to children | £250.00 | £250.00 | N/A | N/A |

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| Hire of Church Halls | £250.00 | £250.00 | N/A | N/A |
| Hire of various artists | £200.00 | £200.00 | N/A | N/A |
| Hire of Reindeer | £800.00 | £800.00 | N/A | N/A |

About the organisation:

To ascertain, co-ordinate, and reflect the views of the community.

To express the views of the community to the local authority, to public authorities, and other organisations.

To take such actions in the interests of the community as appears desirable and practicable.

To promote the well- being of the community, and foster community spirit.

To be a means whereby the people of the area shall be able to voice their opinions on any matter affecting their lives, their welfare etc

Grant funding award history:

| | Grant Name | Amount | Used for |
|----------------|-------------------------|----------|--|
| 2022/23 | Local Partnership Grant | £6000.00 | Last year's Christmas Lights Switch On Event |
| 2021/22 | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| 2020/21 | N/A | N/A | N/A |



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:

| Ref No. | Name of project | Amount Requested | Name of organisation | Contribution to The Villages priorities |
|----------------|---|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| 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

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| Reference: FR1155 | Organisation Name: Renfrewshire Access Panel |
| Project Name: Accessibility for All | Amount applied for: £ 2561.61 |
| Purpose of the project <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> | |
| What will the project do? <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 visit 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

| Item of spend | Total Cost | Amount requested | Source of other funding | Timescale for funding |
|-----------------------|------------|------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| 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 |
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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:

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



To: Villages Local Partnership

On: 21 September 2023

Report by:

Chief Executive, Renfrewshire Council

TITLE:

Application For Local Partnership Funding To The Villages Local Partnership 2023/24

1. Summary

- 1.1 The Villages Local Partnership made awards on 25 May 2023 totalling £41,572. From the opening balance of £51,572, this leaves a remaining balance of £10,000 available to be awarded.
- 1.2 Two applications were deferred from the meeting on 25 May and one application that was initially referred to the Villages Investment fund also remain to be considered. These applications are presented as separate papers on this agenda.
- 1.3 One new application for funding from The Villages Local Partnership has been received, from Kilbarchan Smile, since the May 2023 meeting. The value of this application is £7,275. The application is set out at Appendix 1 and Appendix 2.
- 1.4 One application referred at the meeting on 25 May to the Villages Investment Fund and two applications deferred at the same meeting are also to be considered at this meeting. These applications are presented as separate papers on this agenda.
- 1.5 The maximum award for 2023/24 was capped at the May 2023 meeting at £5,000.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that members of Villages Local Partnership consider the application for Local Partnership grant funding, as set out below in Appendix 1 and 2.

3. **Background**

- 3.1 Applicants for funding in 2032/24 have been provided with guidance, as well as a description of the Local Priorities identified by Villages Local Partnership.
- 3.2 Local Partnership members are asked to consider the applications for funding summarised at Appendix 1 and 2 of this report, and to assess these against the Local Priorities agreed by Villages.
- 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 Villages Local Priorities are summarised in the second table – for example, the project may tackle social isolation (and therefore meet the Local Priority around social isolation) but not deliver this directly in the Local Partnership area or make reference to how many people from the area would be engaged in the project.
- 3.4 The priorities of Villages Local Partnership are:

Connectivity and transport

The Local Partnership want to see villages which are well-connected to each other when people can connect with each other too. Transport is a clear focus in this area, including both public transport and green routes.

Environment and Parks

The Local Partnership want well-maintained villages, with high quality public parks and a focus on street scene, including fly tipping, dog fouling and litter.

Access to services, facilities, and assets

The Local Partnership want to improve access to what's going on in the community, including community activities, and making the most of their community buildings and facilities.

Village identity and character

The Local Partnership want to maintain the identity and character of the villages in the area. Key to this is developing and sustaining local community groups, and the delivery of local events.

APPENDIX 1 – GRANT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY PRIORITY THEME

Villages Local Partnership grant application forms – amount remaining available £10,000.

APPLICATIONS WITH DIRECT REFERENCE TO THE VILLAGES LOCAL PRIORITIES WHERE PROJECT IS LOCATED IN OR SPECIFIC TO VILLAGES

| Ref No. | Name of project | Amount Requested | Name of organisation | Contribution to Villages priorities |
|----------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| FR1164 | Heritage Garden | £7,275 | Kilbarchan Smile | Environment and Parks |

Application for Villages

Local Partnership Support 2023/24

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| Reference: FR1164 | Organisation Name: Kilbarchan Smile |
| Project Name: Heritage Garden | Amount applied for: £7,275 |
| <p>Purpose of the project</p> <p>To create a 'Heritage Garden' for community members and visitors with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a place to sit, enjoy the outside and socialise near facilities such as shops, café and car park, and village halls • improved street scene/environment, creating a focal point in the centre of the village, which it is currently lacking, that promotes the villages weaving heritage • improved accessibility for older people and those with disabilities to the park area • educational resources (plants/history) for school pupils, nursery, children's group, that reflects the aims of the 'Curriculum for Excellence' and outdoor learning <p>The location is the park area adjacent Ewing Street and Well Road, Kilbarchan PA10 2JA</p> | |
| <p>What will the project do?</p> <p>This project was proposed by Kilbarchan Smile volunteers and members of the community as a way of enhancing the village environment and its links to our heritage and to improve an area of the village that is currently laid to lawn, a few shrubs and an old, dilapidated bench, and is not very attractive, inaccessible, and is used by limited members of the community. The community volunteers wish to make better use of the space due to its central position, helping to create a village centre, adjacent to a shops, scout and guide hall, car park and bus stop to facilitate travel and a facility for residents, with small gardens.</p> <p>In consultation with community members, several facilities have been identified that will meet the needs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • replacement of seating in local materials, working with Deans Kilbarchan Quarry • paths that make all areas of the garden safe and accessible to people • flower beds for planting heritage plants used for dying material, culinary and medicinal purposes that link to the villages weaving heritage • an interpretation panel that will provide education opportunities regarding weaving heritage. <p>We will work in partnership with; Community Council, National Trust, local historians, Paisley Museum, the Whithorn Trust, keep Scotland Beautiful, local businesses, and community members.</p> | |

The project will take place between 1 October 2023 and 31 March 2024.

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

Beneficiaries of the project include community members , school and youth groups, visitors, and local businesses. Intended outcomes are:

- Improve health and wellbeing with better seating and accessibility to outside space, enhancing the environment, and creating further volunteer opportunities for gardening.
- Improve knowledge about, plants, gardening, and village history
- contribute to the creation of a heritage trail (identified via ‘You decide’ project)
- increased sense of pride in our village
- Promoting the village as a great place to live, work and visit which will benefits local businesses i.e. shops, café etc.

Breakdown of costs

| Item of spend | Total Cost | Amount requested | Source of other funding | Timescale for funding |
|---|------------|------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Path designed to enable wheelchair accessibility to seating, planting, and stone pillar | £1,800 | £1,800 | | |
| Labour and wood to create seating made from donated quarry stone | £2,000 | £2,000 | | |
| Solar Uplighters | £500 | £500 | | |
| Solar security lighting to illuminate information board and path at night | £100 | £100 | | |

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| Plants, shrubs, and trees | £400 | £400 | | |
| Information Board | £1,400 | £1,400 | | |
| Willow wigwams to support climbing plants | £75 | £75 | | |
| Stone pillar with inscription | £1,000 | £1,000 | | |

About the organisation:

The aim of Kilbarchan Smile is to make Kilbarchan a better place to live, work and visit. Specific objectives that will help achieve these aims are in line with those the Scottish Government have pledged to support the people of Scotland including Wealthier and Fairer, Smarter, Healthier, Safer and Stronger, and Greener.

Grant funding award history:

| | Grant Name | Amount | Used for |
|----------------|---|--------|--|
| 2022/23 | Voluntary and Community Grant Application | £1000 | Seating, planting, and information board at Mary Barbour Cairn New Street. |
| 2021/22 | | | |
| 2020/21 | | | |