

To: Houston, Bridge of Weir, Brookfield, Kilbarchan, Howwood, Lochwinnoch and Elderslie Local Partnership

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Report by:

Chief Executive, Renfrewshire Council

TITLE:

Membership of Houston, Bridge of Weir, Brookfield, Kilbarchan, Howwood, Lochwinnoch and Elderslie Local Partnership

1. Summary

1.1 The purpose of this paper is to invite members of Houston, Bridge of Weir, Brookfield, Kilbarchan, Howwood, Lochwinnoch and Elderslie Local Partnership to agree the appointment of community representatives to positions within the Local Partnership that were not filled at the first meeting on 29 January 2019.

2. Recommendations

2.1 It is recommended that members of Houston, Bridge of Weir, Brookfield, Kilbarchan, Howwood, Lochwinnoch and Elderslie Local Partnership:

- (a) Consider the summary of applications received in relation to the places for community representatives on the Local Partnership which require to be filled, as set out at paragraph 3.3 and;
- (b) Discuss and agree those applicants which members of the Local Partnership wish to appoint to fill the vacant community representative positions on the Local Partnership.

3. Background

3.1 The first meeting of Houston, Bridge of Weir, Brookfield, Kilbarchan, Howwood, Lochwinnoch and Elderslie Local Partnership held on 29 January 2019 agreed community representatives to fill five of the eight remaining spaces. Following this meeting further applications were sought, with one space to be for young people. Community Councils assisted in identifying additional applicants and applicants were sought from young people's organisations.

3.2 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.

3.3 Three organisations and one individual have expressed an interest in providing a community representative. The individual request is not included below for consideration, as this does not meet the criteria for membership. The applications are:

Applicant	Organisation	Summary of Application Information
James Fletcher	Brookfield Bowling Club	Brookfield Bowling Club has around 100 members from a wide community base including Brookfield, Kilbarchan, Bridge of Weir, Houston, Elderslie and Howwood. The average age group of members is 60+ and efforts are being made to attract younger bowlers.
Neil Thomson	Brighter Bridge of Weir	Brighter Bridge of Weir aims to keep the village tidy and welcoming. Most communication is through facebook and the website. The group maintains 100 planters throughout Bridge of Weir, carried out tree planting and created a woodland garden with festive lights at Christmas.
Gary Noonan	Houston and Killellan Kirk (Church of Scotland)	The Kirk has 660 members and seeks to be active in the community. Over 100 people attended a conversation café to link Church work with community groups. The kirk hosts youth clubs and uniformed youth groups, fundraises for local charities and supports Renfrewshire Foodbank and other charities.

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