

To: Johnstone & the Villages Local Area Committee

On: 31 May 2018

Report by: Director of Finance & Resources

Heading: Grant Feedback Report – 2017/18 Awards

1. Summary

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide some detail on projects that were funded by the Paisley South Local Area Committee (LAC) in 2017/18.

1.2 Providing regular feedback to LACs increases accountability and helps LACs identify clear community outcomes from grants awarded to community groups. It is also a condition of grant that groups account for their income and expenditure and set out the community benefits and other outcomes of their LAC grant awards.

2. Recommendations

2.1 The LAC is requested to note the report.

3. Background

3.1 This report provides an overview of feedback submitted by a number of the successful grant applicants who were funded by the Paisley South LAC in 2017/18. It should be noted that most groups submitted the feedback forms well before the end of the financial year end for 2017/18 to comply with reporting deadlines and the information provided gives an indication of spending to the date of submission rather than for the full spend of the project.

3.2 Kilbarchan Community Nursery CIC

3.2.1 The nursery was awarded £7,500 by this LAC towards the Ground sfor Learning project. To date an initial site visit has been carried out by the Learning Through Landscapes organisation.

3.3 Lochwinnoch Sustainable Community Garden

3.3.1 The group was awarded £1,900 by this LAC for its sustainable garden project. This helped to purchase poly tunnels, plants, soil and containers.

3.4 Lochwinnoch SWI

3.4.1 The group was awarded £300 by this LAC to help meet hall hire costs and cover the cost of guest speakers.

3.5 Lochwinnoch Country Dance Group

3.5.1 The group was awarded £450 by this LAC to help pay tutor costs.

3.6 Calder Drama Group

3.6.1 The group was awarded £700 by this LAC to help pay for the production of its annual pantomime at the McKillop Hall in November 2017.

3.7 The Kilbarchan Singers

3.7.1 The group was awarded £2,000 by this LAC. This helps to pay for honoraria for two scholars from the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland and the purchase of music.

3.8 Lochwinnoch New Year's Day Dance Group

3.8.1 The group was awarded £495 by this LAC to pay for the hire of the McKillop Hall for the dance.

3.9 Friends of the McKillop

3.9.1 The group was awarded £500 by this LAC to assist in meeting the costs of a public consultation on the McKillop Institute and its future. This included hall hire and insurance, the production and delivery of questionnaires, refreshments for the public meeting and the hire of a sound system.

3.10 Howwood Community Council

3.10.1 The Community Council was awarded £3,000 to enhance the villages Christmas lights.

3.11 Johnstone Community Council

3.11.1 The Community Council was awarded £4,111.76 to organise, promote and run Johnstone Gala Day. A grant underspend was returned to the LAC.

3.12 Johnstone Castle Learning Centre

3.12.1 The group was awarded £1,500 to purchase a bouncy castle. The group has advised that this has increased the number of young people attending the centre.

3.13 Lochwinnoch Christmas Lights Society

3.13.1 The Community Council was awarded £5,000 to purchase new lights and a projector.

3.14 Johnstone High School Parent Council

3.14.1 The Parent Council was awarded £3,000 to improve the school campus through the enhancement of outdoor spaces. Preliminary discussions have taken place with the Royal Horticultural Society, Glasgow Wood Recycling and the Council and the work is due to be completed by June 2018.

3.15 Cornerstone Drop-in Centre

3.15.1 The group was awarded £115 by this LAC. This helped to meet the insurance and utility costs for the Centre's use of the Holy Trinity Church.

3.16 Fitting-in

3.16.1 The group was awarded £325 by this LAC. This has been used to help meet the cost of activities for disadvantaged young people, including bus hire, hire of the Bield Centre, a children's first aid course, trips to Xscape, Heads of Ayr and Mugdock Park and Co-ordinantor costs.

3.17 Lamont Farm

3.17.1 The group was awarded £820 by this LAC. This helped to meet the general operating costs of the farm including the purchase of insurance, animal feed and bedding and paying for dentist and farrier services.

3.18 Loud n Proud

3.18.1 The group was awarded £984 by this LAC. The Bungalow musical was due to be held over three evenings, 1-3 March 2018. Unfortunately the performances on 1 and 2 March had to be cancelled as a result of the heavy snowfall which resulted in Renfrewshire Leisure facilities, including the Town Hall, being closed. The performance on 3 March 2018 did go ahead. However, the financial implications for the two performance cancellations and ticket refunds have still to be assessed and reported.

3.19 Paisley Guitar Group

3.19.1 The group was awarded £254 by this LAC. Operating from the Sunshine Recovery Café, the grant has enabled the group to provide guitar tuition to people in recovery from various addiction issues.

3.20 St James' Orchestra

3.20.1 The group was awarded £300 by this LAC which has been used to meet the cost of rehearsal and performance accommodation. The orchestra has been able to book larger concert venues and add a spring concert in Johnstone to its schedule.

3.21 Phoenix Flyers

3.21.1 The group was awarded £410 by this LAC. This grant contributed towards the cost of a ride-on lawnmower, radios and display equipment.

3.22 Rainbow Turtle

3.22.1 The group was awarded £615 by this LAC. This helped to fund an education officer post to help deliver school talks and other educational programmes.

3.24 Rays of Hope

3.24.1 The group was awarded £820 by this LAC. This cancer support group used the grant to fund instructor fees, hall rental, marketing, respite assistance and craft supplies.

3.25 RSPB Renfrewshire Local Group

3.25.1 The group was awarded £120 by this LAC. This helped to meet the cost of purchasing a new laptop and projector for use by guest speakers at local meetings.

3.26 The Breastfeeding Network

3.26.1 The group was awarded £430 by this LAC. This has helped the group to continue providing breastfeeding support to families in Renfrewshire, support existing volunteers and attend local events and gala days.

3.28 Walking Tours on Wheels

3.28.1 The group was awarded £246 by this LAC. This helped the group to update its presentational equipment through the purchase of a laptop, mini projector and tripod, carry bags and software and the printing of information leaflets.

3.29 C-Change Scotland

3.29.1 The group was awarded £820 by this LAC. This has helped to fund the cost of an outreach worker to promote the dates-n-mates project to those learning-disabled adults who are the most socially isolated within Renfrewshire.

3.30 Greensyde Carers

3.30.1 The group was awarded £96 by this LAC which helped to purchase tracksuits for members of the Milldale Athletic Team as part of a wider project to support adults with learning disabilities fulfil their full potential in sports.

3.32 Thorn Athletic FC

3.32.1 The club was awarded £1,500 by this LAC. This was used to part fund the cost of two training sessions and the associated hire of Johnstone Sports Hub.

3.33 Braehead Junior Ice Hockey Club

3.33.1 The group was awarded £212 by this LAC. This has been used to subsidise the cost of ice hire for the club, reducing the cost to the children participating in the sport.

3.34 Girls Brigade Renfrew Division

3.34.1 The group was awarded £74 by this LAC. This helped to fund an explorer activity day, a Division-wide competition and the cost of an engraved trophy.

3.35 Renfrewshire Youth Voice

3.35.1 The group was awarded £280 by this LAC towards the cost of the Positive About Youth Awards 2017. The majority of the funding was used for venue hire and technical assistance with the remaining funding being used for general costs associated with funding the event.

3.36 Paisley Pirates

3.36.1 The group was awarded £820 by this LAC to help meet ice costs which is charged to the team at £191 per hour.

3.37 Johnstone Pipe Band

3.37.1 The Pipe Band was awarded £2,050 by this LAC towards the cost of its 'piping in schools' project. The grant helped to pay for the provision of tuition in schools and the purchase of chanters.

3.38 Renfrewshire Schools' Pipe Band

3.38.1 The Schools Pipe Band was awarded £1,025 by this LAC towards the cost of establishing a schools' pipe band in Renfrewshire. This has helped to pay for chanter reeds, chanter reeds and tutor costs.

3.39 Renfrewshire Bowling Association Under 25s

3.39.1 The Bowling Association was awarded £246 by this LAC which helped to fund the purchase of jackers for the young bowlers and the hire of coaches to take them to competitions.

3.40 The Boys Brigade Paisley & District Battalion

3.40.1 The group was awarded £500 by this LAC which has been used help offset total divisional running costs of £27,161.

3.41 Renfrewshire Sports Network

3.41.1 The group has advised that it has disbanded and 2017/18 awards will be returned to LAC budgets.

3.42 Lochwinnoch Arts Festival

3.42.1 The Arts Festival was awarded £2,500 which has been used to hire a professional sound engineer for the festival and to hire halls for performances. The organisers have estimated that over 3,500 people attended the 30 events during the festival.

3.43 Lochwinnoch Sustainable Community Garden

3.43.1 The group was awarded £1,900 towards the development of the garden. To date containers, soil, plants and a poly tunnel have been purchased with the award.

3.44 Feis Phaislig

3.44.1 Feis Phaislig was awarded £413.69 by this LAC which helped to offset venue costs of £3,400 for the project. The group has advised that 40 young people took part in the traditional music tuition provided and that over 100 people attended each of the school concerts, public events and end-of-term showcase performed by the young people.

3.45 Lochwinnoch Elderly Forum

3.45.1 The Elderly Forum was awarded £1,500 by this LAC which has helped to cover hall rental costs for Forum meetings, AGM expenses and other general running costs.

3.46 Renfrewshire District Scouts

3.46 The group was awarded £162.58 by this LAC to purchase neckerchiefs and hoodies to help develop an identity for the District team. The group has advised that the new neckerchief has been used at local events such as church services.

3.47 Shopmobility

3.47.1 The LAC awarded £300 to Shopmobility which has been used to help pay for the insurance premiums for the group's fleet of mobility scooters.

3.48 No Substitute for Life Suicide Memorial Tournament

3.48.1 RAMH was awarded £376 by this LAC towards the cost of the suicide awareness 5-a-side football tournament. The group estimated that 500 people attended the event with the grant being utilised to cover the cost of a marquee, trophies, referees, first aid, balloons, photographer, PA system and hire of the sports centre.

3.49 Renfrewshire Access Panel

3.49.1 This LAC awarded the Access Panel £2,000 which has contributed towards the group's running costs. The Access Panel advises that the grant has helped the group to continue its work ensuring that Renfrewshire infrastructure is accessible to all, providing computer classes at Riverbrae school and promoting the campaign for changing places toilets.

3.50 Groups yet to submit feedback are:

- Association of African Communities in Scotland
- Klas Care CIC
- Lochwinnoch Art Group
- Lochwinnoch Chatterbox Trust
- Johnstone Band
- The Society of William Wallace
- Lochwinnoch Gala Day
- Girlguiding Semple
- Changing Stages
- Forever Young
- Renfrewshire Effort to Empower Minorities
- Basketball Paisley
- 7th Paisley & District Scout Troop
- Phoenix Activities Group

Implications of the Report

1. Financial - Grant awards were contained within 2017/18 LAC budget allocations.

2. **HR & Organisational Development** – None
3. **Community/Council Planning** – The wide range of projects awarded LAC funding reflect the diverse nature of the community in Renfrewshire and meets many of the key ambitions set out in the Community and Council Plans.
4. **Legal** - Compliance with the Council's Condition of Grants
5. **Property/Assets** – None.
6. **Information Technology** – None.
7. **Equality & Human Rights** - 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 all grant applicants must submit valid constitutions containing equality statements. 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 & Safety** – None
9. **Procurement** – None
10. **Risk** – None
11. **Privacy Impact** - None
12. **Cosla Policy Position** – None

List of Background Papers

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