

Minute of Meeting

Local Partnership – Renfrew

Wednesday, 19 May 2021	18:00	Teams Meeting

Present

Diane Booth (Our Place Our Families); Councillor Bill Brown; Samantha Gillan (Renfrew YMCA); Councillor Lisa-Marie Hughes; Ramsay MacIennan (30 Acres); Councillor Cathy McEwan; Councillor Jim Paterson; Roberta Robertson (Renfrew Development Trust); Councillor Jane Strang.

Chair

Councillor John Shaw, Chair, presided.

In Attendance

A McArthur, Head of Finance (Lead Officer); S Graham, Partnerships Planning and Development Manager; (Chief Executive's); D Pole, End User Technician; and C MacDonald and R Devine, both Senior Committee Services Officers (all Finance & Resources).

Community Planning Partner

K McIntyre (Engage Renfrewshire); and D Cuthbertson (Renfrewshire Leisure).

Apologies

F Burns, Head of Strategic Planning and Health Improvement.

Recording of Meeting

Prior to the commencement of the 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.

Declarations of Interest

Councillor Brown declared an interest in item 3 – Applications for Renfrew Local Partnership Funding in 2020/21 - FR1108 – as he had a family member resident in the Home and indicated that he would remain in the meeting but not take part in discussion of voting thereon.

Samantha Gillan (Renfrew YMCA) declared an interest in item 3 – Applications for Renfrew Local Partnership Funding in 2020/21 - FR1104 as she was a member of the organisation and indicated that she would remain in the meeting but not take part in discussion of voting thereon.

Roberta Robertson (Renfrew Development Trust) declared an interest in item 3 – Applications for Renfrew Local Partnership Funding in 2020/21 - FR1168 as she was a member of the organisation and indicated that she would remain in the meeting but not take part in discussion of voting thereon.

Diane Booth (Our Place Our Families) declared an interest in item 3 – Applications for Renfrew Local Partnership Funding in 2020/21 - FR1156 as she was a member of the organisation and indicated that she would remain in the meeting but not take part in discussion of voting thereon.

Ramsay MacLennan (30 Acres) declared an interest in item 3 – Applications for Renfrew Local Partnership Funding in 2020/21 - FR1042 as he was a member of the organisation and indicated that she would remain in the meeting but not take part in discussion of voting thereon.

1 Minute of Previous Meeting

There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of the Local Partnership held on 11 February 2021.

DECIDED: That the Minute be approved.

2 Friends of Robertson Park

A discussion took place on the progress of setting up Friends of Robertson Park.

Councillor Shaw advised that Renfrew Development trust was producing a report on how to move forward with the project and was currently taking legal advice and recruiting a sub-committee.

Roberta Robertson (Renfrew Development Trust) advised that they were linking in with other stakeholders and they were due to meet with Engage Renfrewshire to take the project forward.

It was noted that the project had £37,000 of £53,000 set aside to fund the project and after further discussion the Partnership agreed to approve that the Lead Officer be given delegated authority to approve an application by Renfrewshire Development Trust for the outstanding amount of £16,000 to allow the Friends of Robertson Park project to commence.

DECIDED: That it be agreed that the Lead Officer be given delegated authority to approve an application by Renfrewshire Development Trust for the outstanding amount of £16,000 to allow the Friends of Robertson Park project to commence.

3 Applications for Local Partnership Funding to Renfrew Local Partnership 2021/22

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive relative to applications for funding from Renfrew Local Partnership in 201/22.

The report intimated that the available allocation for the Local Partnership was £111,953.68, made up of £40,453 from the General Fund, £67,360 from the Common Good Fund and £4,140.68 underspend carried forward from the 2020/21 General Fund budget. The carry forward of underspend was agreed due to the exceptional circumstances of the Covid pandemic which impacted on the ability of community organisations to undertake activities due to restrictions in place over the period. The normal arrangement whereby underspends could not be carried forward into the next financial year would be reinstated for 2021/22. The sum of £50 per community representative required to be ringfenced for potential claims for administrative expenses, which left a balance of £111,603.68 for allocation.

The report advised that the Youth Challenge Fund component of the Local Partnership's funding, now known as Celebrating Renfrewshire, was £18,657.

Following consideration, the Local Partnership agreed that the undernoted applications be determined as follows:-

Applications with direct reference to Renfrew Local Priorities where project was located in or specific to Renfrew

Declaration of Interest

Ramsay MacLennan having declared an interest in application FR1042, remained in the meeting and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

FR1042 - Kustom Kruzers – awarded

FR1054 - I am me – awarded

FR1055 - Paisley Pirates– awarded (approved on basis Braehead will reopen as ice rink

FR1094 - Feis Phaislig– awarded

FR1052 - Boys Brigade, Paisley and District Battalion– awarded

FR1073 - Renfrewshire Toy Bank– awarded

FR1106 - Forever Young– awarded

Declaration of Interest

Samantha Gillan having declared an interest in application FR1104, remained in the meeting and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

FR1104 - Renfrew YMCA– awarded
FR1114 - Renfrew Sea Scouts– awarded

Declaration of Interest

Diane Booth having declared an interest in application FR1156, remained in the meeting and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

FR1156 - Our Place our Families– awarded
FR1157 - Arkleston Over 60s club– awarded (awarded £2,400 - excluding £3,000 for bus run)

Declaration of Interest

Roberta Robertson having declared an interest in application FR1168, remained in the meeting and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

FR1168 - Renfrew Development Trust– awarded

Declaration of Interest

Councillor Brown having declared an interest in application FR1108, remained in the meeting and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

FR1108 - Renfrew Care Home activity group - declined

Applications with direct reference to Renfrew Local Priorities where project was not located in or specific to Renfrew

FR1155 - Shopmobility Paisley & District– awarded

FR1096 - Bishopton Sports Social Club - declined
FR1097 - Bishopton Sports Social Club - declined
FR1101 - REEM Drop in Centre - declined
FR1133 - Bungalow Enterprises - declined
FR1134 - Loud n Proud - declined
FR1149 - Oakshaw Trinity Friendly Hour - declined
FR1153 - C-Change - declined
FR1183 - Lamont Farm - declined
FR1197 - Pachedu - declined

Applications with partial or no reference to Renfrew Local Priorities

FR1048 - Wynd Centre - declined
FR1079 - Rainbow Turtle - declined
FR1099 - Paisley Sea Cadets - declined
FR1118 - Renfrewshire Model Railway Club - declined
FR1132 - Phoenix Flyers Dog Agility - declined

Ineligible application where item was already purchased

FR1039 – Eat Up – declined (Item was purchased in January 2020 – no retrospective funding allowed)

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

4. Renfrew Local Partnership Budget Monitoring Report and 20/21 Funding Application Feedback

There was submitted a budget monitoring report and funding application feedback by the Chief Executive relative to Renfrew Local Partnership 2020/21.

The report intimated that the Local Partnership provided funding to community groups to undertake projects. This funding was allocated from the general grant fund, the Renfrew Common Good Fund and the youth challenge fund through the Celebrating Renfrewshire participatory budgeting exercise.

The funds allocated by Renfrew Local Partnership in 2020/21 and the current budget position were detailed in the appendix to the report.

The feedback received from 12 of the organisations who received funding from Renfrew Local Partnership in 2020/21 was detailed in the report. It was noted that some organisations had returned funding due to the impact of COVID-19 on the capability of groups to successfully deliver projects and, in recognition of this situation, it had been agreed that the Local Partnership underspends in 2020/21 would be carried forward and added to the budget for 2021/22. Normal arrangements would apply for 2021/22 requiring all funding to be spent by the end of the financial year with no provision for carry-over to the following year.

DECIDED: That the budget monitoring report and feedback from recipients of funding in 2020/21 be noted.