

Minute of Meeting Johnstone and the Villages Local Area Committee

Date	Time	Venue
Thursday, 31 May 2018	18:00	Johnstone Castle Community Centre, Pine Crescent, Johnstone, PA5 0BX ,

Present

Councillor Bill Binks, Councillor Jacqueline Cameron, Councillor Andy Doig, Councillor John Hood, Councillor Alistair Mackay, Councillor Emma Rodden, Councillor Andy Steel

Chair

Councillor Steel, Convener, presided.

Community Representatives

A-M Balfour, Elderslie Community Council; W Dean, Friends of Thomas Shanks Park; J Anderson, Howwood Sports & Hobbies Group; A Stevenson, Johnstone Castle Learning Centre; T Wallace, Johnstone Community Council; W Crawford, Johnstone High Parish Church; F Stewart, Kilbarchan Community Council; D Fowles, Lochwinnoch Community Council; M Lavery, Quarrelton Tenants & Residents Association; and M Dougan, Renfrewshire Youth Voice.

Community Planning Partner

Chief Inspector H Scott (Police Scotland).

In Attendance

S Graham, Partnerships Planning & Development Manager and A Armstrong-Walter, Strategic Partnerships & Inequalities Manager (both Chief Executive's); G McNeill, Head of Operations & Infrastructure (Lead Officer) and C Dalrymple Regulatory & Enforcement Manager (both Environment & Communities); and D Low, Senior Committee Services Officer (LACs) and A McNaughton, Senior Committee Services Officer (both Finance & Resources).

Declarations of Interest

Councillor Andy Doig declared a financial interest in relation to item 7 of the agenda, specifically the application for Local Area Committee (LAC) funding submitted by Sports Services Active Schools, as he was the spouse of an employee of Renfrewshire Leisure Limited, and indicated his intention to remain in the meeting but not to take part in any discussion or voting thereon.

Additional Item

The Convener intimated that there was an additional item in relation to an application for grant funding by Howwood Playgroup that had not been included on the agenda. The Convener, being of the opinion that the item, which is dealt with at item 7(a) of this Minute, was urgent in view of the need to determine the matter timeously authorised its inclusion on the list of single-area applications for consideration.

1 Membership of Johnstone & the Villages Local Area Committee

In terms of paragraph 2.2 of Renfrewshire Council's Scheme of Decentralisation, a nomination had been received from Kilbarchan Community Council to appoint Damon Scott (substitute Fiona Stewart) as its representative.

DECIDED: That the nomination of a member and substitute to represent Kilbarchan Community Council, be approved.

2 Community Safety & Public Protection Update

There was submitted a report by the Director of Environment and Communities providing a progress update on Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership activities carried out in the Johnstone & The Villages LAC area during the period 1 January to 31 March 2017.

The report provided information on community safety statistics; environmental enforcement and improvement activities; protecting vulnerable residents; building safer communities; and diversionary activities.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

3 Open Session / Key Local Issues

The Senior Committee Services Officer (LACs) advised that no questions had been submitted for consideration at the Open Session.

DECIDED: That it be noted that no questions had been submitted for consideration at the Open Session.

4 Review of Community Level Governance Arrangements

Under reference to item 4 of the Minute of the meeting of this LAC held on 15 May 2018 there was submitted a report by the Chief Executive relative to the review of community-level governance arrangements.

The reported intimated that a second phase of consultation, seeking views on the set of nine proposals that had been developed from the responses submitted during the first phase of consultation, had concluded in April 2018. The report detailed the consultation methodology and advised that a report would be submitted to the Council meeting on 28 June 2018 setting out final proposals for community level governance arrangements.

It was noted that, if agreed by the Council, the decisions would be implemented during 2018/19 and dialogue on the detail would continue with communities.

DECIDED:

(a) That the responses to the second phase of consultation on the review of community-level governance arrangements be noted; and

(b) That the arrangements for development and implementation of finalised proposals regarding the review be noted.

5 Grant Feedback Report - 2017/18 Awards

There was submitted a report by the Director of Finance & Resources relative to feedback received from applicants who had received funding from this LAC in 2017/18.

The report intimated that providing regular feedback to LACs increased accountability and helped LACs identify clear community outcomes from grants awarded to community groups. It was 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.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

6 Budget Monitoring Report

There was submitted a report by the Director of Finance & Resources relative to the Johnstone & The Villages LAC budget for 2018/19, totalling £85,737 consisting of £58,513 General Grant Fund and £27,224 Youth Challenge Fund. The appendix to the report detailed the expenditure committed by the LAC in 2017/18.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

7 Applications for Local Area Committee Funding

There was submitted a report by the Director of Finance & Resources relative to applications received for local area committee funding. Appendix 1 to the report listed single-area applications received from local community groups and Appendix 2 to the report listed multi-area applications received from voluntary groups

Councillor Mackay, seconded by Councillor Rodden, moved that all single-area applications from local community groups for funding of £1,000 or less, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report, be awarded the full amount before consideration of the remaining single-area applications.

Councillor Hood, seconded by Councillor Andy Doig, moved as an amendment, that single-area applications from local community groups be considered in the order listed in Appendix 1.

On the roll being called, the following members voted for the amendment: Councillors Binks, Andy Doig and Hood.

The following members voted for the motion: Councillors J Cameron, Mackay, Rodden and Steel.

3 members having voted for the amendment and 4 members having voted for the motion, the motion was accordingly declared carried.

DECIDED:

(a) That single-area applications for funding from local community groups that were for £1,000 or less be approved as follows:

GENERAL GRANT:

Lochwinnoch Art Group – tutor costs and hall hire - awarded £449

Calder Drama Club – hall costs - awarded £700

Lochwinnoch Golf Club – social events for local people suffering from dementia - awarded £500

Lochwinnoch SWI - hall rental - awarded £300

Lochwinnoch Dementia Friendly Village – web design, banner and 'class-in-a-bag' - awarded £753

Lochwinnoch Community Council – notice board - awarded £500

Friends of the McKillop – feasibility study - awarded £480

Lochwinnoch New Year's Day Dance – assistance towards event costs - awarded £495

Society of William Wallace – Wallace Day 2018 - awarded £700

Howwood Playgroup – hall costs - awarded £300;

(b) That the remaining single-area applications for funding from local community groups be determined as follows:

GENERAL GRANT:

St Paul's Drama Group – performance costs - awarded £2,000

Kilbarchan Community Council – Christmas lights - awarded £6,000

The Kilbarchan Singers – honoraria for two scholars - awarded £1,000

Lochwinnoch Elderly Forum – purchase of radio microphone and running costs - awarded £1,500

Johnstone Band – brass classes, workshop and concert - awarded £3,000

Lochwinnoch Arts Festival – 18th annual art event - awarded £3,000

Elderslie Community Council - Xmas Fayre – awarded £1,500

Elderslie Community Council - Summer Fayre – awarded £1,500

Elderslie Community Council - Xmas Lights – awarded £9,000

Lochwinnoch Sustainable Community Garden Group – web development, plants, compost and equipment - awarded £1,150

Johnstone (Fordbank) Scout Group – tents and associated equipment - awarded £3,000

Active Communities – Feel Good About You/ Mindfulness Project - awarded £7,600

Johnstone Community Council - Johnstone Gala Day – awarded £5,000

Lochwinnoch Christmas Lights Society- purchase of Christmas lights – awarded £2,500

R & J Enterprises Limited – awarded the remaining balance of the General Grant Fund, subject to confirmation of a change in status to that of a not-for-profit organisation.

YOUTH CHALLENGE FUND:

Johnstone Castle Learning Centre – youth worker and running costs - awarded £15,762.24

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillor Andy Doig having declared an interest in the following application for funding remained in the meeting and did not take part in the discussion or voting thereon.

Renfrewshire Leisure Active Schools – breakfast, lunch and after-school clubs - awarded £10,000

98th Renfrew & Inverclyde Coresford School Scout Group – cost of care assistants and laptop - awarded £1,334.40; and

(c) That it be noted that as funds available to the LAC were now exhausted and no further applications could be considered, the following remaining applications be declined:-

Lamont Farm Project - provision of animal care and welfare facilities

The Boys Brigade Paisley & District Battalion - local events and activities

I Am Me Scotland - Make a Difference project

Cornerstone Scotland Drop-in Centre - utility and insurance costs

Paisley Pirates Ice Hockey Club - ice hire costs

Rainbow Turtle - active global citizens project

Renfrewshire Bowling Association Under-25s - running costs

Renfrewshire Out of School Network - fun activity day for children

Braehead Junior Ice Hockey Club - ice hire and equipment

The Renfrewshire Walking Network - production of booklet and promotional material

Phoenix Flyers - upgrading of equipment

Fitting-in - educational project for 'at risk' young people

The Wynd Centre - provision of youth counselling facilities

The Wynd Centre - provision of adult counselling facilities

Rays of Hope - activities and equipment to help cancer sufferers

Renfrewshire Effort to Empower Minorities - operation of drop-in centre

Renfrewshire Effort to Empower Minorities - Promotion of black history month

Forever Young - fitness programme

Feis Phaislig - traditional music project

Renfrewshire Youth Voice - Positive About Youth Awards

Renfrewshire Access Panel - office costs

Shopmobility Paisley & District - postage materials and survey design

Bumblebee Babies - office equipment and materials for bereaved parents

Return to Life SCIO - support for kidney transplantees and potential donors

St James' Orchestra - conductor and tutor costs, hall hire and other expenses

Greensyde Carers - camera equipment

Storm Gymnastics - various mats and tracking

Renfrewshire Visually Impaired Forum - software updates

Paisley Guitar Group - instruments and accessories

The Breastfeeding Network - running costs of local element of project

Johnstone Pipe Band - New kilts, sporrans and jackets

C-Change Scotland - dates - n - mates project

Alzheimer Scotland - cost of purchasing musical instruments

St Mirren Netball Club - running costs

8 Date of Next Meeting

DECIDED: That it be noted that the next meeting of this LAC would be held at 6.00 pm on 30 August 2018 in Johnstone Town Hall.