

To: Communities, Housing and Planning Policy Board

On: 18 May 2021

Report by: Director of Communities and Housing Services

Heading: Greenspaces, Parks & Play Areas and Villages Investment Fund

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report updates the Communities, Housing and Planning Policy Board on progress made in supporting community projects through the Greenspaces, Parks & Play Areas and Villages Investment fund. The report further seeks Board approval for the provision of grant funding for the projects described in Section 3 and set out in Appendix 1.
- 1.2 The key objective in allocating funding is to work with and support community groups to identify and deliver improvement projects in their local communities. The Fund support groups to improve their local greenspaces (including parks and play areas) and to strengthen the identity, heritage, uniqueness and integrity of their villages. Another aspect is to open up opportunities for groups to access additional funding from external sources and, as can be seen by a number of the projects, communities are actively engaging with this. Successful bids for external funds boost community funding and create a greater sense of ownership for communities.
- 1.3 The Council and partners have been working closely with groups across Renfrewshire since the launch of the fund in October 2018. Several smaller applications have been approved by the Director of Communities and Housing under delegated authority to enable smaller projects to develop and move forward quickly. Where these awards have not been previously reported to Board, they are included in Appendix 1 for information.
- 1.4 Interested groups were recommended to submit projects by 31 March 2021 to have the best opportunity to gain funding. This generated receipt of 18 applications which are included in this report. 15 applicants request sums of over £10K, a further 3 will be passed for delegated authority approval (Appendix 1).

- 1.5 4 groups are applying to both the Green Spaces, Parks and Play Area Fund and the Villages Investment Fund. These funds will support the installation of large-scale parks, similar to Phase 1 and 2 applications previously received and agreed from Ferguslie, Elderslie and Spateston. 2 Green Spaces, Parks and Play Area applications have also been submitted for Maxwellton Park however this is for 2 clearly defined separate projects.
 - 1.6 To date over £700K of the Green Spaces, Play Parks and Villages Investment Fund has been awarded. Appendix 3 offers an overview of successful projects to date, and the groups, areas and categories which have benefited.
 - 1.7 A point to note is that the Sandyflats Tenants and Residents Association, awarded £50,000 in March 2020, folded in December 2020. The Chair of the group has been unable to recruit a new administration. The Chair continues to inspire local activity with regular litterpicks, he further commissioned an artist to paint a mural on their neighbourhood shop wall and was successful in engaging the community to complete the artwork. It is proposed that the awarded £50,000 be used by the Council to upgrade Sandyflats Park in line with the agreed proposals which previously received the agreement of the community and were approved by the Board.
 - 1.8 Another notable project is that Spateston Tenants and Residents Association has applied for £40,000 for Phase 2 of their community park however Phase 1 has not yet been delivered. The group aspire to ultimately deliver £100,000 of improvements in their local park. Suppliers have advised the group it would be more cost effective to deliver these proposals in one project rather than on a phased basis and this group is seeking approval of phase 2 funding to allow them to move forward on this basis. Renfrewshire Council will arrange installation of the community designed park and pay the supplier directly.
 - 1.9 This report seeks approval for projects to an overall value in excess of £530,000. The tables in Appendix 2, detail applicants and projects in this round as well as the overall status of the fund. Where submitted applications are approved, 88% of the overall £1.87M will have been allocated. Section 3 also details likely potential projects, where successful, the fund will be fully allocated. It should however be noted, as projects advance some may not require the full allocation of their award. Close contact will remain with all groups and where this is the case, any remaining balance will be returned to the fund and available for allocation to other projects.
 - 1.10 Appendix 3 offers a brief reminder of the groups funded so far together with some images of plans, work in progress and completed facilities that have been developed.
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2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Communities, Housing and Planning Policy Board:
- (i) notes the work currently being undertaken to support communities as they develop projects to be funded using the Greenspaces, Parks & Play Areas and Villages Investment Fund;
 - (ii) notes the award of grants totalling £14,900 under delegated authority to different community groups as detailed in Appendix 1 of this report;
 - (iii) agrees to fund the projects as detailed in Section 3 of this report and Appendix 1, awarding grant funding totalling £533,000 to support community groups; and
 - (iv) agrees to use the £50,000 funding previously awarded to Sandyflats Tenants and Residents Association to upgrade Sandyflats Park in line with the proposals which previously received the agreement of the community and were approved by the Board.
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3. Summary of Applications

- 3.1 Renfrewshire Council has supported 32 projects since October 2018 to meet the criteria for this fund.
- 3.2 The following applicants are expected to apply in the coming months when applications are supported to meet Fund criteria:
- Bishopton Community Development Trust – new play & sports complex
 - The SuGAR Project - upgrade to McKerrell Street Play Park
 - Friends of Jenny's Well Nature Reserve – improvements & preservation
 - Ralston Community Council - Park Upgrade
 - Neilston Road High Flats
 - Howwood Traffic Lights
 - Inchinnan Social Club Car Park Upgrade
- 3.3 Reports will be brought back for the consideration of the Board in relation to these projects at future meetings of the Communities, Housing and Planning Policy Board.
- 3.4 A cross-service panel of Officers has been established to review and assess the applications against the agreed objectives and criteria. For any grant award under £5,000, the Director of Communities and Housing Services has delegated authority to approve grant applications in order to allow smaller scale projects to progress quickly within communities. Four applications that have been approved in this way since the last meeting of the Board are included for information in Appendix 1 to this report.

3.5 In this round, 15 large scale applications have been assessed and currently meet the criteria for approval of grant funding. More information on each project is detailed below, with a summary of the applications included in Appendix 1 to this report.

Applications 1 & 2: Langbank Tennis Court & MUGA
Funding Requested: £49,086 (Green Spaces)
£30,000 (Villages Investment)
Recommendation: Approve

3.6 Langbank Swing Park Regeneration group have been constituted for over 10 years. The group are being supported to deliver this project by Langbank Community Council. The Swing Park Regeneration group have historically fundraised and been successful in delivering improvements to their local park. Langbank is recognised as a strong community with a track record of delivering local projects.

3.7 Langbank has had a locked private tennis court and an adjoining bowling green for over 100 years. The tennis court is in a poor state of repair, whilst the bowling green is well looked after and popular, attracting members locally and beyond. Activity on the tennis court has on occasion proven to be a nuisance for the bowlers. Users of the bowling green are keen to separate the areas with fencing to ensure their game is not disrupted.

3.8 The tennis court was rarely used in recent years until around 6/7 years ago when Langbank Community Council arranged for the court to be open. The court proved popular with 20-40 children regularly attending. Langbank Community Council then employed the services of a tennis coach to harness the children's enthusiasm.

3.9 It is evident children enjoy playing in this area, football is also popular here however the facility is locked unless opened by the keyholders. The facility does not currently meet the needs of users.

3.10 The Swing Park Regeneration group propose to use the funds awarded to create a multi-use games area, with flood lights, basketball hoops, football goals and a facility for tennis. Community consultation confirms the MUGA is sought after by local children and adults alike. A secure fence will be installed to ensure activity remains within the designated zones, and the area will remain open to users.

3.11 The quoted cost of the project is £97,178. The Langbank community have shown an overwhelming interest in assisting the Community Council to meet the remaining cost through local fundraising.

Application 3 & 4: Lochwinnoch Public Park Upgrade
Funding Requested: £50,000 (Green Spaces)
£30,000 (Villages Investment)
Recommendation: Approve

- 3.12 Lochwinnoch is a densely populated community however the public park on Lochlip Road is the only local play park and as such it has become integral to the Lochwinnoch village life. The Park area is a significant space and is relied upon by parents, grandparents and children for socialising, exercise and playing.
- 3.13 Equipment currently on site was installed between 2001 and 2007. It is tired and showing signs of obvious wear. The zip slide and basket swing were both installed later, 2015 & 2014 respectively, and will remain in situ. Both are popular choices continuing to be enjoyed by users.
- 3.14 Lochwinnoch Community Development Trust (LCDT) was formed in 2018 to regenerate the area. The group have been guided by the aspirations identified through community consultation and will deliver a park appealing to all age groups. The play area will appeal to junior/toddler age groups, a teen shelter will also be installed, and an intergenerational seating area will encourage social exchanges.
- 3.15 LCDT require in excess of £155,000 to deliver the project. They have submitted applications to external funders and have planned local activity to generate funds.
- 3.16 The group have already raised £4.5K through a local GoFundMe page, and received a £500 park donation from a former Lochwinnoch resident who learned of their activity through social media.

Applications 5 & 6: Maxwellton Play Park & Sensory Garden
Funding Requested: £50,000 & £40,000 (Green Spaces)
Recommendation: Approve

- 3.17 Friends of West Primary School will take this application forward supported by West Primary School, their Early Learning facility, St Mary's Primary School and their Parent Council. A number of local groups, including the dance group, church groups and Men's Shed are also supportive of the plans. The Friend of group have been constituted for over 20 years and have experience in fund raising and procuring goods and services to improve their school.
- 3.18 Maxwellton Park is a prominent park in Paisley's West End. The play area is popular with local children offering play opportunities for the 2 local schools and nursery. The Maxwellton Sensory garden is a relaxing place often frequented by walkers.
- 3.19 Maxwellton Sensory Garden was a bowling green until 2006, when Renfrewshire Council regenerated the area. A water feature sits in the centre of the gardens however is not currently operational. Overall the Sensory Garden is currently in a poor state of repair and has become an area for unruly youths to congregate due to the cover created by overgrown trees.

- 3.20 The area has recently been popular with Team Up to Clean Up volunteers who have removed over 200 bags of litter and bagged weeds etc. from the gardens making a notable difference. Local school children care for the sensory garden and plant flowers for lessons. Volunteers, the school, and the local Men's Shed group, have all committed to maintaining the garden long term.
- 3.21 The group intend to refresh the entire area, with the help of a contractor. A low maintenance garden will be created, with a focus on sensory elements and flowers attracting insects. Ease of access for prams and wheelchair users, and seating will be priorities. Sight lines will also be improved by thinning and cutting back vegetation.
- 3.22 Maxwellton Play Park offers 5 pieces of play equipment, it is estimated the slide and swings are in excess of 30-40 years old, while the remaining equipment was installed in 2001 and 2010. The play area currently offers little play value. The surface is also worn in places.
- 3.23 Friends of the West Primary School and the groups involved have had suppliers out to the play park site. The groups aspire to upgrade the park with 8 new pieces of equipment chosen by the children consulted.
- 3.24 The group have requested £90,000 to improve both areas of the Park. They are actively speaking to Engage Renfrewshire to boost the funds they hope to receive. The schools are further fundraising to ensure the projects are promoted locally.

Applications 7 & 8:	Houston Helicopter Play Park
Funding Requested:	£40,000 (Green Spaces)
	£30,000 (Villages Investment)
Recommendation:	Approve

- 3.25 Houston Play Park Improvement Group (HPPIG) were constituted in 2009 and were responsible for fundraising and much of the delivery of new park equipment in Houston over the last decade.
- 3.26 Helicopter Park was duly christened after the group consulted with the village seeking confirmation of the park name. Around 10 years ago there was a helicopter climbing frame in the area and the term Helicopter Park has been used ever since.
- 3.27 The group seek to install exercise equipment as well as a new play area. Planters and seating also feature in their plans.
- 3.28 Houston Play Park Improvement Group have already received £200 funding from Tesco, the group have created and are distributing a local cookbook, they received £1,000 from CALA Homes and have multiple funding applications submitted.

Application 9 & 10: Preservation & Maintenance of Tuecheen Ancient Woodlands, Inchinnan
Funding Requested: £19,000 (Green Spaces)
£30,000 (Villages Investment)
Recommendation: Approve

- 3.29 Inchinnan Community Development Trust is a newly formed organisation created from Inchinnan Community Council. The group were constituted in April 2020 specifically to manage and enhance local green space and improve biodiversity.
- 3.30 Community consultation provides evidence the Teucheen Ancient Woodland is an important asset to the Inchinnan village and villagers would be concerned were the woods to be removed. This is an option put forward by the current landowner.
- 3.31 Inchinnan Community development Trust are in discussions the landowner who has indicated a potential willingness to sell. Renfrewshire Council officers will ensure the agreed value is a fair price for the land and that safeguards are in place to protect the asset for the community should the purchase go ahead as part of the funding conditions.
- 3.32 On securing the land the group will carry out a survey to identify essential works, clean up to ensure the area is safe for visitors, clear felled trees, remove invasive vegetation and create paths encouraging access.
- 3.33 The group have secured £1,000 raised by the local community.

Application 11: Queens Road Play Park, Elderslie – Phase 2
Funding Requested: £30,000 (Villages Investment)
Recommendation: Approve

- 3.34 Elderslie Community Council have successfully delivered Phase 1 of their community play park on Queens Road. The success of the park is evident due to the increased volume of children and parents visiting.
- 3.35 Phase 1 of the Park delivered play opportunities for the junior and toddler groups however Phase 2 will be concentrating on teenagers and adults. The group have consulted suppliers and are seeking to use the funding awarded to install exercise equipment and a teen shelter to boost the Park's appeal.
- 3.36 Community consultation has been carried out and this equipment and a community garden have proven popular with local villagers. Elderslie Community Council have no external funds to submit at this stage however they did pay £15k to boost Phase 1. There are further plans to fund raise and apply externally to complete the final phase of their plans, Phase 3, a community garden.

Application 12: Spateston Community Park - Phase 2
Funding Requested: £40,000 (Green Spaces)
Recommendation: Approve

- 3.37 The Spateston Community Development Trust (SCDT) is a newly created group formed to enable the group to arrange asset transfers, lease land and have a greater voice over community matters. Charities also attract greater funding.
- 3.38 Initial play park designs delivered one large scale project. To split this into 2 phases will mean additional cost to risk assess and make the site secure (plans in Appendix 3). The group are seeking approval of phase 2 funding so that they can deliver the entire project as an impressive and valuable facility for use by both the Spateston and Corseford communities.
- 3.39 The group have previously been awarded £50,000 for phase one of this project and have raised £5k within the local community, from events and local businesses. An additional £40,000 will allow this community to complete their plans for delivering the community park.

Application 13: Upgrade to Ferguslie Park Gardens: Green Gym & Play Equipment
Funding Requested: £49,000 (Green Spaces)
Recommendation: Approve

- 3.40 Paisley West and Central Community Council submitted this application, alongside the Friends of Ferguslie Park Gardens group. The Chair of both organisations, is responsible for many impressive improvements in the area including Sanctuary Gardens in Paisley's West End.
- 3.41 Ferguslie Park Gardens is a well-loved Park frequented by walkers seeking to connect with the local wildlife and scenery. The park also has a children's play area.
- 3.42 Paisley West and Central Community Council have met with suppliers who have provided drawings allowing the group to illustrate and inspire their community. 500 leaflets have been posted locally. The Green Gym being created in addition to the playpark is designed to support healthy lifestyles.

Application 14: Howwood Park – Outdoor Shelter
Funding Requested: £21,380 (Villages Investment)
Recommendation: Approve

- 3.43 Howwood Community Council has previously been awarded £50,000 for improvements to their public park. The group boosted this award with £50k of LEADER funding. The park is now complete with new play structures, an outdoor gym, goal posts and a skateboard ramp.
- 3.44 The group have continued to fund raise to ensure they increase footfall to the park and maintain a high level of local support. Howwood Community Council are hopeful they can deliver a summer events timetable consisting of Movies and Bingo in the Park. They have further purchased gazebos and seating to ensure events progress regardless of weather. Weekly fitness classes have also been arranged in Howwood Park.

- 3.45 This application from the Villages Improvement Fund is to support delivery of an outdoor shelter to maximise the benefit of the Park for the community.
- 3.46 Increased footfall, encompassing a wide demographic, is now evident. Elderly people are walking there, kids are playing with parents in attendance, and teenagers meet in the Park after school and on weekends. The new park has made a notable difference.
- 3.47 Howwood Community Council consulted with residents who are supportive of the shelter. The group have committed £500 of external funding to the project.

Application 15:	Rossland Community Garden
Funding Requested:	£14,000 (Villages Investment)
Recommendation:	Approve

- 3.48 Bishopton Community Development Trust are seeking to purchase the grassy circle on Rossland Crescent, Bishopton. The area will be regenerated and will become a welcoming community green space with trees, bushes and plants as well as seating.
- 3.49 After purchasing the land 2 years ago, the landowner was refused planning permission to take forward his plans. Residents claim the landowner now has no use for the land and may be willing to sell for the sum previously paid to purchase the land. Renfrewshire Council Officers will again ensure the price is fair and that appropriate safeguards are in place to protect the community interest in the asset should the sale proceed as part of the conditions of grant.
- 3.50 Residents looking onto the circle have been consulted and are in favour of this action, as well as the wider Bishopton Community. Residents have raised in excess of £1,000 to make the area more attractive.

Implications of the Report

- Financial** - Council approved the allocation of £1.870 million to establish the Greenspaces, Parks & Play Parks and Villages Investment Fund in March 2018. Due to the capital works being undertaken, Officers are ensuring that there are minimal recurring revenue costs to Services in the coming years.
- HR & Organisational Development** - None
- Community/Council Planning** –

The Greenspaces, Parks & Play Parks and Village Investment Fund will be important to achieving and assisting the Community Plan by ensuring that Renfrewshire is thriving, well, fair and safe for residents, workers and visitors.
- Legal** - All legislative requirements will be taken cognisance of during this process wherever required e.g. health and safety requirements.
- Property/Assets** - There is the potential for property/assets to be included as part of this fund.

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. 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** - Cognisance will be taken of health and safety requirements wherever required e.g. for play park equipment.

9. **Procurement** - There is potential for the Council to be procuring and installing equipment of behalf of a community group as part of this grant funding process.

10. **Risk** - Discussions with the Council Risk Manager are on-going to ensure that the risk to the Council, as part of this grant funding process, is minimised.

11. **Privacy Impact** - None.

12. **COSLA Policy Position** – Not Applicable

13. **Climate Risk** – Not Applicable

List of Background Papers

None

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Appendix 1

Applicant	Project Description	Requested	Recommendation	Reason	Geographical Area
<p>1. & 2. Langbank Swing Park Regeneration Group</p>	<p>Langbank historically boasted of its tennis court and bowling green however, over the years, without necessary investment, the private tennis court has fell into disrepair and is no longer fit for purpose. Further to this, access to the tennis court permits access to the bowling green which member bowlers are not keen on.</p> <p>The group will secure the site, separating the bowling green from the tennis court and therefore offering access to the local community. Lines will be painted to encourage football, tennis and basketball and all associated equipment provided in the new hut.</p>	<p>£49,000 (Green Spaces) & £30,000 (Villages Investment)</p>	<p>Approval by Communities, Housing and Planning Policy Board.</p>	<p>Local children, adults and parent have all indicated this would be a valuable asset to the Langbank community</p>	<p>Langbank</p>
<p>3. & 4. Lochwinnoch Community Development Trust</p>	<p>Lochwinnoch has a large public play park. The play park is within a large open green space popular for exercise. The park is truly at the heart of this community.</p> <p>This Fund is an opportunity for the Community to come together and raise further funds to deliver a park which will offer new play facilities, exercise equipment and opportunities to meet and interact.</p>	<p>£50,000 (Green Spaces) & £30,000 (Villages Investment)</p>	<p>Approval by Communities, Housing and Planning Policy Board.</p>	<p>Local children, adults and parent have all indicated this would be a valuable asset to the Lochwinnoch community</p>	<p>Lochwinnoch</p>

Applicant	Project Description	Requested	Recommendation	Reason	Geographical Area
<p>5. & 6. Friends of West Primary School</p>	<p>Maxwellton Park and Sensory Gardens are in the heart of Paisley's west end and have many visitors. These groups are keen to improve both areas and have the support of the wider community in doing so.</p> <p>The sensory garden will be regenerated with the area opened and more visible. Enclosed mounds, which are easier to maintain, will replace the planters. Sensory plants will be carefully chosen and highly placed windchimes and fans will offer tranquillity.</p> <p>The play area will receive new equipment and a new, safer surface.</p>	<p>£50,000 & £40,000 (Green Spaces)</p>	<p>Approval by Communities, Housing and Planning Policy Board.</p>	<p>Interest in the sensory gardens has been evident through the Team Up to Clean Up pages. The applicant has further consultation which is persuasive to deliver both projects.</p>	<p>Paisley</p>
<p>7. & 8. Houston Play Park Improvement Group</p>	<p>Helicopter Park, as it is locally known, has lost its helicopter and other apparatus over the years. Only 2 structures still stand in the park.</p> <p>Despite this the park is still popular with local children.</p> <p>The applicant will deliver new equipment along with a green gym and planters. Improving the appearance and value of the area.</p>	<p>£40,000 (Green Spaces) & £30,000 (Villages Investment)</p>	<p>Approval by Communities, Housing and Planning Policy Board.</p>	<p>The applicant has created a surge of interest in the area and can evidence this is a project the community would like to see delivered.</p>	<p>Houston</p>

Applicant	Project Description	Requested	Recommendation	Reason	Geographical Area
9. & 10. Inchinnan Development Trust	<p>The group will clear the woods of current debris and detritus and ensure trees which had fallen are removed. They will duly follow the direction of a survey to ensure the trees are preserved for future generations.</p> <p>The group are also looking to encourage visitors and will install paths offering a picturesque walkway.</p>	£19,000 (Green Spaces) & £30,000 (Villages Investment)	Approval by Communities, Housing and Planning Policy Board.	The private land owner has not maintained the land and has indicated the woodland may be removed. The group have evidence to demonstrate how valuable the woodland is to the local community.	Inchinnan
11. Elderslie Community Council	After a successful deliver oh Phase 1, Elderslie Community Council would also like to offer benefits to local teenagers and adults by providing a teen shelter and exercise equipment.	£30,000 (Villages Investment)	Approval by Communities, Housing and Planning Policy Board.	The group have consulted their community and can evidence this would be a desired initiative.	Elderslie
12. Spateston Community Development Trust	<p>The newly formed CDT are breathing new life into Spateston with their ambitious plans for a new community park and community hub.</p> <p>The £100,000 new play park has been designed with 2 zones ensuring toddlers and junior visitors, as well as parents, have an exciting and enjoyable experience.</p>	£40,000 (Green Spaces)	Approval by Communities, Housing and Planning Policy Board.	Community consultation has led this group in all strands of their community activity. The new offering will benefit Corseford residents as well as those living in Spateston.	

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13. Paisley West and Central Community Council	<p>Ferguslie Gardens Park will be regenerated with new play equipment and a green gym.</p> <p>Two of the older pieces in situ in the play park will be removed to make way for exciting and dynamic new structures.</p> <p>The green gym will be a welcome addition to those who currently used the Park for exercise.</p>	£49,000 (Green Spaces)	Approval by Communities, Housing and Planning Policy Board.	<p>The group have consulted with local individuals, door to door, and researched online.</p> <p>The Park is situated close to an area of deprivation with higher than average mortality rates.</p> <p>The group are hoping to help combat this by offering this equipment.</p>	Paisley
14. Howwood Community Council	The group are looking to install a shelter which will offer the increased visitor numbers to the Park outdoor shelter from the elements.	£21,338 (Villages Investment)	Approval by Communities, Housing and Planning Policy Board.	Local children, adults and parent have all indicated this would be a valuable asset to the Howwood community	Howwood
15. Rossland Circle Community Garden	This piece of derelict land has been left to ruin by the landowner. Residents overlooking the site are now looking for the opportunity to purchase the land and refresh into a community space with planters, seating and opportunities for locals to maintain flower beds.	£14,000 (Villages Investment)	Approval by Communities, Housing and Planning Policy Board.	This support for this request is strong as indicated by the surrounding residents and wider Bishopton community.	Bishopton

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16. Old Library – Kilbarchan, Community Garden	After improving the Old Library with funding from the Villages Improvement Fund, the Kilbarchan Improvements Organisation wish to improve the enclosed garden to the rear of the property. This will be another opportunity to attract interest within the local community to adopt areas for planting.	£5,000 Approved - Delegated Authority	The group meet the criteria required by the fund	This is another opportunity for KiPCO to encourage the local community to use the venue.	Kilbarchan
17. Soccer School – St Mirren Youth Team	The grounds used for the Team to train are often uprooted or left unusable by local quad bikers and flytippers. The group aim to secure the boundary fence to protect the playing fields for all of the local community.	£5,000 Approved - Delegated Authority	The group meet the criteria required by the fund	Renfrewshire Wardens can confirm the area is used by local dirt bikers and flytippers. Preventing access will benefit residents in a number of ways.	Inchinnan
18. West End Growing Grounds (WEGGA)	Sanctuary Gardens and Carbrook are now well-established community growing grounds however it has become evident not all keen gardeners can afford to provide their own tools. A bank of onsite tools will ensure the experience can be enjoyed by all regardless of financial circumstances.	£5,000 Approved - Delegated Authority	The group meet the criteria required by the fund	WEGGA and their administration have long demonstrated they will deliver improvements to the local community and make attempts to be fully inclusive.	Paisley

Table 2: Greenspace, Parks and Play Areas Funding Summary

Project	Funding proposed	External Funding (or other Council funding)
Langbank Tennis Court & MUGA	£49,086 (GS) & £30,000 (VIF)	£4,500 - grass roots fund raising and Langbank Community Council funds (LCC). LCC have applications pending with external funders to make up the surplus £20k
Lochwinnoch Public Park Upgrade	£50,000 (GS) & £30,000 (VIF)	Applications pending with external funders to reach £155,000 goal.
Maxwellton Play Park and Sensory Garden Improvements	2 x Green Spaces applications - £50,000 & £40,000	Currently in talks with Engage identifying potential funding streams and have planned activities to fund raise within the schools. Target is additional £5k
Houston South Mound Park, Gym & Community Garden	£40,000 (GS) & £30,000 (VIF)	£2k has already been raised by the Community Council however they are keen to secure a further £10K
Purchase of Tuecheen ancient Woodland, Inchinnan	£49,000	£1,000 of community raised funding
Elderslie Queens Road Park Phase 2	£30,000	£15k of community funding for Phase 1 and Phase 3 (community garden) will be self-funded
Spateston Community Park Phase 2	£50,000	£5k community funding submitted for Phase 1. Applications pending for additional Phase 2 funding to complete the park at a cost of £120K
Friends of Ferguslie Park Gardens	£49,000	£1K raised by Paisley West & Central Community Council
Howwood Community Shelter	£21,380	£500 raised by Howwood Community Council
Rossland Circle Improvements	£14,000	£1,000 raised by Rossland Crescent residents
Community Garden – Old Library Kilbarchan	£5,000	n/a
Repairs to boundary fence - Inchinnan Playing Fields	£5,000	n/a
Tools for All – West End Growing Grounds	£4,900	n/a

Table 3: Overall Funding Position

Funding	Initial Allocated Budget	Current Allocated Budget	Committed Budget (including this Board)	Potential Value of Projects in Progress
Greenspace, Parks and Play Areas	£1,070,000	£1,120,000	£933,120 (89%)	£205,000
Bargarran Play Area	£110,000	£160,000	£160,000 (100%)	-
Village Investment Fund	£370,000	£370,000	£331,118 (89%)	£70,000
Staffing costs	£320,000	£220,000	£220,000 (100%)	-
Total	£1,870,000	£1,870,000	£1,644,238 (88%)	£275,000

Since 2018 the following groups have been supported to submit successful applications:

- Erskine Youth Group
- Pals of the Privies, Ferguslie
- Howwood Community Council
- Erskine Outdoor and Leisure Group
- Elderslie Community Council
- Stronger Communities Glenburn
- Spateston Tenants and Residents Association
- Sandyflats Tenants and Residents Association
- Kilbarchan Community Council
- Bridge of Weir Community Council
- Friends of Knockhill Park
- Linwood Community Development Trust – Woodland Path
- Erskine Community Garden
- Darkwood Crew, Ferguslie
- West End Growing Grounds Association
- Lancraigs Parent Council
- Brediland Allotments
- Erskine Community Council
- Lochfield Ladies Social Bowling Club
- Renfrew Environmental Training
- Paisley FM

The Green Spaces, Parks & Play Areas and Villages Investment Fund has been promoted on social media, local newspapers and at community Councils.

The following photographs show just some of the parks delivered so far and the groups involved. There is no official photograph of Elderslie and Glenburn to date as they opened during the period of purdah. These will be re-visited when possible.

Glencoats Park – Pals of the Privies enjoying their new Park



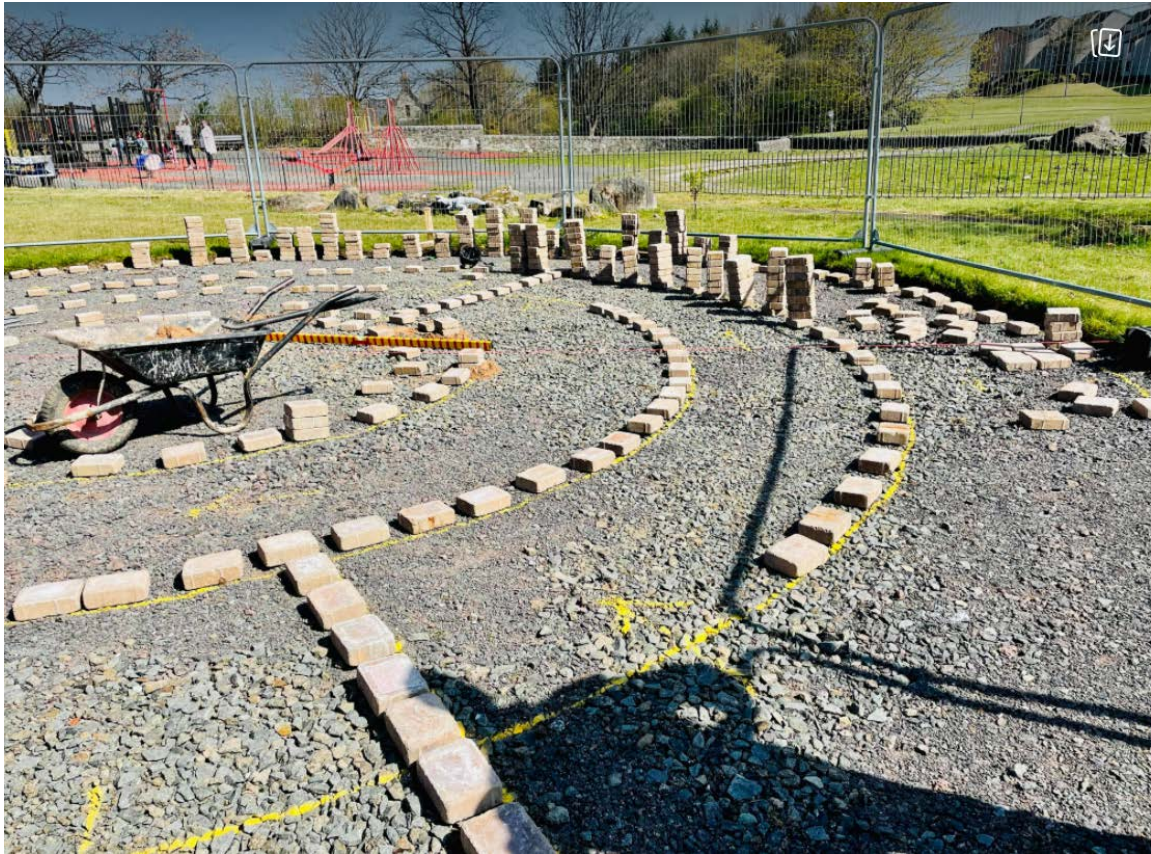
Howwood Community council and friends celebrating their new improved park:



Queens Road Park Elderslie:



Work beginning on the Erskine Community Garden Labyrinth:



Plans for the new Bargarran Interactive play park currently being built:

