

To: Johnstone & the Villages Local Area Committee

On: 15 March 2018

Report by: Director of Finance & Resources

Heading: Grant Award Feedback

1. Summary

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide some detail on a number of projects that were funded by the Johnstone & the Villages LAC in 2016/17.

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 A list of the groups that were awarded funding in 2016/17 together is appended to this report. The list highlights the status of each group relative to the provision of feedback to this LAC.

3.2 This report provides an overview of feedback submitted by a number of the successful grant applicants who were funded by the Johnstone & the Villages LAC in 2016/17.

3.3 Greensyde Carers – Gardening Project

3.3.1 The LAC awarded £100 towards the cost of floor beanbags, plants and shrubs and pots and decorative stones at the Milldale Centre. The project completed a rough hard landscaped area to allow all clients at Milldale to get out into the fresh air for relaxation. The garden also encourages people to tend the garden and encourage a sensory interaction with their surroundings. The group estimates that as many as 200 people benefitted from the project.

3.4 Active Communities – Feelgood Johnstone

3.4.1 The LAC awarded £3,000 to this health and wellbeing project. Active Communities has advised that 170 have benefitted from the grant through the establishment of a walking group, an active families group and a cookery group. The three groups are run by local people who have been trained by Active Communities.

3.4.2 Active Communities has reported that plans are in place to expand the project to improve health and wellbeing in the community and increase skills and qualifications in the local community.

3.5 Johnstone Community Sports Complex

3.5.1 The applicant has intimated that approximately 250 people have benefitted from the £7,500 grant awarded by the LAC. The group has advised that the sports complex has expanded the activities available to users by providing new indoor and outdoor equipment. New signage has been erected and the feedback form suggests that the distribution of leaflets and flyers has helped to increase turnover with a doubling of party bookings.

3.6 Lochwinnoch SWI

3.6.1 The group were awarded £300 to help pay hall rental costs. The assistance towards hall rental costs allowed the group to raise funds to pay for speakers, demonstrators and establish a monthly craft group.

3.7 Forever Young

3.7.1 The LAC awarded £3,000 which helped to meet the costs of a creative arts project and a health and wellbeing programme. The group also teamed up with Age Scotland to participate in their Big Knit project to knit hats for smoothie bottles.

3.8 The Boys' Brigade – Paisley & District Battalion

3.8.1 The Battalion received a total award of £5,000 towards the costs of refurbishing the headquarters building. The building now has a DDA compliant toilet facility and the upgraded kitchen allows the Brigade to provide catering for training courses being hosted at the headquarters. The upgraded heating system makes the building more suitable for daily working, meetings and training courses.

3.9 RAMH – No Substitute for Life

3.9.1 The LAC awarded £376 towards the cost of this multi area application. The funding helped to meet the cost of a memorial football tournament for local people, especially young men, who were most at risk of suicide. The event acted as a

platform for local and national organisations who were trying to tackle the stigmas and taboos that prevented people, and particularly young men, from talking about mental health and suicide.

3.9.2 The main outcomes of the event were that it was led by the local community, ensuring local ownership and developing the resources of the community; that suicide prevention messages were clear throughout the event in order to reduce the stigma associated with the subject; and direct access to information about suicide prevention.

3.10 Lamont Farm

3.10.1 A regular recipient of LAC funding, Lamont Farm was awarded £2,000 by this LAC at its May 2016 meeting. The farm requires funding to help meet the cost of animal feed, bedding, hay and straw, farrier services, dentistry and insurance.

3.10.2 The Farm advises that over 1,000 people visit each year and that as many as 35 children volunteer at weekends. Lamont Farm also accepts work experience placements from local schools, colleges and universities.

3.11 Evangelical Believers in God International

3.11.1 The LAC awarded £500 towards the cost of a festive event in the Johnstone Castle area which, the group has advised, was attended by over 100 people.

3.12 Renfrewshire Sports Network

3.12.1 The LAC awarded £2,400 towards the multi-area application which helped fund the Funding Athletes Supporting Talent (FAST) Card Scheme, benefitting a number of elite athletes in Renfrewshire from athletics, hockey, basketball, badminton, cricket, squash, cycling, football, golf, karate, gymnastics, judo, swimming, rowing and windsurfing.

3.13 The Breastfeeding Network

3.13.1 This LAC awarded £1,417.40 towards the cost of the ongoing Breast Buddies project aimed at promoting breastfeeding in Renfrewshire.

3.13.2 The group has advised that they have continued to provide breastfeeding support to families in Renfrewshire at their three weekly drop-in support groups at Ferguslie, Johnstone and Linwood. The group has also attended local community events including Lilius Day, Sma Shot Day and Barshaw Gala Day which has enabled them to engage with the local community, talking to parents and their wider families, normalising breastfeeding and providing evidence based information to local health professionals and new parents.

3.13.3 The group has continued to support their existing volunteers by providing ongoing learning, and two volunteers have now commenced nurse training. The group estimates that 82 local families directly benefitted from attendance at group sessions and 65 families attended the Teddy Bears' Picnic and Linwood's Birthday party events arranged by the Breastfeeding Network.

3.14 Brewery Street Kids Club

3.14.1 The Kids club benefitted from a £3,000 awarded by this LAC. This allowed for hall rentals and insurance to be paid with the number of members in the club increasing to 25. The grant also helped the club to assist in the organisation of Johnstone Gala Day which was attended by an estimated 2,000 people.

3.15 Friends of Shanks Park

3.15.1 The Council grant of £5,000 had allowed the group to purchase a basket swing which is fit for purpose for children and young people of all abilities. The swing will be placed within the 'senior' playground area of the Thomas Shanks play park area and group is currently in discussion and working with Renfrewshire Council on the placement and final costs for this.

3.16 Future Feedback

3.16.1 All grant recipients are instructed to submit award feedback once their awards have been spent and further reports on the outcome of projects will be submitted to future meetings of this LAC.

Implications of this report

1. Financial Implications

Grant awards were contained within 2016/17 LAC budget allocations.

2. HR and Organisational Development Implications

None.

3. Community Plan/Council Plan Implications

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 Implications

Compliance with the Council's Condition of Grants

5. Property/Assets Implications

None.

6. Information Technology Implications

None.

7. Equality and Human Rights Implications

- (a) 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 and Safety Implications

None.

9. Procurement Implications

None.

10. Risk Implications

None.

11. Privacy Impact

None.

12. CoSLA Policy Position

None.

List of Background Papers

None

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Name of Group	Award from this LAC	Update status
GENERAL GRANT FUND		
1 st Elderslie Brownies	£2,000	Reported to meeting held on 24 August 2017
Active Communities	£3,000	Reported to meeting held on 1 March 2018
Calder Drama Club	£700	Reported to meeting held on 24 August 2017
Elderslie CC	£1,000	No report received
Elderslie Wallace Bowling Club	£1,000	Reported to meeting held on 24 August 2017
Evangelical Believers International	£500	Reported to meeting held on 1 March 2018
Friends of Shanks Park	£5,000	Reported to meeting held on 1 March 2018
Johnstone Band	£2,000	Reported to meeting held on 24 August 2017
Johnstone Business Consortium	£3,800	Reported to meeting held on 24 August 2017
Johnstone Business Consortium	£1,000	Payment returned to LAC
Johnstone Community Sports Complex	£7,500	Reported to meeting held on 1 March 2018
Johnstone Phoenix Theatre Group	£7,500	Verbal update to be given to meeting to be held on 1 March 2018
Lochwinnoch Arts Festival	£4,300	Reported to meeting held on 24 August 2017
Lochwinnoch Art Group	£499	Reported to meeting held on 23 November 2017
Lochwinnoch Chatterbox	£1,500	Verbal update to be given to meeting to be held on 1 March 2018
Lochwinnoch Xmas Lights	£1,000	Verbal update to be given to meeting to be held on 1 March 2018
Lochwinnoch Country Dance Club	£450	Reported to meeting held on 24 August 2017
Lochwinnoch New Years Dance	£480	Reported to meeting held on 23 November 2017
Lochwinnoch SWI	£300	Reported to meeting held on 1 March 2018
Spateston Underpass	£600	Verbal update to be given to meeting to be held on 1 March 2018
West Lowland Bn Army Cadet Force	£1,995	No report received
Breastfeeding Network	£500	Reported to meeting held on 1 March 2018
Cornerstone Drop-in	£375	Reported to meeting held on 24 August 2017
Fitting-in	£500	Reported to meeting held on 24 August 2017
Forever Young	£300	Reported to meeting held on 1 March 2018
Greensyde Carers	£100	Reported to meeting held on 1 March 2018
Lamont Farm	£400	Reported to meeting held on 1 March 2018
Rays of Hope	£500	Reported to meeting held on 24 August 2017

Renfrewshire Deaf Group	£600	Meeting to be arranged with group
Renfrewshire Visually Impaired Forum	£300	Meeting to be arranged with group
Shopmobility	£494	Reported to meeting held on 23 November 2017
Wynd Centre (Adult)	£1,000	Reported to meeting held on 23 November 2017
YOUTH CHALLENGE FUND		
1 st -3 rd Johnstone Scouts	£10,000	Reported to meeting held on 24 August 2017
Basketball Paisley	£500	No report received
Brewery Street Kids Club	£3,000	Reported to meeting held on 1 March 2018
Johnstone Pipe Band	£5,000	Reported to meeting held on 23 November 2017
RAMH – No Substitute for Life	£400	Reported to meeting held on 1 March 2018
Renfrewshire Sports Network	£400	Reported to meeting held on 1 March 2018
Renfrewshire Youth Voice	£820	Reported to meeting held on 24 August 2017
Boys Brigade Paisley & District Battalion	£700	Reported to meeting held on 1 March 2018
Wynd Centre – Youth Counselling	£500	Reported to meeting held on 21 November 2017
Street Stuff	£5,000	Reported to meeting held on 24 August 2017 and on an ongoing basis
Feis Feislig	£500	Presentation made to LAC in November 2017