

To: Gleniffer Local Partnership

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Report by:
Chief Executive, Renfrewshire Council

TITLE:
**Gleniffer Local Partnership Budget Monitoring Report and 20/21 Funding
Application Feedback**

1. Summary

- 1.1 Gleniffer Local Partnership provides funding to community groups to undertake projects. This funding is allocated from the General Grant Fund, the Paisley Common Good Fund and, through a Participating Budgeting exercise known as Celebrating Renfrewshire, the Youth Challenge Fund.
- 1.2 A table setting out the funds allocated by Gleniffer Local Partnership in 2020/21 and current budget position is attached as an appendix to this report.
- 1.3 Feedback from projects receiving funding in 20/21 on the outcome of projects is also attached. The Gleniffer Local Partnership held an extra meeting in February 2021 to fully allocate the balance of 2020/21 funding, and as a result there is no carry forward into 2021/22.
- 1.4 For 2021/22, the normal arrangements will apply, requiring all funding to be spent by the end of the financial year with no provision for carry over to the following year.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 It is recommended that the budget monitoring report and feedback from recipients of funding in 2020/21 be noted.

3. Feedback From 2020/21 Grant Recipients

- 3.1 Feedback on the use of Gleniffer Local Partnership funding allocated in 2020/21 was received from fourteen organisations.

1. Lamont Farm

Funding from Gleniffer and other Local Partnerships enabled Lamont Farm to provide a service when able to open to the public during 2020 and to enable the public to visit animals safely in the fields when other services were unavailable. Projects were also carried out via the internet, for example Zoom sessions with local children. Animal handling for children under-12 was also delivered safely.

Lamont Farm was opened July-November 2020. Over 1,000 people attended in a single day during July.

Even during periods when the farm could not fully open, access to the Farm's fields for the public has provided a way of reducing stress and depression.

2. Paisley and District Boys Brigade Battalion Administration.

The Boys Brigade received funding from Gleniffer and other Local Partnerships to run events and for Battalion Headquarters running costs. Funding enabled staff to maintain the Headquarters building and prepare it to be ready to open and function fully once lockdown restrictions eased.

3. Shopmobility Paisley and District

Local Partnership funding was spent as intended on materials, equipment and volunteer expenses to ensure the provision of a mobility scooter and wheelchair service in Renfrewshire.

During lockdown open hours for the project were longer than normal. A new website was developed and support given to enable people to visit relatives in hospital, access scooters (including advice and maintenance), access counselling services, pick up prescriptions, get out of their home and access food.

4. Renfrewshire Walking Network

The funding was to promote the Walking Network through printed booklets and promotional material. These are placed in library's Community Facilities and Doctors surgeries. There was also money for training of new leaders and equipping them with Waterproofs and First Aid kits.

As we work with elderly and vulnerable groups all walks were cancelled due to Covid in March 2020. It is only in the last month that we are gradually restarting the Community Health Walks. This as delayed spending the grant on booklets and promotional material along with training and equipment. It is our intention to spend the grant as intended as things get back to normal.

5. Renfrewshire Christmas Toy Bank

The funding had been applied for to support our Christmas campaign however then to expand to operate all year. The funding allowed us to do this by paying for a year of storage as well as other items listed below.

We now run at Easter, Halloween and Christmas as well as supporting all year round with birthday gifts.

Teens are always hard to buy for so often we purchase gift cards. They have all been distributed.

The funding purchased:
Storage for a year £1,859
Gift cards £2,360
Toys and gifts £859
Easter £1,650

We had put in for Halloween as well however did not get from all partnerships meaning we could not make the funding go as far as to Halloween.

Christmas - 2,510 completed referrals
Over 40 organisations referred to us

Easter - 3,594 big eggs, 1,465 small creme egg type as well as over 1,500 small toys and arts and crafts items.
45 schools
26 nurseries
14 charities and other organisation received eggs from us

Birthday boxes

All social work departments, health visitors, star project, ebi unites, the space project as well as some schools and nurseries have a stock of gifts that they can take from. This means items have already been quarantined at their end. They then fill out a record sheet and we top up their supply when needed.
Other organisations refer to us due to space or working from home.

We were able to provide safe, new toys and gifts of a high quality taking away and stigma. Our referral process also set up parents and carers with other services that we cannot offer - helping us all work together to keep services fair.

The toy bank also relieves financial strain or helps stop families getting into debt.

Easter helped with food poverty as well as helping with an Easter egg hunt and another organisations Easter activities for the children that they support.

Businesses act as drop off points. This was a bit stop and start due to Covid however we try to use as many local small businesses as possible which also tends to bring them some new customers helping the local economy.

6. St Peter's Scouts

We wanted to focus on a year of outdoor learning and activities. With Covid effecting our initial plans, our amended plan was to purchase a patrol tent and shelters to enable us to meet outdoors in the winter months. We wanted to tackle the loneliness and isolation that covid had added to our members. With our young people being separated from their friends and family for months we wanted to get them back outside doing scout activities and having fun with their friends. As an integral part of the community we wanted to help families escape the lockdown worries for their young people's health and wellbeing both physically and mentally.

We were still able to provide a outdoor learning and activities this year. We were able to purchase a patrol tent and shelters. We could purchase PPE in order for activities to be run as covid safe as possible. We also were able to attend our local scout outdoor centre where we took part in activities such as archery, high ropes and crate climbing as well as other outdoor scout skills. We were able to give our members something to look forward to, fun and adventure.

We were able to reach 25 young people and by extension their families throughout the year but some of our members were unable to return to the face to face outdoor activities due to shielding or fear of contracting the virus as vulnerable family members at home. The purchase of the shelters and tent however will be used for many many years to come and will benefit all our members over these years.

7. The Thursday Club

As Covid 19 and all the restrictions came into force our club was unable to open and has been closed since March 2020 so the grant is in our bank unused.

This year no one benefited and if anything most suffered badly as we were unable to operate.

8. 33rd Paisley Gleniffer Scout Group

We applied originally for £10,000: £8000 for renewing toilets and £2000 for heaters and hot water heater.

We spent £555 of the £2,000 grant received on LED lighting, although this is still part of the larger project - Open Doors. We had planned to use it to pay for our heater system which was around £2,000. We were unable to spend it on this following the advent of the pandemic, which entailed the closure of the hall and the cessation of any outside contractors on site.

There are 81 people in the scout group who all benefitted for a short period of time. There were also a couple of couple of community groups who hired the hall, but again last year it was impossible to hire out due to COVID-19.

The rest of the grant money is allocated to Project Open Doors and will be used this year. We are expecting most member to return once we open the hall for group activities and indeed increase in numbers once restrictions ease.

9. Paisley and District Royal British Legion Pipe Band

We wanted the money to help fund the re-generation of Paisley and District pipe band by purchasing musical instruments, practice equipment and facilitating the inclusion of those in the community who may not otherwise be able to afford to get involved in a band or learn a traditional musical instrument.

There were some changes to our original ideas came about due to the Covid pandemic.

The biggest change was that because we couldn't practice or give lessons in our hall in the usual way we had to set up an online Zoom lesson format which proved very successful and will hopefully soon seamlessly blend into our usual form of tuition.

Eight people were given practice chanters and benefitted from Zoom lessons which are still ongoing 6 were supplied with drum sticks and practice pads. and have had weekly individual and group Zoom lessons. 10 drummers have now got drums and carrying harnesses. 15 pipers now have matching bagpipe chanters. 3 people have sat the PDQB (Piping and Drumming Qualification Board) exams in march after 3 months of online tuition.

10. Paisley Sea Cadets

We received £3,485. A new boiler was installed last month and the nest unit was installed.

We didn't spend anything on stationery. Due to covid restrictions the hall has been shut down since mid march 2020, and is still shut down, so strictly no one directly benefitted.

Our income for 2020/2021 is nil. In a normal year we would have received hall hire income, cadets subscriptions, bag packing income and gift aid. This was nil due to covid. All hall and cadet activities were completely suspended. The income received plugged the gap in our funding. The funding was used 100% as requested.

11. Meikleriggs Cricket Club

Our project sought funding to enable cricket coaching to be available to the community.

The funding enabled us to provide a qualified cricket coach, when COVID restrictions allowed. Sessions encouraged people of all ages and abilities to take part outdoors in an activity which enhanced their physical and mental health and wellbeing.

We reached a total of 100 people - mainly for the Paisley partnerships. The community were able to attend structured and covid friendly sessions to take part in physical activity. This was vital at a time when gyms etc were closed.

12. Ferguslie Cricket Club

We sought funding to enable us to purchase a new cricket roller, which was purchased. All our junior and senior players will benefit circa 75 members. In addition, all visiting teams will also benefit. Better cricket pitches prepared for all our teams and visiting opposition. In addition better pitches will enhance our ability to host representative games thus attracting visitors to Paisley.

13. C-Change

The money was a contribution towards direct running costs and was used as a contribution towards the salary of our Community Engagement and Event's Worker.

Our outcomes were focused on ensuring adults with learning disabilities:

- have opportunities and support to make and sustain natural friendships and close personal relationships with increased levels of wellbeing and happiness;
- develop the skills and abilities to make decisions about, develop and sustain close personal relationships and friendships;
- are better able to participate in the social, economic and cultural life of Renfrewshire
- have a wide range of rewarding volunteering opportunities which also increase their engagement with the local community.
 - Improved social connection between people with learning disabilities and the wider community through a number of events organised in local amenities in Renfrewshire.

The money was spent on direct staffing costs as originally planned, but our service delivery was different due to Covid-19. We had to cease all in person events and move our events online.

14. Rainbow Turtle

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We promoted Fair Trade via the Rainbow Turtle shop in Gauze St. Covid made it difficult to work in person with schools and organisation and the education officer was on furlough for some of the year, so more was done on line. This limited the impact in a difficult year. Previous years are more typical of our impact across Renfrewshire schools and organisations. In the coming year we intend to employ the education officer for more hours.

Rainbow Turtle works across all Renfrewshire and the main use of the funding is to pay part of the salary of a part-time Education Officer who works across all of Renfrewshire and makes all our resources to all schools and organisations across the county. As such it is not easy to break down how much each Local Partnership benefitted individually. All schools were offered online resources, especially during Fair Trade Fortnight

The Education Officer is responsible for the online presence of Rainbow Turtle and that has been more important in the past year where physical contact was so drastically reduced.

She produced regular newsletters, maintained the website and posted regality on Twitter and Instagram. Our followers on these platforms increases listed below in 3.2, over 1000 Twitter followers and almost 100 people follow us on Facebook. The charity works closely with the trading arm, Rainbow Turtle Trading and we have 26 active volunteers and more interested in joining.

Schools were closed for most of the year which meant normal business in terms of direct education work with pupils had to be postponed. However, contact with teachers continued, with a Teacher's Blog being set up, so mainly online. A number of events were planned over the year, but by necessity these have been rescheduled.

The Education Officer built up a wide variety of materials and resources, primarily online activities which can be rolled out when circumstances change. Hence, schools will be in a much better position to embed Fair Trade into the curriculum as normal services resume.

Home learning materials were developed for parents and guardians who were educating young people in the home. A wide variety of sessions, activities and digital learning opportunities were offered.

Updating the website and offering information and resources as well as drawing together links to relevant sites, was a key element of the work.

These resources were accessed by parents, teachers, partner organisations and interested members of the public who found them useful, engaging and informative. In previous , 'normal' years we were able to more by working with churches and other groups to have Fair Trade stalls, selling and education. We have previously worked with St Mirren's women's football team and using Fair Trade footballs. We have links with Scottish Fair Trade Forum and Just Trading Scotland (JTS) which is based in Paisley.

Appendix 1

Gleniffer Local Partnership Budget Monitoring 2020/21

Funds available in 2020/21 - £52,214

General Grant Fund £43,064

Paisley Common Good Fund £ 9,150

TOTAL FUNDING £52,214

Total awards in 2020/21 (inc Member expenses) - £52,214

Grant Ref	ORGANISATION	Awarded £	Paid £	Still To Be Paid £
	Expenses 7 Members	£350.00		£350.00
FR1088	The Thursday Club	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	
FR1105	30th St Peters Scout Group	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	
FR1108	Langcraigs Parent Partnership	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	
FR1119	33rd Gleniffer Paisley Gleniffer Scouts Group	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	
FR1129	Glenburn Seniors Forum	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	
FR1131	Foxbar Friday Bowling Club	£1,090.00	£1,090.00	
FR1132	Foxbar Keep Fit Club	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	
FR1133	Foxbar Elderly Forum	£950.00	£950.00	
FR1148	Stronger Communities Glenburn	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	
FR1149	Miles of Smiles (Stronger Communities Glenburn)	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	
FR1154	Stronger Communities Glenburn	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	
FR1205	Foxbar Rivers Community Building	£2,000.00		£2,000.00
FR1211	Glenburn Stroke & Disability Support Group	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	
FR1073	Rainbow Turtle	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	
FR1086	Paisley People's Archive	£725.00	£725.00	
FR1089	Paisley Sea Cadets	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	
FR1095	Renfrewshire Walking Network	£500.00	£500.00	
FR1156	RAMH	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	
FR1172	Renfrewshire Access Panel	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	
FR1065	Paisley and District, Royal British Legion Pipe Band	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	
FR1068	Meikleriggs Cricket Foundation	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	
FR1074	Ferguslie Cricket Club	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	
FR1099	Glenburn Community Tenants and Residents Association	£450.00	£450.00	
FR1125	Renfrewshire Effort to Empower Minorities	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	
FR1126	Home-Start Renfrewshire & Inverclyde	£482.75	£482.75	

FR1128	Renfrewshire Christmas Toy Bank	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	
FR1146	C-Change Scotland	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	
FR1150	The Wynd Centre	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	
FR1174	Lamont Farm Project	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	
FR1182	Renfrewshire Effort to Empower Minorities (REEM)	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	
FR1183	Oakshaw Trinity Friendly Hour	£375.00	£375.00	
FR1191	Y.M.C.A Paisley	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	
FR1209	Phoenix Flyers Dog Agility Club	£570.00	£570.00	
FR1212	Shop Mobility Paisley & District	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	
FR1215	Paisley & District U3A	£700.00	£700.00	
FR1130	Foxbar Resource Café	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	
	Stronger Communities Glenburn	£3,021.25		£3,021.25
	TOTAL	£52,214	£46,842.75	£5,371.25

Celebrating Renfrewshire Budget Monitoring 2020/21

TOTAL FUNDING **£19,861**
Awards **£13,886**
Carry Forward to 2021/22 **£5,975**

Grant Ref	ORGANISATION	Awarded £	Paid £	Still To Be Paid £
CE1015	Paisley Sea Cadets	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	£0.00
CE1021	Paisley Pirates Supporters Club	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	£0.00
CE1025	Renfrewshire Youth Voice	£2,000.00		£2,000.00
CE1039	Glennifer High School	£2,000.00		£2,000.00
CE1040	PACE Theatre Company	£2,000.00		£2,000.00
CE1042	Renfrewshire Carers Centre	£1,886.00		£1,886.00
FR1156	RAMH	£2,000.00		£2,000.00
	TOTAL	£13,886.00	£4,000.00	£9,886.00