

To: Gleniffer Local Partnership

On: 16 March 2021

Report by:
Chief Executive, Renfrewshire Council

TITLE:
Application for Local Partnership grant funding

1. Summary

- 1.1 At the meeting of the Gleniffer Local Partnership on 10th February 2021, it was proposed that, as an emergency measure and in view of the outstanding contribution to supporting residents throughout the Local Partnership area during the pandemic, Stronger Communities Glenburn be invited to apply for an award of up to £3,021.25 as soon as possible. It was agreed that the application should be considered as soon as possible after submission.
- 1.2 Following the meeting, officers invited an application from Stronger Communities Glenburn, and this was submitted on 1st March. An urgent meeting has been convened to allow the Local Partnership members to consider the application at the earliest opportunity.
- 1.3 The remaining balance of the Local Partnership funding is £3,021.25, and therefore the Local Partnership can award up to this amount.
- 1.4 A summary of the application is attached to the paper at Appendix A.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Local Partnership consider the grant application submitted by Stronger Communities Glenburn and attached at Appendix A.

Application For Local Partnership Support 2020-21

1. Reference	FR1226
2. Project Name	Food provision for the community (including crafts and games for children)
3. Organisation Name	Stronger Communities Glenburn
4. Amount Applied For	£4,000
5. Description Of Project <p>We plan to use the funding to continue to provide food packs for families in Foxbar and Glenburn alongside craft packs for children and young people of all ages which encourage them to play outside.</p> <p>The funding would allow us to purchase additional food to our donations so we can provide fresh food such as bread and milk in parcels, as well as craft materials. We estimate that these packs cost approximately £10 per person. We deliver food parcels directly to people.</p> <p>Due to the nature of the project, provision of packs will be scaled to fit the available funding, and prioritised based on need.</p>	
6. Who Benefits From The Project? <p>We have been providing support through the pandemic, particularly with working families who are struggling and people who aren't entitled to other supports. We have been operating a temporary food bank during the pandemic with support from donations from Morrisons.</p> <p>We have worked with over 500 families in the area, and this covers both the Foxbar and Glenburn areas within the Gleniffer LP area.</p> <p>Most of these children are entitled to free school meals, therefore many are going without that one hot meal, that they rely on in school. This also includes families who struggle to feed themselves without the added pressure of adding another meal during the holiday. Some of these families are working and struggle just as much as people on benefits. The need was identified through talking to people within our clubs.</p>	
7. Fit With Local Partnership Priorities <p>The Gleniffer Local Partnership recognised the work of Stronger Communities Glenburn in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, and have specifically invited an application to address local COVID response.</p> <p>Projects such as this can encourage people to contact and engage with local community groups such as Stronger Communities Glenburn, tackling isolation and loneliness which is currently exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>	

8. Breakdown of Costs

Stronger Communities Glenburn will be able to scale provision based on the size of the award.

Item of spend	Total Cost	Amount Requested
Purchasing food	£2,500	£2,500
Crafts / games	£1,000	£1,000
Contribution to running costs (hire of premises, volunteer expenses etc)	£500	£500

9. About The Organisation

Stronger Communities Glenburn is a constituted group run by local parents who want to help make their community a better place for children to grow up. The group is led by parents who are committed to understanding and responding to the needs of children and families in the Renfrewshire area. Through the provision of high quality, free/low cost activities and events. All provisions are linked to GIRFEC health and wellbeing indicators and has been identified through consultation with the community.

10. Grant Funding Award History

In addition to the grants below, Stronger Communities Glenburn were also awarded funding from the Local Partnerships for the 2020-2021.

	Grant name	Amount	Used for
2019/20	Local Partnerships	£13,000	Community gala day, Glenbairns club for 0-5s
	Green Spaces	£64,975	Work for local park improvements
2018/19			
2017/18			