

**To: The Villages Local Partnership**

**On: 4 February 2021**

**Report by:**  
Chief Executive, Renfrewshire Council

**TITLE:**  
**The Villages Local Partnership Budget Monitoring Report**

**1. Summary**

- 1.1 The Villages Local Partnership provides funding to community groups to undertake projects. This funding is allocated from the General Grant 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 The Villages Local Partnership at its meeting on 17 September 2020 is attached as an appendix to this report.
- 1.3 Following the awards made in September 2020, requests to use the award for an alternative purpose from the original application were received. These are noted in the table below.

Reference	Community Group	Amount Awarded	Request For Variance
FR1186	Lochwinnoch Toddlers Group	£1,228.50	Requested to use award for rental for alternative forms of activity for group to stay in contact
FR1194	Elderslie Community Council	£1,000	Requested reallocation of £700 out of the £1,000 awarded for Elderslie Christmas Light Switch On and Fair. The purpose was to create an alternative Christmas event (creation of a sleigh and purchase of bells for children to ring).

- 1.4 The outcome of the Celebrating Renfrewshire exercise for The Villages Local Partnership is also attached. The purpose of the Youth Challenge Fund is to fund projects to benefit young people aged 12-25. The Youth Challenge Fund was renamed as “Celebrating Renfrewshire: By young people, for young people” by the youth steering group, and has a value of £23,609 in The Villages Local Partnership area.
- 1.5 The Celebrating Renfrewshire exercise was carried out in a virtual format in 2020, as a result of coronavirus pandemic.
- 1.6 The project was co-produced by young people, supported by Renfrewshire Youth Voice, Renfrewshire Council, Active Schools and Young Scot.
- 1.7 Voting took place between 12 October and 6 November 2020 with the award announcement taking place in an online event on Friday 13 November.
- 1.8 249 young people voted in The Villages area, casting three votes each for different projects, resulting in 747 votes in total. Five projects were funded to a total value of £9,386. Engagement is taking place with young people to allocate the remaining sum to relevant projects.

## 2. Recommendation

- 2.1 It is recommended that the budget monitoring report and allocation of Celebrating Renfrewshire funding be noted.

				Funds	
ORGANISATION	Grant Ref	Budget	Funds Applied For	Awarded	Over / Under Cttd
		£	£	£	£
<b><u>General Fund</u></b>					
<b><u>Budget 20-21</u></b>		<b>£51,191.00</b>			
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Expenses 15 Mmbers				£750.00	
Greensyde Carers	FR1057		£100	£70.00	
Calder Drama Club	FR1070		£700	£490.00	
Lochwinnoch Arts Festival	FR1072		£7,162	£5,013.40	
Renfrewshire Walking Network	FR1095		£500	£350.00	

1st Bridge of Weir Scout Group	FR1110		£8,142	£5,699.40	
Boys Brigade, Paisley and District	FR1111		£600	£420.00	
Lochwinnoch Choral Society	FR1114		£1,655	£1,158.50	
Local Energy Action Plan (LEAP)	FR1116		£5,744.50	£4,021.15	
Friends of Howwood Park	FR1122		£1,938.69	£1,357.08	
Home-start Renfrewshire & Inverclyde	FR1126		£482.75	£337.92	
Renfrewshire Christmas Toy Bank	FR1128		£1,215	£850.50	
The Kilbarchan Singers	FR1135		£1,505	£1,053.50	
Bridge of Weir Elderly Forum	FR1136		£1,000	£700.00	
Rays of Hope	FR1137		£9,400	£6,580.00	
Houston Community Council	FR1160		£3,650	£2,555.00	
Renfrewshire Access Panel	FR1172		£2,239.32	£1,567.52	
Lamont Farm Project	FR1175		£4,000	£2,800.00	
Lochwinnoch Toddlers Group	FR1186		£1,755	£1,228.50	
Kilbarchan Improvement Projects	FR1187		£4,070	£2,849.00	
1st Elderslie Girls Brigade	FR1190		£500	£350.00	
Elderslie Community Council	FR1194		£1,100	£770.00	
Elderslie Community Council	FR1196		£700	£490.00	
Bridge of Weir Senior Citizens Association	FR1206		£1,500	£1,050.00	
Lochwinnoch SWI	FR1207		£300	£210.00	
Lochwinnoch Art Group	FR1210		£450	£315.00	
Shop Mobility Paisley & District	FR1212		£1,357	£949.90	
Johnstone Dementia Friendly Community Group	FR1216		£1,418.50	£992.95	
Lochwinnoch Christmas lights switch on	FR1217		£2,500	£1,750.00	
1st Elderslie Girls Brigade	FR1189		£539	£377.30	
Lochwinnoch PS Parent Council	FR1163	Refer to Villages/Greenspaces	£9,932		
Elderslie Community Council	FR1193	Refer to Villages/Greenspaces	£1,400		
Elderslie Community Council	FR1197	Refer to Villages/Greenspaces	£6,756		

Elderslie Community Council	FR1198	Refer to Villages /Greenspaces	£1,145		
Elderslie Community Council	FR1200	Refer to Villages /Greenspaces	£235		
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£51,191.00</b>	<b>£85,691.76</b>	<b>£47,106.62</b>	<b>£4,084.38</b>
				<b>Funds</b>	
ORGANISATION	<b>Grant Ref</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Funds Applied For</b>	<b>Awarded</b>	<b>Over/Under</b>
		£	£	£	£
<b><u>Celebrating Renfrewshire Budget 20-21</u></b>		<b>£23,609.00</b>			
Johnstone Burgh football Team Friends of Howwood Park	CE1007			£2,000.00	
Gryffe High School Finding Your Angel	CE1020			£1,500.00	
Lamont Farm Project	CE1024			£2,000.00	
Renfrewshire Carers Young boys carer group	CE1041			£1,886.00	
1St Lochwinnoch Boys Brigade	CE1049			£2,000.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£23,609.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£9,386.00</b>	<b>£14,223.00</b>



# Celebrating Renfrewshire Participatory Budgeting Results October 2020

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## Introduction

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Renfrewshire Council commissioned Young Scot to manage an online vote for a participatory budgeting exercise taking place in October 2020. This was branded as the 'Celebrating Renfrewshire' event.

Young Scot Supported the vote in two ways. Firstly, a campaign was created at the Young Scot website, [young.scot](http://young.scot). This campaign allowed young people to check out the projects before the vote went live and also allowed the projects themselves to check the information that they had supplied. After the vote is complete we will change the campaign page to reflect the winning projects.

Secondly, voting took place online using the Young Scot online voting platform. Young people were able to vote using a valid Young Scot card issued in Renfrewshire or by using one of 50,000 temporary numbers that were issued to Renfrewshire Council staff. The vote was open to all young people aged 12-25 in the area. We know that the vast majority of young people in the area have been issued with a Young Scot card. Renfrewshire Council staff handled the issuing of temporary numbers with a robust process to ensure that young people were not issued with more than one number.

Voting took place from Midday on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2020 until 17:00 on the 6<sup>th</sup> November 2020. This was during the global COVID-19 pandemic, which meant that all promotion of the vote was online rather than face to face

One vote was held with seven geographic areas as constituencies. Young people logged into the system using their Young Scot card number or a temporary number issued by Renfrewshire Council staff. Young people then had to choose one of the seven geographic constituencies based on the Local Partnership Boundaries within Renfrewshire. Each card number or temporary number allowed that young person to vote in any one, but only one constituency. Young people were then presented with between 5 and 24 projects to choose from. Voters had to use 3 equal votes, with only one vote being allocated to any one project. This gave a first past the post result.

Voting could be carried out using a computer, phone or other internet device. Renfrewshire Youth Services promoted the vote by visiting schools and youth groups around the area.

## Voting summary:

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**1721** individual young people voted in total

**5163** choices were made in total – (exactly 3 choices per person)

There were **43** spoiled votes\*

## Results

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The results of the seven areas are as follows:

## Paisley North, West and Central

**421** valid votes, with **1263** candidate preferences

Name of Application	Requested	Rank	votes	Awarded
Pachedu	2,000	1	171	2000
Paisley YMCA	1,500	2	164	1500
Loud n Proud	2,000	3	163	2000
Twist and Hit Cheerleaders	1,686	4	110	1685.82
Own Yer Bike	1,982	5	80	1982.28
Darkwood Crew - Helping Ferguslie FlourishVillage Green Mural Projec	2,000	6	64	2000
Paisley Pirates Supporters Club	2,000	7	62	2000
Cameron Dance Group	1,000	8	54	1000
Pals of the privies (SCIO)	2,000	9	48	2000
Renfrewshire Carers Centre	1,886	10	46	1886
I Am Me Scotland	2,000	11	40	2000
Right2dance	1,980	12	39	1078.9
Blue Triangle Housing Association Covid 19 and Mental Health	384	13	31	0
Renfrewshire Youth Voice	2,000	14	30	0
Kelburne Hockey Club	1,500	15	27	0
Paisley sea cadets	2,000	16	24	0
Paisley Barbell	2,000	17	22	0
CREATE Paisley	1,905	18	17	0
PACE Theatre Company	2,000	18	17	0
Young Enterprise Renfrewshire	2,000	20	16	0
CREATE Paisley The Event Team-	2,000	21	11	0
Renfrew Rocks	2,000	22	10	0
CREATE Paisley	2,000	23	9	0
Afroscots United Fc	2,000	24	8	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>43,823</b>		<b>1,263</b>	<b>21,133</b>

## Renfrew

**341** valid votes, with **1023** candidate preferences

Name of Application	Amount Requested	Rank	votes	Amount Awarded
Renfrew YMCA SCIO	1800	1	199	1800
St Mirren Youth Football Club	2000	2	134	2000
Renfrew High Sports Leaders	2000	3	121	2000
Trinity High School	850	4	113	850
Renfrewshire Carers Centre Young carers	1886	5	64	1886
Lamont Farm Project	2000	6	63	2000
Rainbow Turtle	750	7	49	750
Always included	2000	8	48	2000
Loud n Proud	2000	9	47	2000
Young Enterprise Renfrewshire	2000	10	46	2000
Paisley Pirates Supporters Club	2000	11	42	1371
I Am Me Scotland	2000	12	38	0
Renfrew Rocks	2000	13	34	0
Afroscots United Fc	2000	14	25	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>25286</b>		<b>1023</b>	<b>18657</b>

## Johnstone and Linwood

**251** valid votes, with **753** candidate preferences

Name of Application	Amount Requested	Rank	votes	Amount Awarded
Pachedu	2000	1	127	2000
Paisley YMCA	1500	2	114	1500
Renfrewshire Carers Centre	1886	3	79	1886
YOUTH INTERVENTIONS SC046578	2000	4	75	2000
Active Communities	2000	5	65	2000
Own Yer Bike	1982.28	6	50	1982.28
Renfrewshire Youth Voice	2000	7	43	2000
Sandyflats tenants and residents association	2000	8	42	2000
Always included	2000	9	31	2000
Fordbank Scout Group	2000	10	29	2000
Young Enterprise Renfrewshire	2000	11	23	1164.36
Afroscots United Fc	2000	11	23	1164.36
CREATE Paisley Event Team-Amplified	2000	14	20	0
CREATE Paisley CREATE Mentoring	2000	15	11	0
Spoiled votes*			21	
<b>totals</b>	<b>27368.28</b>		<b>753</b>	<b>21697</b>

## The villages

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**249** valid votes, with **747** candidate preferences

<b>Name of Application</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>votes</b>	<b>Amount Awarded</b>
Gryffe High School	1500	1	230	1500
Renfrewshire Carers Centre Young carers	1886	2	179	1886
Lamont Farm Project	2000	3	175	2000
Johnstone Burgh 2007's Football Team	2000	4	82	2000
1st Lochwinnoch Boy's Brigade	2000	5	81	2000
<b>Totals</b>	<b>9386</b>		<b>747</b>	<b>9386</b>

## Paisley East

**246** valid votes, with **738**  
candidate preferences

Name of Application	Amount Requested	Rank	votes	Amount Awarded
Loud n Proud	2,000	1	125	2000
Paisley YMCA	1,500	2	123	1500
Pachedu	2,000	3	114	2000
St Andrews Academy	2,000	3	114	2000
Kelburne Hockey Club	1,500	5	67	1500
Paisley Barbell Powerlifting Club	2,000	6	52	2000
PACE Theatre Company	2,000	7	38	2000
Own Yer Bike	1,982	8	24	1982.28
Paisley sea cadets	2,000	8	24	2000
Who Cares? Scotland	1,736	10	23	1736
CREATE Paisley	2,000	11	16	2000
I Am Me Scotland	2,000	12	13	2000
Outspoken Arts Scotland Limited	2,000	13	5	1376.72
<b>Totals</b>	<b>24,718</b>		<b>738</b>	<b>24,095</b>

## Gleniffer

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**146** valid votes, with **438** candidate preferences

<b>Name of Application</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>votes</b>	<b>Amount Awarded</b>
Gleniffer High School	2,000	1	117	2000
Renfrewshire Carers Centre	1,886	2	94	1886
Renfrewshire Youth Voice	2,000	3	58	2000
PACE Theatre Company	2,000	4	47	2000
RAMH	2,000	5	45	2000
Paisley Pirates Supporters Club	2,000	6	39	2000
Paisley sea cadets	2,000	7	38	2000
<b>Totals</b>	<b>13,886</b>		<b>438</b>	<b>13886</b>

## Erskine, Inchinnan, Bishopton & Langbank

**67** valid votes, with **201** candidate preferences

<b>Name of Application</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>votes</b>	<b>Amount Awarded</b>
Trinity High School (will be applying on behalf of the Sports Leaders group)	850	1	39	850
Renfrewshire Carers Centre Young carers	1886	2	37	1886
Lamont Farm Project	2000	3	27	2000
Erskine Youth Council	1997	4	26	1997
Always included	2000	5	23	2000
St Mirren Youth Football Club	2000	7	14	2000
Renfrew Rocks	2000	8	13	2000
Spoiled votes*			22	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>12733</b>		<b>201</b>	<b>12733</b>

## Conclusions

The celebrating Renfrewshire vote was a success with a total of 1721 voting young people. This represents a great achievement from young people and the staff of Renfrewshire, particularly during the time of the global COVID-19 pandemic and Young Scot hope to be able to support similar votes in the future.

\*Votes spoiled due to project not meeting the requirements of the fund

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