

To: Houston, Crosslee, Linwood, Riverside & Erskine Local Area Committee

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Report by: Director of Finance & Resources

Heading: Grant Feedback Report – 2017/18 Awards

1. Summary

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide some detail on projects that were funded by the Houston, Crosslee, Linwood, Riverside & Erskine Local Area Committee (LAC) in 2017/18.

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 This report provides an overview of feedback submitted by a number of the successful grant applicants who were funded by the Houston, Crosslee, Linwood, Riverside & Erskine LAC in 2017/18.

3.2 Gryffe High School PTA

3.2.1 The LAC awarded £8,000 to the PTA towards the total cost of £41,526 for refurbishing the seating and flooring at the Gryffe High School theatre. The PTA have advised that this is the first refurbishment in 37 years and the theatre will be used for school shows and concerts.

3.3 Glen Art

3.3.1 Glen Art was awarded £5,000 which has been used to establish a cookhouse for the veterans at Erskine. The group has purchased tables and chairs, kitchen units, a range cooker and worktops and has helped to prepare a cookbook for the veterans.

3.4 Linwood Elderly Forum

3.4.1 The Elderly Forum was awarded £2,000 towards the cost of a theatre trip. This was used to take 80 older people to the Pavilion Theatre in Glasgow, purchase the tickets and hire 2 coaches.

3.5 Brighter Bridge of Weir

3.5.1 The group was awarded £2,500 by the LAC which to date has been used to purchase spring and summer plants as well as other bulbs, plants and shrubs and secure storage.

3.6 Langbank Bowling Club

3.6.1 The LAC awarded £2,000 towards the cost of purchasing a new lawnmower for the club which, the group has advised, provides a better playing surface, ensuring the continued existence of the club.

3.7 Houston Community Council (Christmas Tree and Lights)

3.7.1 The Community Council was awarded £5,000 to purchase and install Christmas lights in Houston village centre. The Community Council estimated that over 1,000 people attended the switch-on ceremony,

3.8 Houston Community Council (Floral displays and other environmental improvements)

3.8.1 The LAC awarded £5,000 to the LAC which has been used to purchase plants and flowers, planters and tools and equipment.

3.9 Bridge of Weir Elderly Forum

3.9.1 The Forum was awarded £2,000 which has been used so far to cover hall rental, provide transport to take members to the group's Christmas dinner, secretarial expenses and the provision of entertainment.

3.10 Bridge of Weir Senior Citizens Association

3.10.1 The LAC awarded £1,500 to the Association which has been used to hire the Cargill Hall for meetings, provide taxis to take members to meetings and other general running costs.

3.11 Erskine Youth Council

3.11.1 The Youth Council was awarded £6,070 to enable the young people to plan and deliver activities for members. To date, the Youth Council has delivered a Hallowe'en movie night and a junior Christmas party.

3.12 Active Communities (Girls on the Run)

3.12.1 The LAC awarded £1,530 to Active Communities who have provided a project to encourage girls to undertake physical activity in a safe environment on a weekly basis walking, jogging, bootcamp, circuit training, team building, clubbercise and games.

3.13 Active Communities (Feel Good Linwood)

3.13.1 Active Communities was awarded £2,350 by the LAC which has been used to fund a Feel good about You course in Linwood which included advice on diet and exercise, provide weekly active family sessions and run drop-in sessions.

3.14 Renfrewshire District Scouts

3.14.1 The group was awarded £162.58 by this LAC to purchase neckerchiefs and hoodies to help develop an identity for the District team. The group has advised that the new neckerchief has been used at local events such as church services.

3.15 Fitting-in

3.15.1 The group was awarded £615.54 by this LAC. This has been used to help meet the cost of activities for disadvantaged young people, including bus hire, hire of the Bield Centre, a children's first aid course, trips to Xscape, Heads of Ayr and Mugdock Park and Co-ordinantor costs.

3.16 Lamont Farm

3.16.1 The group was awarded £2,000 by this LAC. This helped to meet the general operating costs of the farm including the purchase of insurance, animal feed and bedding and paying for dentist and farrier services.

3.17 Rainbow Turtle

3.17.1 The group was awarded £500 by this LAC. This helped to fund an education officer post to help deliver school talks and other educational programmes.

3.18 Rays of Hope

3.18.1 The group was awarded £615.54 by this LAC. This cancer support group used the grant to fund instructor fees, hall rental, marketing, respite assistance and craft supplies.

3.19 RSPB Renfrewshire Local Group

3.19.1 The group was awarded £120 by this LAC. This helped to meet the cost of purchasing a new laptop and projector for use by guest speakers at local meetings.

3.20 The Breastfeeding Network

3.20.1 The group was awarded £615.55 by this LAC. This has helped the group to continue providing breastfeeding support to families in Renfrewshire, support existing volunteers and attend local events and gala days.

3.21 Greensyde Carers

3.21.1 The group was awarded £96 by this LAC which helped to purchase tracksuits for members of the Milldale Athletic Team as part of a wider project to support adults with learning disabilities fulfil their full potential in sports.

3.22 Braehead Junior Ice Hockey Club

3.22.1 The group was awarded £689 by this LAC. This has been used to subsidise the cost of ice hire for the club, reducing the cost to the children participating in the sport.

3.23 Girls Brigade Renfrew Division

3.23.1 The group was awarded £143.63 by this LAC. This helped to fund an explorer activity day, a Division-wide competition and the cost of an engraved trophy.

3.24 Paisley Pirates

3.24.1 The group was awarded £689 by this LAC to help meet ice costs which is charged to the team at £191 per hour.

3.25 Johnstone Pipe Band

3.25.1 The Pipe Band was awarded £5,000 by this LAC towards the cost of its 'piping in schools' project. The grant helped to pay for the provision of tuition in schools and the purchase of chanters.

3.26 The Boys Brigade Paisley & District Battalion

3.26.1 The group was awarded £150 by this LAC which has been used help offset total divisional running costs of £27,161.

3.27 The Wynd Centre

3.27.1 The group was awarded £1,200 by this LAC for each of its applications for youth and adult counselling. The group has advised that over 6,000 people have benefitted from the grant which has helped to meet counselling, coffee shop and staffing costs as well as general overheads.

3.28 Erskine New Interest Group

3.28.1 The group was awarded £750 which was used to take 33 older people to the Pavilion Theatre.

3.29 Brookfield Community Council

3.29.1 The Community Council was awarded £10,000 by the LAC to install play equipment in Brookfield Village Park. The Community Council, with the assistance of Renfrewshire Council, was able to install the equipment under budget and return £3,377.71 to the LAC.

3.30 Inchinnan Historical Interest Group (IHIG)

3.30.1 IHIG was awarded £4,000 for its legacy project education pack. The grant was spent on report writing and collation, co-ordination meetings with teachers, project management and editing.

3.31 Houston Play Park Improvement Group

3.31.1 The group had been awarded £8,000 in May 2016 and a further £9,999 in June 2017 towards the cost of the play park improvements. Works were due to commence at the start of March 2018 following the receipt by the group of detailed plans for the improvement works. A further report will be submitted once works have been completed.

3.32 Shopmobility

3.32.1 The award of £300 to Shopmobility helped to cover the group's insurance payments for its operation of a fleet of mobility scooters.

3.33 Bishopton Primary School Parent Council

3.33.1 The Parent Council was awarded £10,000 towards the cost of transforming a waterlogged area of land at the school into a sports pitch. The Parent Council has advised that due to issues surrounding insurance, weather, agreement from the Council and a burst pipe, the project has not officially started yet. However, the Kibble has begun manufacture off-site and the diggers are due to move onto the area of land on Wednesday 9 May. A full update will be provided once the project has been completed.

3.34 No Substitute for Life Suicide Memorial Tournament

3.34.1 RAMH was awarded £376 by this LAC towards the cost of the suicide awareness 5-a-side football tournament. The group estimated that 500 people attended the event with the grant being utilised to cover the cost of a marquee, trophies, referees, first aid, balloons, photographer, PA system and hire of the sports centre.

3.35 Renfrewshire Access Panel

3.35.1 This LAC awarded the Access Panel £2,000 which has contributed towards the group's running costs. The Access Panel advises that the grant has helped the group to continue its work ensuring that Renfrewshire infrastructure is accessible to all, providing computer classes at Riverbrae school and promoting the campaign for changing places toilets.

3.36 Linwood Scout Group

3.36.1 Linwood Scout Group was awarded £3,246 by this LAC which enabled them to attend the district camp at a low cost to parents, provide each new member with a neckerchief and initial badges. The group has purchased an indoor flagpole for opening and closing ceremonies, a lap top and printer and meet rental costs for the first 6 months of the group's establishment.

3.37 Groups yet to submit feedback are:-

Klas Care CIC
Linwood Elderly Forum
Bridge of Weir Community Council
Erskine Festival Committee
Community Action for Erskine
Houston Old School Trust
Erskine Community Council (Lights)
Erskine Community Council (Planters)
Paisley & District Paisley YMCA
Inchinnan Bowling Club Junior Section
Phoenix Activities Group (February 2018 award)
Paisley YMCA (February 2018 award)

Implications of the Report

- 1. Financial** - Grant awards were contained within 2017/18 LAC budget allocations.
- 2. HR & Organisational Development** – None
- 3. Community/Council Planning** – 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** - Compliance with the Council's Condition of Grants
5. **Property/Assets** – None.
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 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 & Safety** – None
9. **Procurement** – None
10. **Risk** – None
11. **Privacy Impact** - None
12. **Cosla Policy Position** – None

List of Background Papers

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