

Notice of Meeting and Agenda Johnstone and the Villages Local Area Committee

Date	Time	Venue
Thursday, 15 March 2018	18:00	Johnstone Town Hall, Ludovic Square, Johnstone, PA5 8EG

KENNETH GRAHAM
Head of Corporate Governance

Membership

Councillor Derek Bibby: Councillor Bill Binks: Councillor Jacqueline Cameron: Councillor Andy Doig: Councillor John Hood: Councillor Alistair Mackay:

Councillor Andy Steel (Convener): Councillor Emma Rodden (Depute Convener):

Community Representatives

Capability Scotland/Corseland School; Elderslie Community Council; Fitness for Disabled; Friends of Shanks Park; Greensyde Carers; Howwood Community Council; Howwood Sports & Hobbies Group; Johnstone Black Belt Academy; Johnstone Castle Community Learning Centre; Johnstone Community Council; Johnstone High Parish Church; Johnstone PC Learning Group; Johnstone Seniors Forum; Johnstone Tenants' & Residents' Association; Kilbarchan Community Council; Lochwinnoch Community Council; Lochwinnoch Elderly Forum; Quarrelton Area Tenants' & Residents' Association; Renfrewshire Early Years Forum for the Voluntary Sector; Renfrewshire Visually Impaired Forum; Renfrewshire Youth Voice; Sandyflats Tenants' & Residents' Association; Spateston Residents' Association; Scottish Youth Parliament; and St Paul's Church Dramatic Society.

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Items of business

Apologies

Apologies from members.

Declarations of Interest

Members are asked to declare an interest in any item(s) on the agenda and to provide a brief explanation of the nature of the interest.

- 1 Representation on Johnstone & The Villages Local Area Committee**
Consider requests to be represented on Johnstone & The Villages Local Area Committee from Johnstone Community Council and Elderslie Community Council.
- 2 Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership Update**
Verbal report.
- 3 Community Safety & Public Protection Update** **5 - 12**
Report by the Director of Environment & Communities.
- 4 Review of Community Level Governance Arrangements** **13 - 16**
Report by the Chief Executive.
- 5 Open Session / Key Local Issues**
- 6 Grant Awards - Feedback** **17 - 24**
Report by the Director of Finance & Resources.
- 7 Active Schools - Feedback**
Presentation by the Sport & Health Services Manager, Renfrewshire Leisure.
- 8 Budget Monitoring** **25 - 28**
Report by the Director of Finance & Resources.
- 9 Application for Local Area Committee Funding** **29 - 36**
Report by the Director of Finance & Resources.
- 10 Timetable of Meetings** **37 - 40**
Report by the Director of Finance & Resources.



To: JOHNSTONE AND VILLAGES LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE

On: 15 MARCH 2018

Report by: DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT & COMMUNITIES

**Heading: COMMUNITY SAFETY & PUBLIC PROTECTION,
PROGRESS UPDATE**

1. Summary

1.1 This report provides a progress update on activities the Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership has carried out in the Johnstone and Villages area in quarter 3 (1 October – 31 December 2017). The statistical information has been provided by the Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership, including relevant Council Services, Police Scotland and Scottish Fire & Rescue. The report includes information on:

- Johnstone and Villages community safety statistics;
- Environmental enforcement and improvement activities;
- Protecting vulnerable residents;
- Building safer communities;
- Diversionary activities;
- A spotlight on gender based violence.

2. Recommendations

2.1 It is recommended that the Local Area Committee notes the content of this progress update report.

3. Focus on Johnstone and Villages

- 3.1 The table below details the number of incidents reported in the Johnstone & Villages Local Area during Quarter 3, 2017/18 (01 October to 31 December 2017). The Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership continues to target resources into identified hotspot areas.

Incidents Reported	Q3 2016/17		Q3 2017/18	
	Ward 8	Ward 9	Ward 8	Ward 9
Serious Violent Crime (all Gp 1 Crime)	5	2	5	1
Minor Assault	23	16	22	26
Drug Crime	13	22	14	26
Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour (ASB) (number of calls)	203	190	137	168
Vandalism	23	19	25	35

- 3.2 Across both Wards 8 and 9 there were significant reductions in disorder and Antisocial behaviour incidents when compared to the corresponding period last year. Serious violent crime remains static at a very low level for both 2016/17 and 2017/18, whilst crimes of Minor Assault, Drugs, and Vandalism all remained at a very similar and low level. This downward trend in the overall levels of ASB and Disorder has continued for some time now and reflects the joint working approach by the Community Safety Partnership and the targeted deployment of resources. The reports of vandalism increased in both wards 8 & 9 in quarter 3 with Ward 9 almost doubling in number.

Renfrewshire Wardens' Antisocial Behaviour

- 3.3 87 antisocial behaviour calls were received by the Renfrewshire Wardens' service for the Johnstone and Villages LAC area during October to December 2017 which is an increase compared to the 59 calls in the corresponding period in 2016. 697 patrols took place within the Johnstone and Villages LAC area, many in response to these calls. The antisocial behaviour calls made to the Wardens help the Community Safety Partnership to respond to and direct resources across Renfrewshire. During the same time period, the number of calls to the Noise Team increased, although they tended to be minor and did not require any enforcement action.

4 Environmental Enforcement and Improvements

Environment and Place, Team Up to Clean Up

- 4.1 The Team Up to Clean Up campaign continues to flourish and engagement with communities and schools has been encouraging. The Council has a growing community group contact list and engagement is developing well. Community Clean Up's will remain at the heart of the Campaign. The webpage is live, offering branded downloadable materials and community clean up packs, posters and leaflets to support activity. Community groups can publish their contact details, enabling those who would like to join events, or arrange their own, to obtain support and more information.

- 4.2 A Team Up to Clean Up Facebook page has been launched capturing a significant level of interest with over 200 members joining to date. The page is designed to be a resource for community groups to share good practice, promote events to like-minded individuals and facilitate discussion. The page has so far has prompted joined up working between two groups.

Dog Fouling

- 4.3 A new approach will be adopted for maximum impact in key hotspot areas identified through data analysis and evidence of need. Initially dog fouling will be counted then highlighted using a temporary chalk spray to demonstrate the extent of the issue and encourage local dialogue. This work will be carried out in partnership with the young people from Street Stuff. The spray and dog fouling will be removed within a maximum of 48 hours by Streetscene. Signage will then be introduced in the street along with temporary street art. Wardens will ensure the area is monitored and will adhere to a zero tolerance approach to dog fouling and litter within the area.
- 4.4 “The Responsible Dog Owners Pledge” has been launched online and includes that, signatories agree, amongst other exemplary behaviours, to pick up fouling after their dog. Work is being undertaken to promote the approach to dog walking groups and boarding establishments.

Purple Flag re-accreditation

- 4.5 Paisley has been successful in its application to retain Purple Flag status throughout 2018. This is a boost to local businesses who will benefit from Paisley First promotion of the town and its status throughout the year. A particular focus will be on encouraging more students into the town using their Purple Flag discount card.

5 Protecting Vulnerable Residents

Community Safety Partnership Youth Team

- 5.1 Over the last few months, the Community Safety Partnership Youth Team have been delivering a range of promotional and educational visits to Renfrewshire Schools engaging with pupils with the support of partner agencies. There have been talks on a variety of subjects including Guy Fawkes night, anti bullying and the dangers of drugs and alcohol.

Firereach

- 5.2 Following an increase in malicious fire raising across the Renfrewshire area a number of young people identified as being at risk of carrying out this type of behaviour have participated in a week long Firereach course. The course hosted by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service worked with the young people to raise awareness of the dangers and impact that this behaviour has on communities.

Festive Safety Campaign

- 5.3 Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership delivered a Festive Safety Campaign during December 2017 and early January 2018 within Paisley town centre with a

Safe Bus service being provided by the Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership assisted by the Renfrewshire Alcohol and Drug Partnership.

I Am Me/Keep Safe

- 5.4 The new I Am Me school tour #MakeaDifference Scotland has been to 28 Primary Schools in Renfrewshire with 5,616 children participating this term. Of these 839 children's surveys have been returned highlighting positive results with the overwhelming majority of children enjoying the visits, learning more about bullying and feeling more empowered to report bullying to an appropriate adult.
- 5.5 Keep Safe is extending across Scotland, with a further 12 local authorities actively rolling out the initiative. A further 8 local authority areas are currently engaged with I Am Me to prepare for Keep Safe within their area. There are now 334 Keep Safe places across Scotland, including 129 in Renfrewshire.
- 5.6 I Am Me won Disability Charity of the Year at the Charity Champions Awards in November 2017. In addition, the Charity has been shortlisted for the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service 2018 which is the highest award given to volunteer groups across the UK.

6. Building Safer Communities

Autumn/Winter Events, 2017

- 6.1 During October to December 2017, Environment & Communities and in particular Amenity Services and the Community Safety Partnership (including wardens, CCTV and Street Stuff) have supported various events throughout Renfrewshire, including Winterfest, Paisley Halloween Festival, Paisley Fireworks Spectacular, Bonfire Night, Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday events throughout Renfrewshire, Reclaim the Night March and Christmas Lights Switch On events in Paisley, Johnstone, Renfrew, Elderslie and Linwood.

7. Diversionary Activities

Street Stuff

- 7.1 The Street Stuff programme has been delivering activities across Renfrewshire with recorded attendances in the region of 24,000 this financial year to the end of December 2017. This includes the delivery of additional activities with the provision of a healthy meal during the October school week and festive period with attendances averaging 100 per day – at a similar level to last year. A range of activities were delivered during the holidays including; Football; Table Tennis; Music and dance. Healthy meals were provided including a Christmas dinner with fun activity games, selection boxes and gifts/prizes for young people.
- 7.2 The table below shows Street Stuff activity and attendance in the Johnstone and Villages LAC area from October to December 2017:

Venue	Attendance
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McMaster Centre	525
Lochwinnoch	23
Auchenlodment PS	67
Wallace PS	84
Total	699

- 7.3 Funding from this LAC in 2017/18 has allowed Street Stuff to deliver extra sessions in local areas. In total Street Stuff has provided 5 sessions over 5 days per week in the autumn months in the Johnstone and Villages LAC area. The Street Stuff buses are also out during the 6 evenings and are moved depending on need and the requirements of the young people.

(Details of Street Stuff activities and the up to date timetable are available on the council's website using the following link
<http://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/article/2381/Street-Stuff>.)

- 7.4 Street Stuff won the Community Champion award at Renfrewshire Chamber of Commerce ROCCO Business Awards 2017. They also won the Community Engagement category at the Scottish Public Sector Awards in December 2017. These latest awards complete a hat trick of awards and a very successful and well deserved year of recognition for the programme.

8. Public Protection Spotlight – Gender Based Violence

- 8.1 The term 'gender based violence' was first defined by the United Nations in 1993. This international agreed definition is still used today and helped to create the Scottish Government's definition:

- Gender-based violence is a function of gender inequality, and an abuse of male power and privilege. It takes the form of actions that result in physical, sexual and psychological harm or suffering to women and children, or affront to their human dignity, including threats of such acts, coercion or arbitrary deprivation of liberty, whether occurring in public or private life.

- 8.2 Violence against women has its roots in gender inequality (Statistically 1 in 4 women and children will experience some form of violence or abuse at some point in their life). However, this does not mean that all acts against a woman are gender based violence, or that all victims of gender based violence are female.
- 8.3 Renfrewshire's Gender Based Violence Strategy Group (GVB) is an inter-agency strategic partnership responsible for developing and implementing Renfrewshire's response to Equally Safe - Scotland's National strategy to tackle all forms of violence against women and girls. The GBV strategy group have recently completed a Self Evaluation exercise and have drafted the Renfrewshire Gender Based Violence Strategy for 2018 – 21, which will be launched later this year

- 8.4 In recent years, domestic violence media campaigns and reporting strategies have been giving victims of violence the confidence to report and providing mechanisms for third parties to also report incidences of violence. This has led to an upwards trend in reporting of domestic violence which corresponds to the national trend.
- 8.5 In Apr-Aug 2017, 933 residents in Renfrewshire were reported victims of domestic violence which is a 6.5% decrease compared with the corresponding period last year, although this total is similar to the 920 recorded victims in 2015, with domestic abuse remaining a key priority for Community Planning Partners.
- 8.6 Responding to incidents of domestic abuse involves several partner agencies including Police Scotland, Social Work, ASSIST (Advocacy, Support, Safety, Information, Services Together) and the Children's Reporter. Following an incident of domestic abuse to which the police have responded, onward referrals are routinely made to Children's Services in respect of child care concerns and to ASSIST in respect of concerns for the victim's well being. 2730 referrals of domestic abuse with a child in the household were received by Children's Services during 2016/17. Children's Services make inquiries into these referrals and if necessary investigate concerns received. There are a range of specialist services available to support women and children who are subject to gender based violence, including Renfrewshire Women and Children First and Renfrewshire Reconnection (Renfrewshire Council), Renfrewshire Rising, Renfrewshire Women's Aid, ASSIST and Barnardos.
- 8.7 MARAC (Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference) meetings are held on a 4 weekly basis to protect victims at the highest risk of harm. Since MARAC was established within Renfrewshire in November 2015 there have been 232 victims discussed and safety plans have been put in place to prevent further harm to them and their family.
- 8.8 The 16 Days of Action is an international annual awareness-raising campaign aimed at raising awareness and applying protective action to end violence against women and girls around the world. In 2017 the campaign ran from 25th November, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, to 10th December, Human Rights Day. The campaign encouraged people to take action and use their influence to help raise the status of women to a level where violence against them is no longer tolerated.
- 8.9 Renfrewshire Council worked with local and national community and volunteer groups to create a variety of events for our version of 16 Days of Action. The theme in Renfrewshire this year was 'March to the Beat of Your Own Drum' which sees women and supporting agencies join forces to educate and inform the public about gender-based violence. A key symbol associated with the campaign is a white ribbon. On 28th November, The Reclaim the Night March, was coordinated by Renfrewshire Rising, to raise awareness and call for the end of violence against women. The sale of white ribbons resulted in a donation of £117 being made to Renfrewshire Rising.
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Implications of the Report

1. **Financial** - None
2. **HR & Organisational Development** – None
3. **Community Planning** –

Our Renfrewshire is fair - The Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership treats all enquiries and complaints consistently using relevant legislation and guidance to ensure everyone that lives, works and visits Renfrewshire is treated fairly.

Our Renfrewshire is safe - The Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership contributes towards Renfrewshire being a safe and secure place for those living, working or visiting the area, using intelligence led joint tasking arrangements

4. **Legal** - None
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. 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
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To: Johnstone and Villages Local Area Committee

On: 15 March 2018

Report by: Chief Executive

Heading: Review of community level governance arrangements

1. Summary

- 1.1 In 2017, a review of Local Area Committee arrangements was carried out. The aim of the review was to assess the Local Area Committees as a model of community level governance, and make recommendations for future models.
- 1.2 A number of proposals for a future model of community level governance have been developed, which are detailed in the consultation paper attached at Appendix A.
- 1.3 In December, Council agreed that a consultation could start on the proposals. The consultation is now open and will be live until 15th April 2018.
- 1.4 Following consultation, detailed proposals for a new model will be brought back to Council for approval. It should be noted that as formal committees of the Council, Council will be asked to make any relevant amendments to the Standing Orders and Scheme of Delegation.
- 1.5 Any new model developed would then be implemented over 2018/19 following relevant Council approvals. In the meantime, a number of

process improvements will be implemented to improve the efficiency of the Local Area Committee grants process for 2018/19.

2. Recommendations

2.1 Members are asked to:

- Note the proposals which have been developed
 - Note the consultation period on these proposals is open until 15th April 2018
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3. Background

3.1 In 2016, Council agreed changes to the governance arrangements for the Community Planning Partnership, and as part of this work it was agreed that a review of the Local Area Committees (LACs) would be carried out.

3.2 The aim of the review is to assess the Local Area Committees as a model of community level governance, and make recommendations for a future model. The review included the form and function of Local Area Committees, along with the Local Area Committee grant funding.

3.3 Process and key activities:

- Benchmarking has been undertaken to assess the range of models across other Scottish local authorities.
- Engagement activities have been undertaken throughout the review, including: presentations at Local Area Committee meetings, a survey, a series of focus groups and individual interviews with organisations. This has included a range of people regularly involved in Local Area Committee meetings, alongside organisations who have been both successful and unsuccessful in gaining grant funding from Local Area Committees, and a number of organisations from the wider third sector who are not currently engaged with LACs.
- A Community Council Local Area Committee sub-group was also set up.
- Analysis of grant funding applications and awards across all five Local Area Committees for the last three years

3.4 In December 2017, a paper was taken to Council outlining the key findings from the Local Area Committee review (and engagement

activities) and Council agreed that consultation could commence on the proposals detailed at Appendix A.

4. Consultation arrangements

- 4.1 The consultation duration is 12 weeks, starting from late January 2017 until the 15th April 2018.
- 4.2 The consultation will focus on engaging the wider community in addition to those who are engaged in the current local area committee system.
- 4.3 The consultation will involve a range of methodologies to seek views from a range of stakeholders. This will include traditional consultation questions which can be answered online or on paper, along with a range of open consultation events in community locations across Renfrewshire and specific consultation sessions facilitated by community led organisations.

5. Local Area Committee grants for 2018/19

- 5.1 Any proposals to amend the Local Area Committee grant processes would not be implemented until 2019/2020.
- 5.2 It was, however, agreed by Council in December 2017 that administrative and process improvements would be explored for the 2018/19 round of grant funding, in order to help the process run more smoothly and efficiently.

Implications of the Report

- 1. **Financial** - It is possible that the administration of new arrangements could have financial implications for the Council. These will be developed and presented as part of any changed proposals presented to future Council meeting.
- 2. **HR & Organisational Development** - There are no HR implications arising from this report. There may be organisational development implications for a future model, as it is possible that there will be training requirements for officers as part of the transition to any new model.
- 3. **Community/Council Planning –**

Community Plan - Our Renfrewshire is well – This priority of the Community Plan explicitly refers to the review of community level governance, and in particular that communities are best place to support themselves and articulate their own needs.

Council Plan - Building strong, safe and resilient communities – A key priority within the Council plan is to ‘Strengthen existing community networks and empowering local people to become more involved in their area and the services delivered there.’

4. **Legal** - Any future change to Local Area Committee arrangements would be likely to have governance implications for the Council. These will be developed and presented as part of any changed proposals presented to future Council meeting.
5. **Property/Assets** - Not applicable
6. **Information Technology** - Not applicable
7. **Equality & Human Rights** - The proposals discussed within the paper should improve participation and representation of communities and enable groups to have more voice and influence in the shaping and scrutiny of public services.
8. **Health & Safety** - Any health and safety implications would be considered in the delivery of the consultation, and moving forward in any new arrangements developed.
9. **Procurement** – Not applicable.
10. **Risk** - Not applicable
11. **Privacy Impact** - Not applicable
12. **Cosla Policy Position** – Not applicable

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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 Lilies 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



To: Johnstone & the Villages Local Area Committee

On: 15 March 2018

Report by: Director of Finance & Resources

Heading: Budget Monitoring Report

1. Summary

- 1.1 Local Area Committees (LACs) provide funding through a range of grants in terms of the General Grant Scheme, Youth Challenge Scheme and, where appropriate, the Paisley or Renfrew Common Good Funds.
- 1.2 Since the last meeting this LAC there has been one budget adjustment. An unused sum of £1,000 for gala days 2016/17 has been identified and carried forward to this year's General Grant Fund budget. Johnstone Business Consortium has also returned a cheque to the sum of £1,000 to the General Grant Fund budget.
- 1.3 A table detailing the funds allocated by this LAC is attached as an appendix to this report.

Recommendations

- 2.1 That the budget adjustments set out in paragraph 1.2 of this report be noted; and
 - 2.2 That the budget monitoring report otherwise be noted.
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Implications of this report

- 1. **Financial Implications**
None.
- 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 it is for noting only. 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 Implications

None

List of Background Papers

None

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Budget Monitoring Report

Period ending: 31st March 2018

	Funds Available £	Funds Committed £	Balance to be Committed £
<u>General Grant Fund</u>	78,513.00		
Johnstone Community Council cheque return		-558.27	
Johnstone Business Consortium cheque return		-1000.00	
Gala Day carry forward 2016/17		1,000	
Community rep expenses		£500.00	
Kilbarchan Pipe Band		£414.00	
Friends of Shanks Park		£7,500.00	
Klas Care CIC		£3,000.00	
Kilbarchan Community Nursery CIC		£7,500.00	
Lochwinnoch Arts Festival		£2,500.00	
Lochwinnoch Sustainable Community Garden Group		£1,900.00	
Lochwinnoch SWI		£300.00	
Lochwinnoch Art Group		£499.00	
Johnstone Business Consortium		£8,000.00	
Lochwinnoch Country Dance Club		£450.00	
Calder Drama Club		£700.00	
Lochwinnoch Chatterbox Trust		£750.00	
The Kilbarchan Singers		£2,000.00	
Lochwinnoch Elderly Forum		£1,500.00	
Lochwinnoch New Year's Dance		£495.00	
Active Communities Scotland		£0.00	
Friends of the McKillop		£500.00	
Howwood Community Council		£3,000.00	
Johnstone Band		£2,500.00	
Johnstone Community Council		£4,111.76	
The Society of William Wallace		£750.00	
Johnstone Castle Learning Centre		£1,500.00	
Friends of Johnstone Care Centre		£2,520.00	
Lochwinnoch Christmas Lights Society		£5,000.00	
Lochwinnoch Gala Day		£2,000.00	
Elderslie Wallace Bowling Club		£0.00	
Johnstone High School Parent Council		£6,024.89	
Cornerstone Drop in		£375.00	
Greensyde Carers		£96.00	
The Wynd Centre		£492.00	
RSPB Renfrewshire Local Group		£119.99	
Phoenix Activities Group		£344.40	
Changing Stages Drama Group		£346.04	
Paisley Guitar Group		£254.20	
St James Orchestra		£300.00	
Forever Young		£820.00	
Renfrewshire Access Panel		£820.00	
Rainbow Turtle		£615.00	
Phoenix Flyers		£410.00	
C-Change Scotland		£820.00	
Shopmobility Paisley & District		£300.00	
Lamont Farm		£820.00	
Renfrewshire Sports Network		£410.00	
Association of African Communities in Renfrewshire		£498.49	
Johnstone Pipe Band		£2,050.00	

Rays of Hope		£820.00	
Renfrewshire Effort to Empower Minorities		£1,025.00	
The Brestfeeding Network		£534.23	
Walking Tours on Wheels		£328.00	
Cycle 3			
Johnstone Phoenix Youth Theatre		£558.27	
Fund Total	£78,513.00	£76,513.00	£2,000.00
<u>Youth Challenge Fund</u>	27,224.00		
Johnstone Pipe Band		£857.74	
Street Stuff		£5,000.00	
Girlguiding Semple		£2,000.00	
Braehead Junior Ice Hockey Club		£282.49	
The Wynd Centre		£492.00	
The Boys Brigade Paisley & District Battalion		£500.00	
Paisley Pirates Ice Hockey Club		£820.00	
PACE Theatre Company		£0.00	
Feis Phaislig		£413.69	
Basketball Paisley		£385.00	
DirectDevitt		£1,605.39	
Renfrewshire Bowling Association Under 25s		£246.00	
Fitting-in		£434.60	
Renfrewshire District Scouts		£162.58	
Loud n Proud		£984.00	
B Coy West Lowland Bn Army Cadet Force		£841.86	
Renfrewshire Schools Pipe Band		£1,025.00	
Girls Brigade Renfrew Division		£240.00	
Renfrewshire Leisure - Active Schools		£6,000.00	
Paisley YMCA		£1,893.50	
Thorn Athletic FC		£1,500.00	
Renfrewshire Youth Voice		£373.51	
RAMH - No Substitute for Life		£376.00	
Johnstone High School Parent Council		£475.11	
Fund Total	£27,224.00	£26,908.47	£315.53
TOTAL	£105,737.00	£103,421.47	£2,315.53



To: Johnstone & the Villages Local Area Committee

On: 15 March 2018

Report by: Director of Finance & Resources

Heading: Application For Local Area Committee Grant Funding

1. Summary

- 1.1 At the meeting of this LAC held on 23 November 2017 it was agreed that the remaining balance of the LAC budget be awarded to Johnstone Phoenix Youth Theatre which had submitted an application seeking £2,717 funding from the LAC.
 - 1.2 At that time the remaining budget amounted to £558.27. Since that time further funds have been returned to the LAC. There is one further outstanding grant application from St Paul's Drama Group which had been omitted from the last meeting of this LAC.
 - 1.3 Copies of the two application summaries are appended to this report.
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2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the LAC considers the applications appended to this report.
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Implications of this report

- 1. **Financial**
Grant awards were contained within 2016/17 LAC budget allocations.
- 2. **HR and 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 and Human Rights

- (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

None.

9. Procurement

None.

10. Risk

None.

11. Privacy

None.

12. CoSLA

None.

List of Background Papers

None

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Grants Summary Sheet 2017-2018

Reference		FR1286		
Name of Organisation/Group	1.1	St. Pauls Church Dramatic Society		
How many members?	1.11	Full Time	0	
		Part Time	0	
		Volunteer	7	
		Member	70	
Address/based	1.3	8 Plover Place, Johnstone, PA5 0ST		
What does your Organisation/Group do?	1.10	The Society provides a service to young people and adults teaching the art of musical theatre. This also helps build confidence and the ability for members from all walks of life to interact successfully. We also provide excellent entertainment at a lower cost to the local community.		
If your group covers more than one Local Area Committee (LAC) area, and you are applying to more than one LAC, please tell us which LACs you are applying to	1.13	Geographical Area: Johnstone & The Villages LAC Applying to: Johnstone		
How much grant funding are you seeking?	2.10	£4,000.00		
What will this grant be used for? Please provide a breakdown of the costs to be incurred. (Please use a separate sheet if required)	2.3 2.9	To provide a service to our members and local community, also helping member diversify and gain confidence to provide good quality entertainment at a good cost. The Society have been doing productions for over 50 years now and over the last 27 years we have out on musicals in the Town Hall and community halls and our large audiences have shown us this in a need in the local community. This is a massive undertaking which is not taken lightly, we have a production team who first of all have various planning meetings before meeting with the Society then the cast are auditioned and roles given out and rehearsals take place. Please note this is all being addressed totally by volunteers to help further the community spirit within Johnstone and surrounding areas. An enjoyable week for our members and a response from all our audiences of attending an enjoyable quality production at lower than Glasgow Theatre prices.		
What is your group's current bank balance?	1.14	1,882.76		
Are there any significant items of expenditure to be set against this bank balance?	1.14	No		
Have you applied for funding from any other sources? (This includes other Council grant)	2.12	Source of Funding	Secured/Not Secured	Timescale for Decision if not Secured

sources as well as external grant providers such as Lottery funding)				
Please briefly explain the benefit for the Local Area Committee Area if you are awarded this grant	2.6	An enjoyable week for our members and a response from all our audiences of attending an enjoyable quality production at lower than Glasgow Theatre prices.		
Previous local grant award history – previous 24 months (for office use only)	2.13		2,500.00	
Any Additional Information/ Documents Provided with Grant Application	3.00			
Please provide a breakdown of the total costs of the project and the amount requested from this grant source.	2.11	Hire of Town Hall	£4,000	
		Royalties/performing rights	£2,000	
		Sound	£3,000	
		Scenery/Backclothes	£2,700	
		Costumes	£2,500	
		Publicity/Printing	£1,000	
		Insurance	£300	
Appendix 4 Submitted (Out of School Care Providers Only)				
Lead Officer Recommendation (for office use only)				

Grants Summary Sheet 2017-2018

Reference		FR1308	
Name of Organisation/Group	1.1	Johnstone Phoenix Theatre Group	
How many members?	1.11	Full Time	0
		Part Time	0
		Volunteer	9
		Member	55
Address/based	1.3	30 Alloway Drive, Paisley, PA2 7DS	
What does your Organisation/Group do?	1.10	<p>The JPTG's aim is to create outstanding, innovative and entertaining performances using original writing, music, technology and theatrical experimentation within local communities. To exist in the present tense: developing performances that are relevant to contemporary society and reflect the concerns and dreams of the local population and further afield. To also maintain and develop our affiliations within community stakeholders, partners, funders, corporate business sponsors, philanthropic trusts.</p>	
If your group covers more than one Local Area Committee (LAC) area, and you are applying to more than one LAC, please tell us which LACs you are applying to	1.13	<p>Geographical Area: Renfrewshire Wide</p> <p>LAC Applying to: Johnstone and the Villages</p>	
How much grant funding are you seeking?	2.10	£2,717.00	
What will this grant be used for? Please provide a breakdown of the costs to be incurred. (Please use a separate sheet if required)	2.3 2.9	<p>The Theatre group are looking to build capacity and membership within the area to provide professional performances within the scaffolding period for the upcoming City of Culture Aware 2021.</p> <p>With the award we can gain membership and the necessary equipment in order to prepare the group to perform professionally to the incoming national and international audiences the City of culture status will provide. The funding would enable the group to become more structured, to build capacity and membership to sustain the group and also purchase equipment needed to perform at a level for the incoming audiences the culture status will provide. With the use of Survey Money we can obtain numbers and feedback from the local communities to assess our service users and activity attendance and any other comments from the end user to take forward into our planning. The community within Renfrewshire are not always aware that there are opportunities to engage and take part in culture activities. Within the club we offer an opportunity to all to be able to expand, not only a members personal development, but also boost self esteem by creating a performance that can be enjoyed but the participants and also emanate to the audience where they can engage and entertain providing a healthier, engaging activity within the community. The performance will reach out to the National and International audience within the scaffolding</p>	

		<p>period into 2021. The Group benefits the community by providing exciting and accessible theatre productions, developing a distinct emotional and visual language. To create inclusive opportunities for actors and facilitators, always with the focus on ability and creativity. The JPTG produce challenging and engaging theatre and share with the surrounding community. to entertain, the group believes the audience is as important as the artist and that to create dynamic and relevant theatre, the audience and artist must inspire each other therefore attracting tourism and economic development within the period on the lead up to 2021. The Johnstone Phoenix Theatre Group will provide the means for people of all ages within Renfrewshire area to participate in various forms of dramatic activities - classes 3 times per week, singing groups and final productions. Two shows are delivered to the community, Spring Performance in April/May and a Panto in December. The group will also deliver an outreach drama production within care homes within Renfrewshire and produce opportunities for young people. We hope to : Raise awareness of the Arts, Improve on the health and wellbeing of all participants, meet the EDI requirements, Reduce isolation of individuals within the community.</p>		
What is your group's current bank balance?	1.14	31,380.00		
Are there any significant items of expenditure to be set against this bank balance?	1.14	Yes Running cost of Next Performance, Venue Hire, Musicians, costumes		
Have you applied for funding from any other sources? (This includes other Council grant sources as well as external grant providers such as Lottery funding)	2.12	Source of Funding	Secured/Not Secured	Timescale for Decision if not Secured
Please briefly explain the benefit for the Local Area Committee Area if you are awarded this grant	2.6	<p>The outcomes will be that young people will have space to learn new skills, they can use these skills to further their opportunities in life. Young people will have a safe space to meet new young people and grow their peer circles. Young people will have a safe warm space to plan and deliver their projects that they are involved in. Young people will be able to invite their friends in to a warm safe and fun space.</p>		
Previous local grant award history – previous 24 months (for office use only)	2.13			
		Johnstone & Villages CAT C BAA Flightpath Police Scotland(Donation)	1000 1000 700 200	Apple Mac, Music Amp, Software for Mac, Printing Costs, Reusable Pop Up advertising
Any Additional Information/	3.00			

Documents Provided with Grant Application				
Please provide a breakdown of the total costs of the project and the amount requested from this grant source.	2.11	Laptop - PC World - Lenovo Bundle Camera - PC World Nikon B500 Digital Camera , Portable Hard Drive Bundle, Music Stands (7), Stand Lights (7), Snazaroo Face and Body Paint Professional Kit - 35 pieces, Costume Rails (7), Performance T-shirts , Scripting Fees	319 247.98 64.99 140 84 95 266 1,500	319 247.98 64.99 140 84 95 266 1,500
Appendix 4 Submitted (Out of School Care Providers Only)				
Lead Officer Recommendation (for office use only)				



To: Johnstone & the Villages Local Area Committee

On: 15 March 2018

Report by: Director of Finance & Resources

Heading: Johnstone & the Villages LAC Timetable 2018/19

1. Summary

1.1 The Council at its meeting held on 14th February, 2008 agreed its scheme of decentralisation, which included reference to the cycle of local area committee (LAC) meetings as follows:

“10.1 Local area committees will meet at least on a quarterly basis. This will allow sufficient time for progress on action to be reported on local strategies and issues. Local area committees should meet in suitable local venues to enhance community participation.”

1.2 The Council's Standing Orders apply to LACs. Standing Order 53 allows the convener of a LAC to call a special meeting of that committee by notifying the proper officer. In these circumstances, special meetings require to be held within 14 days of the proper officer receiving the notification. This mechanism allows the convener to call a special meeting should any matters of particular urgency arise or if there is a general need for a meeting to consider matters such as outstanding grant applications.

1.3 Taking into consideration the ability of the convener to call special meetings if the need arises and the potential for changes to LAC meetings arising from the current review of local governance arrangements, it is suggested that meetings of this LAC be programmed to August 2018.

1.4 Meetings of this LAC have been held on Thursday evenings at 6.00 pm in Johnstone Town Hall.

2. Recommendations

2.1 That meetings of this local area committee be programmed for 31 May and 30 August 2018.

2.2 That consideration be given to the time and venue of local area committee meetings.

Implications of this report

- 1. Financial Implications**
None.
- 2. HR and Organisational Development Implications**
None.
- 3. Community /Council Planning Implications**
LACs are held at a time and place best suited to their members. This helps LAC members to work together to improve outcomes.
- 4. Legal Implications**
None.
- 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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