

Minute of Meeting Local Partnership - Erskine, Inchinnan, Bishopton & Langbank

Date	Time	Venue
Thursday, 17 June 2021	18:00	Remotely by MS Teams,

PRESENT

Neil Barrington (Langbank Community Council); Councillor Tom Begg; Councillor Michelle Campbell; Jacqueline Doherty (Langbank Parent Partnership); Councillor James Harte; Councillor James MacLaren; Councillor Colin McCulloch; Sam Mullin (Erskine Community Council); Councillor Iain Nicolson; Jacqui Reid (Erskine Development Trust); Hayden Sutherland (Bishopton Community Development Trust); and David Woodrow (Bishopton Community Council).

CHAIR

Councillor Campbell, Chair, presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

K Graham Head of Corporate Governance, Lead Officer; A Armstrong-Walter Strategic Partnership & Inequalities Manager; D Pole, End User Technician; P Shiach Senior Committee Services Officer; R Devine Senior Committee Services Officer K O'Neill Committee Services Officer and S Kraft (all Renfrewshire Council).

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

A McNiven (Engage Renfrewshire) and F Watson, Renfrewshire Leisure.

RECORDING OF MEETING

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, the Chair intimated that this meeting of the Local Partnership would be recorded and that the recording would be available to watch on the Council's website.

APOLOGY

Councillor Don

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

J Reid declared interest in Item 3 - Applications for Local Partnership Grants (FR1064, EBI Unites Club Hub) as she was a member of Community Action for Erskine, the organisation and indicated that she would leave the meeting and not take part in discussions or voting thereon.

J Doherty declared interest in Item 3- Applications for Local Partnership Grants (FR1068- Langbank MUGGA and Community Hub) as she was a member of Langbank Swing park Regeneration Group and indicated that she would leave in the meeting and take part in discussions or voting thereon.

N Barrington declared interest in Item 3 - Applications for Local Partnership Grants (FR1068 –Langbank MUGGA and Community Hub) as he was the Chairman of Langbank Community Council and indicated that he would remain in the meeting but not take part in discussions or voting thereon.

J Doherty declared interest in Item 3 - Applications for Local Partnership Grants (FR1117 – Village connectivity - Upkeep and maintenance of paths) as she was a member of Langbank Community Council and indicated that she would leave in the meeting and take part in discussions or voting thereon.

N Barrington declared interest in Item 3 - Applications for Local Partnership Grants (FR1117 – Village connectivity - Upkeep and maintenance of paths) as he was Chairman of Langbank Community Council and indicated that he would remain in the meeting but not take part in discussions or voting thereon.

Councillor Nicolson declared a no-financial interest in Supplementary agenda Item 1 - Application for Local Partnership Grant (FR1046 - Inchinnan Tyre Sports Field) as he was a member of Inchinnan Development Trust and indicated that he would remain in the meeting and take part in discussions and voting thereon.

1 MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of Erskine, Inchinnan, Bishopton and Langbank Local Partnership held on 28 January 2021.

DECIDED: That the Minute be approved.

2 BUDGET MONITORING REPORT AND 20/21 FUNDING APPLICATION FEEDBACK

There was submitted a budget monitoring report and funding application feedback by the Chief Executive relative to the Erskine, Inchinnan, Bishopton and Langbank Local Partnership 2020/21.

The report intimated that the Local Partnership provided funding to community groups to undertake projects. This funding was allocated from the general grant fund and through a Participatory Budgeting exercise known as Celebrating Renfrewshire, the Youth Challenge Fund.

The funds allocated by Erskine, Inchinnan, Bishopton and Langbank Local Partnership in 2020/21 and the current budget position were detailed in the appendix to the report.

The feedback received from projects which received funding from Erskine, Inchinnan, Bishopton and Langbank Local Partnership in 2020/21 was detailed in the report. It was noted that due to the impact of Covid 19 on the capability of groups to successfully deliver projects, some groups had returned funding to the Local Partnership. In recognition of this situation it had been agreed that Local Partnership underspends in 2020/21 would be carried forward and added to the budget for 2021/22. For 2021/22, the normal arrangements would apply, requiring all funding to be spent by the end of the financial year with no provision for carry over to the following year.

DECIDED: That the budget monitoring report and feedback from recipients of funding in 2020/21 be noted.

3 **APPLICATIONS FOR LOCAL PARTNERSHIP FUNDING TO ERSKINE, INCHINNAN, BISHOPTON AND LANGBANK LOCAL PARTNERSHIP 2021/22**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive relative to applications for funding from Renfrew Local Partnership in 2021/22.

The report intimated that the available allocation for the Local Partnership was £53,822 made up of £43,989 from the General Fund and £9,833 underspend carried forward from the 2020/21 General Fund budget. The carry forward of underspend was agreed due to the exceptional circumstances of the Covid pandemic which impacted on the ability of community organisations to undertake activities due to restrictions in place over the period. The normal arrangement whereby underspends could not be carried forward into the next financial year would be reinstated for 2021/22. The sum of £50 per community representative required to be ringfenced for potential claims for administrative expenses, which left a balance of £53,472 for allocation.

The report advised that the Youth Challenge Fund component of the Local Partnership's funding, now known as Celebrating Renfrewshire, was £20,288. In addition, an underspend in the 2020/21 Celebrating Renfrewshire budget of £7,555 would be carried forward into 2021/22, making a total Celebrating Renfrewshire budget for 2021/22 of £27,843. This funding would be allocated by young people through a Participatory Budgeting exercise that would take place during autumn 2021.

Councillor McCulloch seconded by Councillor Campbell proposed that the grant applications be considered in tranches as follows: -

Tranche 1 (No more than £1k – award full amount):

Tranche 2 (£1k-£2k award full amount):

Tranche 3 (Pro Rata Award):

Tranche 4 (Reject):

Tranche 5 (Discuss):

Councillor Harte, seconded by Councillor Begg moved, as an amendment, that each application be determined on its own merits.

On a vote being taken the following members voted for the motion, N Barrington,

Councillor Campbell, Councillor McCulloch, Councillor Nicolson, H Sutherland and D Woodrow.

There voted for the amendment Councillor Begg, J Doherty, Councillor Harte, Councillor MacLaren, S Mullin and J Reid. There being an equality of votes cast, the Convener used her second and casting vote in favour of the motion. The motion was accordingly declared carried.

DECIDED:

(a) That the grant applications be considered in tranches as follows: -

Tranche 1 (No more than £1k – award full amount);
Tranche 2 (£1k-£2k award full amount);
Tranche 3 (Pro Rata Award);
Tranche 4 (Reject);
Tranche 5 (Discuss); and

(b) That the applications for grant be determined as follows: -

(i) APPLICATIONS WITH DIRECT REFERENCE TO ERSKINE, INCHINNAN, BISHOPTON AND LANGBANK LOCAL PRIORITIES

FR1048 –The Wynd Centre – Award £1000
FR1050 – I Am Me Scotland - Award £850
FR1052 - The Boys Brigade, Paisley & District Battalion – Award £450
FR1074 – Renfrewshire Toy Bank – Awarded £1400
FR1085 – Rainbow Turtle – Award £500
FR1155 – Shopmobility Paisley and District – Award £1000
FR1197 – Pachedu – Continued for further information - £750 ring-fenced
FR1159 – Breastfeeding Network – Continued for further information - £ £1865 ring-fenced

(ii) APPLICATIONS RECOMMENDED FOR REFUSAL

FR1051 – Erskine Hospital – No award
FR1096 – BSSC Gym – No award
FR1097 – BSSC Social Club – No award
FR1118 – Renfrewshire Model Railway Club – No award
FR1132 – Phoenix Flyers Dog Agility Club – No award
FR1134 – Loud n Proud – No award
FR1181 – Darkwood Crew – No award
FR1182 – Stronger Communities Glenburn - Family Food and Activity – No award
FR1191 – Stronger Communities Glenburn - Christmas Toy Bank and Food provision – No award
FR1193 – Own yer bike (SCIO) – No award
FR1128 – Park Mains Community Sports Hub – Application withdrawn

(iii) APPLICATIONS FOR DISCUSSION

Declaration of Interest

Councillor Nicolson having declared an interest in application FR1046, remained in the meeting and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon

FR1046 - Inchinnan Development Trust – Awarded £10,000

FR1089 – Fèis Phàislig - Awarded £2,800

FR1111 - Erskine Outdoor Play & Leisure - No award

FR1150 – Erskine Youth Council – Awarded £3,963.14

Declaration of Interest

N Barrington having declared an interest in application FR1068, as a member of Langbank Swing park Regeneration remained in the meeting but took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

J Doherty having declared an interest in application FR1068, as a member of Langbank Swing park Regeneration Group remained in the meeting but took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

FR1068 - Langbank Swingpark Regeneration – Awarded £3,500

Declaration of Interest

N Barrington having declared an interest in application FR1117 as Chair of Langbank Community Council, remained in the meeting but took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

J Doherty having declared an interest in application FR1117, as a member of Langbank Community Council remained in the meeting but took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

FR1117 – Langbank Community Council – Awarded £1,600

Declaration of Interest

S Mullin declared an interest in Application FR1123 Erskine Community Council, remained in the meeting and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon

FR1123 - Erskine Community Council – Awarded £10,000.

Declaration of Interest

J Reid having declared an interest in application FR1064 as a member of Community Action for Erskine remained in the meeting but took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

FR1064 – Community Action for Erskine – Awarded £8,500 ring-fenced subject to the organisation engaging with Active Communities, Renfrewshire Leisure and Engage Renfrewshire in relation to community training; and to exploring Pantry Network support.

FR1059 – Paisley Pirates Ice Hockey Club – No award.

FR1112 – Erskine Parish Church – Awarded £1,100

FR1158 – Fusion Youth Ministries – No award.

R1184 – Lamont Farm – Awarded £4000. Representatives to be asked to attend a future meeting of the Local Partnership to discuss a sustainable business model