

Minute of Meeting Local Partnership - The Villages

Date	Time	Venue
Thursday, 20 June 2019	18:00	Cargill Hall, Lintwhite Crescent, Bridge of Weir, PA11 3LJ

Present

John Anderson (Howwood Sports and Hobbies); Anne-Marie Balfour (Elderslie Community Council); Councillor Derek Bibby; Councillor Bill Binks; Councillor Jacqueline Cameron; Sandy Clark (Bridge of Weir Community Council); Bill David (Howwood Community Council); Councillor Natalie Don; Councillor Alison Jean Dowling; Margaret Dundas (Brookfield Community Council); James Fletcher (Brookfield Bowling Club); David Fowles (Lochwinnoch Community Council); Meg Gilzean (Bridge of Weir Tenants' and Residents' Association); Councillor Alistair Mackay; Councillor James MacLaren; Councillor Colin McCulloch; John McEvoy (Houston Community Council); Linda O'Malley (Rays of Hope); Councillor Emma Rodden; Councillor James Sheridan; Councillor Andy Steel; Fiona Stewart (Kilbarchan Community Council); and Neil Thomson (Brighter Bridge of Weir).

Chair

Councillor Natalie Don, Chair, presided.

In Attendance

O Reid, Head of Communities and Public Protection (Lead Officer); S Graham, Partnerships Planning and Development Manager (Chief Executive's); and E Currie, Senior Committee Services Officer (Finance & Resources).

Community Planning Partners

A McNiven, Chief Executive (Engage Renfrewshire) and Sergeant Reid (Police Scotland).

Apologies

David Blair (Renfrewshire District Scouts); Councillors Andy Doig, Audrey Doig and Hood; and Rev. Gary Noonan (Houston and Killellan Kirk).

Declarations of Interest

Linda O'Malley declared a non-financial interest in item 4 – Applications for Local Partnership Grant Funding – in respect of application FR1193 submitted by Rays of Hope as she was a member of that organisation and intimated her intention to remain in the meeting but not take part in any discussion or voting thereon.

Sandy Clark declared a non-financial interest in item 4 – Applications for Local Partnership Grant Funding – in respect of application FR1215 submitted by Bridge of Weir Community Council as he was a member of the Community Council and intimated his intention to remain in the meeting but not take part in any discussion or voting thereon.

Meg Gilzean declared a non-financial interest in item 4 – Applications for Local Partnership Grant Funding – in respect of application FR1215 submitted by Bridge of Weir Community Council as she was a member of the Community Council and intimated her intention to remain in the meeting but not take part in any discussion or voting thereon.

Anne-Marie Balfour declared a non-financial interest item 4 – Applications for Local Partnership Grant Funding – in respect of applications FR1129, FR1130 and FR1134 submitted by Elderslie Community Council as she was a member of the Community Council and intimated her intention to remain in the meeting but not take part in any discussions or voting thereon.

John McEvoy declared a non-financial interest in item 4 – Applications for Local Partnership Grant Funding – in respect of applications FR1221 and FR1222 submitted by Houston Community Council as he was a member of the Community Council and intimated his intention to remain in the meeting but not take part in any discussion or voting thereon.

David Fowles declared a non-financial interest in item 4 – Applications for Local Partnership Grant Funding – in respect of application FR1299 submitted by Lochwinnoch Sustainable Community Garden Group as he was a member of the group and intimated his intention to remain in the meeting but not take part in any discussion or voting thereon.

Bill David declared a non-financial interest in item 4 – Applications for Local Partnership Grant Funding – in respect of application FR1160 submitted by Howwood Community Council as he was a member of the Community Council and intimated his intention to remain in the meeting but not take part in any discussion or voting thereon.

1 Minute

There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of this Local Partnership held on 21 March 2019.

DECIDED: That the Minute be approved.

2 Membership of Houston, Bridge of Weir, Brookfield, Kilbarchan, Howwood, Lochwinnoch & Elderslie Local Partnership

Under reference to item 2 of the Minute of the meeting of this Local Partnership held on 21 March 2019, there was submitted a report by the Chief Executive relative to the appointment of a community representative to the vacant position on the Local Partnership.

The report intimated that an application had been received from Stirling McGee, a member of Renfrewshire Youth Voice.

DECIDED: That Stirling McGee (Renfrewshire Youth Voice) be appointed to the Local Partnership.

3 Local Partnership - Business Arrangements

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive relative to the business arrangements of the Local Partnership.

The report intimated that the Local Partnership agreed at the last meeting held on 21 March 2019 that the name be amended to The Villages Local Partnership, subject to further suggestions being received. It was also decided, at that meeting, that members identify accessible venues in the area and indicate a preference for a single venue for all meetings or alternating between different venues in the area.

It was noted that in relation to the name of the Local Partnership, three further suggestions had been received and that in relation to venues for meetings, six suggested venues had been received and these were detailed in the report.

The report advised that the Youth Challenge element of the Local Partnership funding would be agreed through a participatory budgeting exercise for young people that would take place in August/September 2019. The outcome would be reported back to the next meeting of the Local Partnership in November 2019.

A community conference event for the Local Partnership area would take place during September/October 2019.

Community representatives were reminded that the Local Partnership had decided that community representatives appointed to the Local Partnership would sign up to a Register of Interests. Those who had not returned a completed Register of Interest were requested to do so.

DECIDED:

- (a) That the agreed name of the Local Partnership be The Villages Local Partnership;
- (b) That meetings of the Local Partnership be held in accessible venues in the Local Partnership area;
- (c) That the arrangements for the youth participatory budgeting exercise and community conference for the Local Partnership area be noted and that it be noted that Community Planning would advise members of the Local Partnership of the dates for these events; and

(d) That it be noted that community representatives on this Local Partnership who had not yet completed and returned their Register of Interests should do so as soon as possible.

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Fiona Stewart entered the meeting prior to consideration of the following item of business.

4 Applications for Local Partnership Grants

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive relative to the applications for Local Partnership grant funding.

The report intimated that at the meeting of the Local Partnership held on 21 March 2019 a draft set of priorities for the Local Partnership had been agreed, being connectivity and transport; environment and parks; access to services, facilities and assets; and village identity and character, and applicants had been invited to reflect these priorities in their applications for funding.

The available allocation for The Villages Local Partnership was £51,191, of which £750 had been ringfenced for community representative's expenses. The total value of applications received was £178,928.82 which meant that the available allocation was oversubscribed.

The report advised that the Youth Challenge Fund component for this Local Partnership was £26,609 and would be allocated by young people through a participatory budgeting exercise to take place later in the year.

It was noted that three gala days within the Local Partnership area took place prior to the Local Partnership meeting to consider the applications for grant funding. Renfrewshire Council agreed, on a one-off basis, that delegated authority be given to the Council's Director of Communities, Planning and Housing to consider the applications received and the report detailed the name, date and value of the applications for each of the gala days.

The Chair tabled a report which detailed a proposal for discussion by Local Partnership members to structure consideration of grant applications into four groups, being Group A – applications recommended for award (small grants £1,000 or less); Group B – applications with other potential funding sources (including Youth Challenge Fund and the Greenspaces, Parks and Play Areas and Villages Investment Fund); Group C – other applications that had most applicability to the Local Partnership priorities; and Group D – applications that had least applicability to the Local Partnership priorities.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned for five minutes to allow members to consider the tabled proposal.

The meeting reconvened and following discussion, Councillor Don proposed that the Local Partnership consider those applications in Group D first; then those applications in Group B; then those applications in Group A followed by those applications in Group C. This was agreed.

On consideration of those applications in Group D, it was recommended and agreed that the undernoted applications be determined as follows:

FR1088 – Lapwing Lodge Activity Centre – modernising Lapwing Lodge, providing four funded days for the area - decline

FR1113 – Paisley Pirates IHC – ice hire and related costs - decline

FR1123 – Renfrewshire Leisure – activity sessions to engage inactive children - decline

FR1147 – Phoenix Flyers Dog Agility Club – new equipment to meet new Kennel Club standards - decline

FR 1174 – Rainbow Turtle – education officer and conferences - decline

FR 1212 – Route 66 – autumn and winter craft activities to improve physical, emotional and social life of women - decline

FR 1261 – St Mirren Netball Club – support three competitive teams and grow membership - decline

FR 1282 – Renfrewshire Effort to Empower Minorities – drop-in centre - decline

FR1293 – Renfrewshire Effort to Empower Minorities – Black History Month - decline

FR1300 Féis Phàislig – 2019/20 programme of events, ceilidhs and concerts delivering new and existing activities - decline.

In relation to those applications in Group B, the Lead Officer provided information in relation to the Green Spaces, Parks and Play Areas and Villages Investment Fund and advised that partial award of funding from the Local Partnership would assist organisations applying to this fund as applicants would be able to demonstrate that they had secured other funding sources to support the development of projects.

On consideration of those applications in Group B, it was recommended and agreed that the undernoted applications be determined as follows:

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Anne-Marie Balfour having declared a non-financial interest in application FR1129, remained in the meeting and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

FR1129 – Elderslie Community Council - dog waste bag dispensers– award £250, subject to receipt of funding from other sources to allow project to be undertaken

FR1151 – Renfrewshire Bowling Association Under 25s – travel costs and team wear – refer to Youth Challenge Fund for consideration

FR1163 – Kilbarchan Improvement Projects (KIPCO) - building repairs – award £2,000, subject to receipt of funding from other sources to allow project to be undertaken

FR1178 – Houston Old School Trust (HOST) – hall refurb and external works – award £2,000, subject to receipt of funding from other sources to allow project to be undertaken

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

John McEvoy having declared a non-financial interest in application FR1222, remained in the meeting and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

FR1222 – Houston Community Council - bulb, wildflower, shrub and fruit tree planting with benches and tables in Houston, Crosslee and Craigends – award £2,000, subject to receipt of funding from other sources to allow project to be undertaken

FR1245 – Up-2-Us Limited – transform garden area of residential unit to improve wellbeing of young people – award £2,000, subject to receipt of funding from other sources to allow project to be undertaken

FR1274 – Lamont Farm Project – running costs to provide hands on experience to educate people on animal husbandry and welfare – refer to Youth Challenge Fund for consideration

FR1280 – Braehead Junior Ice Hockey Club – offer affordable participation in junior ice hockey – refer to Youth Challenge Fund for consideration.

On consideration of those applications in Group A, it was recommended and agreed that the undernoted applications be determined as follows:

FR1074 – Lochwinnoch SWI – community-based talks and demonstrations – award £325

FR1083 – Calder Drama Group – production of two plays – award £700

FR1108 – Lochwinnoch Country Dance Club – hall rent and tutor fees – award £450

FR1120 – Lochwinnoch Art Group – hall hire and tutor fees – award £400

FR1139 – Johnstone Dementia Friendly Community Programme – webpage and posters for costs associated with advertising and hall hire in Houston – award £700

FR1144 – Bridge of Weir Elderly Forum – cost of Forum, enable members to meet once per month – award £1,000

FR1159 – Renfrewshire Visually Impaired Forum – empower visually impaired people to be active within the community through weekly meetings – award £500

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

David Fowles having declared a non-financial interest in application FR1299, remained in the meeting and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

FR1299 – Lochwinnoch Sustainable Community Garden Group – ventilation for polytunnel and development of bog garden – award £450.

On consideration of those applications in Group C, Councillor Don, seconded by Councillor Kerr, moved that all applications detailed in Group C be awarded 40% of the amount requested.

Anne-Marie Balfour, seconded by Councillor Sheridan, moved as an amendment that application FR1156 – Local Energy Action Plan (LEAP) be removed from Group C and that the group be not awarded 40% of the amount requested.

On a vote being taken, 9 members voted for the motion and 15 members voted for the amendment. The amendment was accordingly declared carried.

FR1156 – Local Energy Action Plan (LEAP) – tackle fly-tipping and littering in rural Renfrewshire – remove from Group C and no award made

It was then recommended and agreed that the pro-rata amount not awarded to LEAP be split evenly between all other applications detailed in Group C and that the applications be awarded as detailed below:

FR1063 – The Bridge (Bridge of Weir) SCIO – replace lights at The Bridge with new LED lighting – award £1,348

FR1079 – Lochwinnoch Arts Festival – develop and nurture village character through 12 days of arts and culture – award £1,978

FR1100 Forever Young – walking leader for project to enable older adults to create their own health and fitness programme – award £674

FR1106 Kilbarchan Community Council – Christmas lighting display for Kilbarchan – award £4,495

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Anne-Marie Balfour having declared a non-financial interest in applications FR1130 and FR1134, remained in the meeting and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

FR1130 – Elderslie Community Council – Christmas Fayre – award £674

FR1134 – Elderslie Community Council – Christmas lights in Main Road – award £3,371

FR1143 – Lochwinnoch Choral Society – workshops, sessions and classes to improve access to singing opportunities for all – award £899

FR1150 – Bridge of Weir Senior Citizens Association – entertainment evening for adults twice a month in Bridge of Weir – award £899

FR1157 – Bridge of Weir United – container to store football equipment – award £1,556

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Bill David having declared a non-financial interest in application FR1160, remained in the meeting and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

FR1160 – Howwood Community Council – Christmas lights for Howwood Village – award £2,022

FR1161 – The Kilbarchan Singers – development of choir performance opportunities for two students and 90 free tickets for three Renfrewshire charities – award £1,442

FR1175 – Bridge of Weir Festival Committee – facilities and amenities for Gala Day and Christmas event – award £1,798

FR1192 – Lochwinnoch Christmas Lights Society – additional street lamps and venue costs for Christmas lighting display event – award £899

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Linda O'Malley having declared a non-financial interest in application FR1193, remained in the meeting and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

FR1193 – Rays of Hope – fitness instructor, choir director, respite breaks and other costs for cancer support group – award £4,495

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Sandy Clark and Meg Gilzean having declared non-financial interests in application FR1215, remained in the meeting and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

FR1215 – Bridge of Weir Community Council – Christmas event – award £1,072

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

John McEvoy having declared a non-financial interest in application FR1221, remained in the meeting and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

FR1221 – Houston Community Council – Christmas lights, decoration and event – award £4,382

FR1241 – Renfrewshire Access Panel – enable all members of community, particularly disable people, to access services – award £1,006

FR1267 – St Vincent's Hospice Limited – escorted transport for patients attending day hospice three times per week – award £4,083

FR1286 – Shopmobility – new scooters – award £562.

DECIDED:

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(b) That organisations awarded funding be requested to provide feedback to the Local Partnership; and

(c) That it be noted that officers within the Council’s Community Planning team would assist organisations in identifying other sources of funding to assist with projects.

5 Date of Next Meeting

DECIDED: That it be noted that the next meeting of this Local Partnership would be held in November 2019 and that members would be advised of the date, time and venue.