



Council Offices, Almada Street  
Hamilton, ML3 0AA

Tuesday, 03 August 2021

Dear Councillor

## **East Kilbride Area Committee**

The Members listed below are requested to attend a meeting of the above Committee to be held as follows:-

**Date:** Wednesday, 11 August 2021  
**Time:** 14:00  
**Venue:** By Microsoft Teams,

The business to be considered at the meeting is listed overleaf.

Yours sincerely

**Cleland Sneddon**  
**Chief Executive**

### **Members**

Archie Buchanan (Chair), Isobel Dorman (Depute Chair), John Anderson, Graeme Campbell, Gerry Convery, Margaret Cooper, Fiona Dryburgh, Joe Fagan, Grant Ferguson, Geri Gray, Ian Harrow, Hugh Macdonald, Monique McAdams, Gladys Miller, Graham Scott, Collette Stevenson, Jim Wardhaugh, David Watson

## BUSINESS

### 1 Declaration of Interests

- 2 **Minutes of Previous Meeting** 3 - 6  
Minutes of the meeting of the East Kilbride Area Committee held on 12 May 2021 submitted for approval as a correct record. (Copy attached)

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#### Item(s) for Noting

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- 3 **Participatory Budgeting - Community and Enterprise Resources - Footpaths and Roads** 7 - 18  
Report dated 20 July 2021 by the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources). (Copy attached)
- 4 **Participatory Budgeting - Community and Enterprise Resources - Renewable Energy Fund** 19 - 36  
Report dated 9 July 2021 by the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources). (Copy attached)
- 5 **Participatory Budgeting - Education Resources - Pupil Equity Funding** 37 - 38  
Report dated 26 July 2021 by the Executive Director (Education Resources). (Copy attached)

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#### Item(s) for Decision

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- 6 **Community Grant Applications** 39 - 42  
Report dated 26 July 2021 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources). (Copy attached)

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#### Urgent Business

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- 7 **Urgent Business**  
Any other items of business which the Chair decides are urgent.

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# EAST KILBRIDE AREA COMMITTEE

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Minutes of meeting held via Microsoft Teams on 12 May 2021

**Chair:**

Councillor Archie Buchanan

**Councillors Present:**

Councillor John Anderson, Councillor Graeme Campbell, Councillor Gerry Convery, Councillor Margaret Cooper, Councillor Isobel Dorman (Depute), Councillor Fiona Dryburgh, Councillor Joe Fagan, Councillor Grant Ferguson, Councillor Geri Gray, Councillor Ian Harrow, Councillor Hugh Macdonald, Councillor Graham Scott, Councillor Jim Wardhaugh, Councillor David Watson

**Councillors' Apologies:**

Councillor Monique McAdams, Councillor Gladys Miller, Councillor Collette Stevenson

**Attending:**

**Finance and Corporate Resources**

T Slater, Administration Adviser; L Wyllie, Administration Assistant

**Also Attending:**

**Scottish Fire and Rescue Service**

R Lennox, Station Manager

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## 1 Declaration of Interests

No interests were declared.

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## 2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the East Kilbride Area Committee held on 24 February 2021 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

**The Committee decided:** that the minutes be approved as a correct record.

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## 3 Minutes of Special Meeting

The minutes of the special meeting of the East Kilbride Area Committee held on 24 March 2021 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

**The Committee decided:** that the minutes be approved as a correct record.

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## 4 Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

R Lennox, East Kilbride Community Fire Station, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) gave an update in respect of activity within the East Kilbride area and how this activity measured against agreed targets for the period 2020/2021.

The presentation provided performance information covering the period 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021, with a comparison against the same period from the previous year. Information was provided on:-

- ◆ deliberate primary fires
- ◆ deliberate secondary fires
- ◆ accidental dwelling fires
- ◆ accidental 'other' building fires
- ◆ fatal fire casualties
- ◆ non-fatal fire casualties (excluding precautionary check-up)
- ◆ special service (road traffic collisions)
- ◆ special service (fatal and non-fatal casualties)
- ◆ false alarms (malicious false alarms and unwanted fire alarm signals (non-domestic))

R Lennox, having responded to members' questions, was thanked for his informative presentation.

**The Committee decided:** that the presentation be noted.

*Councillor Fagan joined the meeting during this item of business*

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## 5 Playscheme Grant Applications

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A report dated 4 May 2021 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on applications for playscheme grant for 2021/2022.

Playscheme funding allowed an allocation of £600 to be made to playschemes that operated over the summer, October and Easter holiday periods with £400 for the summer period only and £100 for each of the October and Easter periods. Application forms had been recently submitted and were still subject to review in terms of meeting the Council's criteria for receipt of funding. It was, therefore, proposed that grant awards be agreed, in principle, subject to the satisfactory review process.

Financial provision was available for individual playschemes to receive, as appropriate, Travel and Freedom Passes from Strathclyde Partnership for Transport.

**The Committee decided:** that playscheme grants be awarded, in principle, as follows:-

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|-----|-----------------|--|
| (a) | Applicant:      | Special Needs Adventure Playground (SNAP) Playscheme, East Kilbride (PS/EK/1/21) |
|     | Amount Awarded: | £400   |
| (b) | Applicant:      | Strathaven After School Club (PS/EK/2/21)  |
|     | Amount Awarded: | £600   |
| (c) | Applicant:      | Moss Out of School Service, East Kilbride (PS/EK/3/21)                           |
|     | Amount Awarded: | £600   |
| (d) | Applicant:      | East Kilbride Universal Connections (PS/EK/4/21)                                 |
|     | Amount Awarded: | £600   |
| (e) | Applicant:      | Playcare Out of School Care, East Kilbride (PS/EK/5/21)                          |
|     | Amount Awarded: | £600   |

*[Reference: Minutes of 29 April 2020 (Paragraph 3)]*

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## 6 Community Grants Update

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A report dated 28 April 2021 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted:-

- ◆ advising that no community grant applications had been received for consideration at today's meeting
- ◆ providing details of a proposal to carry forward unspent monies from the 2020/2021 community grants budget

Area Committees had expressed that, in this unusual year due to the pandemic, they did not want groups to lose access to unspent money in the 2020/2021 community grants budget. On 28 April 2021, the Executive Committee considered a proposal that the unspent balances from each Area Committee could be carried forward at the end of the financial year to be managed as part of the year end final transfer to reserves.

Formal approval to carry forward those unspent monies would be recommended in the 2020/2021 year-end report to be submitted to the Executive Committee on 23 June 2021. In relation to this Area Committee, the unspent monies in 2020/2021 amounted to £16,040.

**The Committee decided:** to note that formal approval to carry forward unspent money in the 2020/2021 community grants budget would be recommended in the 2020/2021 year-end report to be submitted to the Executive Committee on 23 June 2021.

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## 7 Urgent Business

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There were no items of urgent business.



# Report

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Report to: **East Kilbride Area Committee**  
Date of Meeting: **11 August 2021**  
Report by: **Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources)**

Subject: **Participatory Budgeting  
Additional £2m for Footpaths and Roads**

## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ Advise the Area Committee of the outcome and level of engagement for the Participatory Budgeting (PB) consultation exercise to identify £2m footway / footpath and road projects
- ◆ Advise of initial / potential learning points to develop future exercises.
- ◆ Set out next steps, locations, and forthcoming communications.

## 2. Recommendation(s)

2.1 The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):

- (1) the outcome and level of engagement for the PB consultation exercise to identify £2m footway / footpath and road projects as set out in Appendix 2 be noted; and
- (2) Initial / potential learning points to develop future consultation exercises and forthcoming communications be noted.

## 3. Background

- 3.1 Members will be aware that as part of agreeing the budget, an additional £2m was allocated to support footway / footpath and road improvements. This investment would continue the Council's commitment to prioritise investment in roads infrastructure and footway / footpath including those within parks.
- 3.2 The predominant focus of the investment was to target footpath improvement along with further investment to improve road conditions in South Lanarkshire. This additional sum was to be allocated across the 4 localities based on network length and be subject to an online PB exercise allowing communities to prioritise on a thematic basis where the further expenditure in their area should be targeted. The resulting programme of works will be informed by the road condition index and footway / footpath conditions information.
- 3.3 It was considered appropriate that the funding would be split 75% towards footway / footpath and 25% towards carriageways with work to be implemented in 2021/22.

3.4 Funding was allocated as per the table below:

| <b>Funding Split</b>    | <b>Footway Network Share (%)</b> | <b>Share of £1.5m (75%) (£m)</b> | <b>Carriageway Network Share (%)</b> | <b>Share of £0.5m (25%) (£m)</b> | <b>Total Funding Per Area (£m)</b> |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Clydesdale              | 20.50%                           | 0.307                            | 42.80%                               | 0.214                            | 0.521                              |
| East Kilbride           | 28.90%                           | 0.434                            | 25.40%                               | 0.127                            | 0.561                              |
| Hamilton                | 33.50%                           | 0.502                            | 22.30%                               | 0.111                            | 0.613                              |
| Rutherglen & Cambuslang | 17.10%                           | 0.257                            | 9.50%                                | 0.048                            | 0.305                              |
| <b>Totals</b>           | <b>100.00%</b>                   | <b>1.500</b>                     | <b>100.00%</b>                       | <b>0.500</b>                     | <b>2.000</b>                       |

3.5 To address concerns that the vote could be dominated by larger population centres or organised communities, and using learning from national PB pilots, the process was organised using the following ‘thematic options’ rather than specific locations.

Footway Themes:

- Resurface footway / footpath in residential areas.
- Upgrade town centre pavements
- Resurface footway / footpath in cemeteries.
- Resurface footway / footpath in parks and sport/cultural recreational areas.
- Resurface footway / footpath in country parks.
- Resurface footway / footpath in general open spaces/ amenity areas.

Road Themes:

- Resurface main roads.
- Resurface minor roads.
- Resurface roads in residential areas.
- Resurface roads and car parks in cemeteries.
- Resurface roads and car parks in parks and sport/cultural recreational areas.
- Resurface roads and car parks in country parks.
- Resurface roads and car parks in general open spaces/ amenity areas.

**4. Consultation Process and Results**

4.1 The consultation ran between 27 April and 11 May 2021 and was promoted via the Council’s website, social media channels and third sector networks. Separate votes were held for each of the four areas with separate provision within each area vote for roads and footway / footpaths.

4.2 Each participant was allowed five votes for road themes in their area and a further five votes for footway / footpath themes. These votes could be apportioned in any way the participant wishes; for example, all five votes could be allocated to a single theme or, at the other extreme, a single vote could be allocated to each of five themes.



4.3 The top themes have been determined by totalling the votes cast in each area for footway / footpath and carriageways. Rather than having only a single winning theme the available funding has been allocated across the two most popular themes. 75% of funding in an area has been allocated to the top scoring theme and 25% to the second top theme.

4.4 The results of the roads vote were:

| <b>Area</b>            | <b>1<sup>st</sup> Place</b>                    | <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place</b>          |
|------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| Clydesdale             | Resurface minor roads                          | Resurface main roads                 |
| East Kilbride          | Resurface roads in residential areas           | Resurface main roads                 |
| Hamilton               | Resurface main roads                           | Resurface roads in residential areas |
| Rutherglen& Cambuslang | Resurface roads and car parks in country parks | Resurface main roads                 |

4.5 The results of the footway / footpath vote were:

| <b>Area</b>             | <b>1<sup>st</sup> Place</b>                                      | <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place</b>              |
|-------------------------|--|--|
| Clydesdale              | Resurface footpaths in residential areas                         | Upgrade town centre pavements            |
| East Kilbride           | Resurface footpaths in residential areas                         | Resurface footpaths in country parks     |
| Hamilton                | Resurface footpaths in residential areas                         | Resurface footpaths in country parks     |
| Rutherglen & Cambuslang | Resurface footpaths in parks & sport/cultural recreational areas | Resurface footpaths in residential areas |

4.6 1,245 respondents participated in the participatory budgeting process. This level of representation is an area that officers will look to grow and develop. With this being the first mainstream process and it not being a normalised practice, the level of response is considered to a positive indicator.

4.7 There were areas of participation that showed significant strength that should be noted. These were:

- 82% of respondents fell under the category of working age (25-64). This is a harder to reach group classically and should be regarded as a sign of success for the project.
- 17% of respondents classified themselves as having caring responsibilities out with parental responsibilities. This showed significant representation from this community.
- 12% of respondents identified as having a long-term disability or illness which showed good representation from this community.

- 4.8 A full breakdown of participant engagement in the process and the representation levels can be found at Appendix 1. Areas for improvement and initial / emerging lessons learned are indicated below in section 7.

## 5. Next Steps

- 5.1 In line with the results of the vote, the funding has been allocated as set out below to each of the areas and successful 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> placed themes.

|                         | Footpaths / Footways |                | Roads          |                |                       |
|-------------------------|----------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Area                    | 1st Place (£m)       | 2nd Place (£m) | 1st Place (£m) | 2nd Place (£m) | Funding Per Area (£m) |
| Clydesdale              | 0.230                | 0.077          | 0.160          | 0.054          | 0.521                 |
| East Kilbride           | 0.325                | 0.109          | 0.095          | 0.032          | 0.561                 |
| Hamilton                | 0.376                | 0.126          | 0.083          | 0.028          | 0.613                 |
| Rutherglen & Cambuslang | 0.193                | 0.064          | 0.036          | 0.012          | 0.305                 |
| Totals                  | 1.124                | 0.376          | 0.374          | 0.126          | 2.000                 |

- 5.2 Locations have subsequently been identified in line with the above funding and the results of the vote as outlined at paragraphs 4.4 and 4.5. Appendix 2 sets out the specific locations where works will be undertaken within the extents of the public road and footway network. These locations have been determined from the Service's prioritised list of locations requiring attention taking account of the condition and importance of road or footpaths / footways. Those schemes in East Kilbride are shaded grey.
- 5.3 It should be noted that the budget allocations do not align exactly with the estimated costs associated with the priority locations. Therefore, for some locations, it will be necessary to supplement a proportion of the works cost from other budgets.
- 5.4 It should also be noted that these are provisional project estimates and there may be some variance in terms of final outturn once more detailed design is undertaken and works are completed.
- 5.5 As a result, other projects may come forward should projects outturn under budget. Conversely, some projects may require to be deferred or supplemented from other budgets if costs increase from the provisional estimates. However, every effort will be made to deliver the projects identified at Appendix 2 during 2021/22.
- 5.6 Given an already full and challenging workload, to ensure delivery of both our core capital investment programme and the PB priority projects, it has been necessary to commence the projects prior to the August / September Area Committee cycle.

## 6. Communication

- 6.1 An essential element of any participatory budgeting process is advising participants of the outcome of the vote, 51% of respondents provided their email address to be advised of the outcome of this process. The Community Engagement Team will contact respondents initially via email to advise them of the successful themes in each area with a link to a tracking area for PB on South Lanarkshire's website.

- 6.2 A directory, which is an easy to update, online based spreadsheet, on the Council website will be updated on activities that are being carried out as a direct result of the PB process. The directory will identify 'winning' themes, identify which locations have been identified for works, provide updates around start date, completion date and provide photographic evidence of the works undertaken.
- 6.3 The Community Engagement Team, with support from relevant Services, will also work alongside the Corporate Communications / Digital Team to publicise the results through the SL View and social media posts to raise awareness of both the process and the results.
- 6.4 Committee Reports are being prepared for the four area committees to update elected members on the voting process and the outcomes from it. It should be noted that these reports are for noting only given the budget allocation has been agreed as part of budget setting process.
- 7. Initial Lessons Learned**
- 7.1 Operating the first mainstream PB process across the Council has identified several learning points to be considered as the process develops further.
- 7.2 A minimum voting period of six weeks should become standard to ensure all groups can align their meeting schedules with the process. This was identified by several groups and individuals and represents acknowledged good practice to maximise participation.
- 7.3 Through this process we used a 'cookie' which embedded itself into a voting device so that the device would only be allowed to vote once to maintain the integrity of the voting process. Issues were raised around some households only having one device and this possibly restricting potential participants. This point needs to be considered to ensure we find a balance between vote integrity and digital exclusion.
- 7.4 Consideration to enable paper voting has been given as some residents may not have access to the online survey. This would require preparation of and sending out of prepaid envelopes. This approach would add to costs and complications. The preference would be to only have an online survey and in doing so consideration is being given to locating entry terminals at community facilities for those with no internet access and / or encourage use of IT facilities in Council libraries. Any PB consultation should also be available in additional formats including BSL, Braille. This would assist in meeting SLC's equalities policy.
- 7.5 This PB process was marketed primarily through networks and social media. Marketing of PB processes could perhaps also be developed further through face-to-face approaches in schools / public areas to increase awareness and participation. Suitable resources would have to be identified should this be seen as a priority area.
- 7.6 Elected members will be notified of any PB processes going live to assist in their role of encouraging participation.
- 7.7 Costs are also anticipated in relation to future advertising of PB exercises and costs around administrative duties. Budgets will have to be identified for this.
- 7.8 Significant learning has been undertaken through this process, for the process to grow and develop it is crucial that this learning is shared between Resources and this will be taken forward by officers involved.

7.9 In terms of participation, specific areas that stand out that require improvement to ensure the process is representative are:

- SIMD 1 - 20% - Our most deprived communities were underrepresented in this process. We will look to raise engagement through the neighbourhood planning work that aims to empower deprived communities to have an active voice.
- Under 24's – This could be due to the nature of the process but there was also no specific targeted work done to engage this group. Moving forward where appropriate we plan to liaise with schools and further education establishments to increase representation.
- Ethnic Minorities – We will continue to engage with appropriate partners to ensure opportunities for participation are encouraged and accessible to all ethnic backgrounds.

## **8. Employee Implications**

8.1 There are no employee implications at this time, however, in terms of some of the matters emerging from the lessons learned section additional resources in terms of budget may be required for future PB exercises.

## **9. Financial Implications**

9.1 There are no financial implications currently. It is noted budget provision of £2m has been agreed, however, in terms of some of the matters emerging from the lessons learned section additional resources in terms of budget is likely to be required for future PB exercises.

## **10. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications**

10.1 There are no climate change, sustainability, and environmental implications associated with this paper.

## **11. Other Implications**

11.1 There are no other implications associated with this paper.

## **12. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements**

12.1 There is no need to conduct an EIA and the consultation arrangements and results are as set out in section 4.

**Michael McGlynn**

**Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources)**

20 July 2021

## **Link(s) to Council Values/Ambitions/Objectives**

- ◆ Improve the quality of life of everyone in South Lanarkshire
- ◆ Improve the road network, influence improvements in public transport and encourage active travel
- ◆ Work with communities and partners to promote high quality, thriving and sustainable communities

## **Previous References**

- ◆ None

## List of Background Papers

◆ None

If you would like inspect any of the background papers or want any further information, please contact: -

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The following information around equalities was collected from participants to identify how representative the process was of the area profile of South Lanarkshire. Some participants opted not to leave their information so there is a discrepancy between total participants and the information available below.

## **Locality**

| Locality                  | No of Participants | Percentage of Participants | South Lanarkshire Area Profile |
|---------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| East Kilbride             | 524                | 42%                        | 30.00%                         |
| Hamilton                  | 368                | 30%                        | 32.00%                         |
| Cyldesdale                | 213                | 17%                        | 19%                            |
| Rutherglen and Cambuslang | 140                | 11%                        | 19%                            |

## **SIMD 2020**

| Decile    | Survey Engagement | Percentage of Participants | South Lanarkshire Area Profile |
|-----------|-------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1-20%     | 143               | 12%                        | 20%                            |
| 21- 40%   | 250               | 22%                        | 23%                            |
| 41- 60%   | 248               | 22%                        | 20%                            |
| 61- 80%   | 268               | 24%                        | 20%                            |
| 81 - 100% | 223               | 20%                        | 17%                            |

## **Age**

| Age                  | Survey Engagement | Percentage of Participants | South Lanarkshire Area Profile |
|----------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Under 16             | 2                 | 0%                         | 18%                            |
| 16-24                | 31                | 3%                         | 10%                            |
| 25 - 64              | 1026              | 82%                        | 82%                            |
| Over 65              | 165               | 13%                        | 21%                            |
| Prefer not to answer | 21                | 2%                         | N/A                            |

## **Gender**

| Gender               | Survey Engagement | Percentage of Participants | South Lanarkshire Area Profile |
|----------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Female               | 750               | 60%                        | 52%                            |
| Male                 | 434               | 35%                        | 48%                            |
| Prefer not to answer | 59                | 5%                         | N/A                            |
| Other                | 2                 | 0%                         | N/A                            |

## Ethnic Background

| Ethnic Background                      | Survey Engagement | Percentage of Participants | South Lanarkshire Area Profile |
|--|-------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| White                                  | 1140              | 92%                        | 97.30%                         |
| Prefer not to answer                   | 98                | 8%                         | N/A                            |
| Asian, Asian Scottish or Asian British | 3                 | 0%                         | 2.10%                          |
| Mixed/multiple ethnic groups           | 2                 | 0%                         | 0%                             |
| Arab                                   | 2                 | 0%                         | 0%                             |
| African, Carribean or black            | 0                 | 0%                         | 0.60%                          |
| Other ethnic group                     | 0                 | 0%                         | 0%                             |

## Sexual Orientation

| Sexual Orientation    | Survey Engagement | Percentage of Participants | South Lanarkshire Area Profile |
|-----------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Heterosexual/Straight | 993               | 80%                        | 97%                            |
| Prefer not to answer  | 193               | 16%                        | N/A                            |
| Gay/Lesbian           | 23                | 2.20%                      | 2.20%                          |
| Bisexual              | 18                | 1%                         | 0.80%                          |

## Caring Responsibilities

| Caring Responsibility | Survey Engagement | Percentage of Participants | South Lanarkshire Area Profile |
|-----------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Childcare             | 478               | 38%                        | N/A                            |
| No                    | 467               | 38%                        | N/A                            |
| Yes, other            | 215               | 17%                        | 11%                            |
| Prefer not to answer  | 121               | 10%                        | N/A                            |

## Disabilities

| Disabilities         | Survey Engagement | Percentage of Participants | South Lanarkshire Area Profile |
|----------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| No                   | 988               | 79%                        | N/A                            |
| Yes                  | 146               | 12%                        | 11%                            |
| Prefer not to answer | 111               | 9%                         | N/A                            |

## Appendix 2

| Funding Theme Split / Value                              | Footpaths / Footways 1st Place           | Footpaths / Footways 2nd Place | Carriageways 1st Place | Carriageways 2nd Place | Total Funding Per Area (£m) |
|--|--|--------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Clydesdale</b>  | Resurface footpaths in residential areas | Upgrade town centre pavements  | Resurface minor roads  | Resurface main roads   | Total                       |
| A706 Cleghorn Road, Lanark                               | 0.037                                    |                                |                        |                        | 0.037                       |
| A72 Lanark Road, Crossford                               | 0.080                                    |                                |                        |                        | 0.080                       |
| Station Road, law  | 0.113                                    |                                |                        |                        | 0.113                       |
| Whitelees Road, Lanark                                   |  | 0.077                          |                        |                        | 0.077                       |
| B7011 Brownlee Road, Law                                 |  |                                |                        | 0.054                  | 0.054                       |
| Abbeygreen Road, Lesmahagow                              |  |                                | 0.093                  |                        | 0.093                       |
| School Road, Lamington                                   |  |                                | 0.034                  |                        | 0.034                       |
| Camps Road, Crawford - Carlisle Road Jct to Clyde Bridge |  |                                | 0.017                  |                        | 0.017                       |
| School Road, Carmichael                                  |  |                                | 0.016                  |                        | 0.016                       |
|  | <b>0.230</b>                             | <b>0.077</b>                   | <b>0.160</b>           | <b>0.054</b>           | <b>0.521</b>                |

| Funding Theme Split / Value             | Footpaths / Footways 1st Place           | Footpaths / Footways 2nd Place       | Carriageways 1st Place               | Carriageways 2nd Place | Total Funding Per Area (£m) |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>East Kilbride</b>                    | Resurface footpaths in residential areas | Resurface footpaths in country parks | Resurface roads in residential areas | Resurface main roads   |                             |
| Muirside Road, Strathaven               | 0.035                                    |                                      |                                      |                        | 0.035                       |
| Woodhill Road, Strathaven               | 0.036                                    |                                      |                                      |                        | 0.036                       |
| Kirktonholme Road, East Kilbride        | 0.032                                    |                                      |                                      |                        | 0.032                       |
| Cleland Place, East Kilbride            | 0.038                                    |                                      |                                      |                        | 0.038                       |
| Maxwellton Road, East Kilbride          | 0.038                                    |                                      |                                      |                        | 0.038                       |
| Owen Avenue /Dale Avenue, East Kilbride | 0.085                                    |                                      |                                      |                        | 0.085                       |



|   |              |              |              |              |              |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Galt/Reith / Owen Avenue /Dale Avenue, East Kilbride    | 0.062        |              |              |              | 0.062        |
| Tannahill Drive, East Kilbride                          |              |              | 0.050        |              | 0.050        |
| Ontario Park and Sudbury Crescent (part), East Kilbride |              |              | 0.045        |              | 0.045        |
| Blacklaw Drive (at Glen Urquhart), East Kilbride        |              |              |              | 0.032        | 0.032        |
| Footpaths in country parks                              |              | 0.109        |              |              | 0.109        |
|   | <b>0.325</b> | <b>0.109</b> | <b>0.095</b> | <b>0.032</b> | <b>0.561</b> |

| <b>Funding Theme Split / Value</b>                          | <b>Footpaths / Footways 1st Place</b>    | <b>Footpaths / Footways 2nd Place</b> | <b>Carriageways 1st Place</b> | <b>Carriageways 2nd Place</b>        | <b>Total Funding Per Area (£m)</b> |
|---|--|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>Hamilton</b>   | Resurface footpaths in residential areas | Resurface footpaths in country parks  | Resurface main roads          | Resurface roads in residential areas |                                    |
| Almada Street / Clydesdale Street / Burnbank Road, Hamilton | 0.100                                    |                                       |                               |                                      | 0.100                              |
| Hunthill Road, Blantyre                                     | 0.050                                    |                                       |                               |                                      | 0.050                              |
| B7071, Bothwell Road, Uddingston                            | 0.096                                    |                                       |                               |                                      | 0.096                              |
| B7071, Uddingston Road, Bothwell                            | 0.015                                    |                                       |                               |                                      | 0.015                              |
| Mill Road, Hamilton   | 0.020                                    |                                       |                               |                                      | 0.020                              |
| Argyle Street, Stonehouse                                   | 0.030                                    |                                       |                               |                                      | 0.030                              |
| The Neuk, Stonehouse  | 0.010                                    |                                       |                               |                                      | 0.010                              |
| Craig Street, Blantyre                                      | 0.010                                    |                                       |                               |                                      | 0.010                              |
| Alness Street, Hamilton                                     | 0.045                                    |                                       |                               |                                      | 0.045                              |
| High Patrick Street, Hamilton                               |  |                                       | 0.024                         |                                      | 0.024                              |
| Woodfoot Road (Phase 3), Hamilton                           |  |                                       | 0.059                         |                                      | 0.059                              |
| Lime Grove, Blantyre  |  |                                       |                               | 0.028                                | 0.028                              |
| Footpaths in country parks                                  |  | 0.126                                 |                               |                                      | 0.126                              |
|   | <b>0.376</b>                             | <b>0.126</b>                          | <b>0.083</b>                  | <b>0.028</b>                         | <b>0.613</b>                       |

| <b>Funding Theme Split / Value</b>           | <b>Footpaths / Footways 1st Place</b>                            | <b>Footpaths / Footways 2nd Place</b>    | <b>Carriageways 1st Place</b>                  | <b>Carriageways 2nd Place</b> | <b>Total Funding Per Area (£m)</b> |
|--|--|--|--|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>Rutherglen &amp; Cambuslang</b>           | Resurface footpaths in parks & sport/cultural recreational areas | Resurface footpaths in residential areas | Resurface roads and car parks in country parks | Resurface main roads          |                                    |
| Blairbeth Road, Rutherglen                   |  | 0.064                                    |  |                               | 0.064                              |
| Caledonia Avenue, Rutherglen                 |  |  |  | 0.012                         | 0.012                              |
| Halfway Park footpath repairs                | 0.046  |  |  |                               | 0.046                              |
| Mill Road Recreation area access road repair | 0.022  |  |  |                               | 0.022                              |
| Cambuslang park footpath repairs             | 0.102  |  |  |                               | 0.102                              |
| Overtoun Park footpath repairs               | 0.010  |  |  |                               | 0.010                              |
| Stonelaw park entrance path repairs          | 0.007  |  |  |                               | 0.007                              |
| Woodburn Park entrance path repairs          | 0.003  |  |  |                               | 0.003                              |
| Fernhill Community Centre monoblock repairs  |  |  | 0.004  |                               | 0.004                              |
| Cambuslang Institute car park patch repairs  |  |  | 0.003  |                               | 0.003                              |
| Eastfield Lifestyles Access Road repairs     |  |  | 0.032  |                               | 0.0032                             |
|  | <b>0.190</b>   | <b>0.064</b>                             | <b>0.039</b>                                   | <b>0.012</b>                  | <b>0.304</b>                       |

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|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>Totals</b> | <b>1.124</b> | <b>0.376</b> | <b>0.374</b> | <b>0.126</b> | <b>2.000</b> |
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| Participatory Budgeting – Update for Area Committee   |               |                     |            |
|---|---------------|---------------------|------------|
| <b>Service Area</b>   | East Kilbride | <b>Lead Officer</b> | Kenny Lean |
| <b>Stage 1 : Pre Consultation :</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are we asking the public for their view on (what service is it / description etc)?</li> <li>• How much funding are we asking about?</li> <li>• Who are we asking,</li> <li>• How are we doing this ?</li> <li>• When are we doing this ?</li> <li>• When will we report back ?</li> </ul>   |               |                     |            |
| <b>Stage 2 : Post Consultation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The outcome of the PB activity</li> <li>• What happens next ?</li> <li>• Further reporting requirements (eg required Committee approval)</li> </ul> <p>At the Executive Committee on 21 November 2018 a series of amendments to the Renewable Energy Fund were approved. One of these was the introduction of a micro grant fund in 2019/2020 of up to £5,000 per annum available to Community Councils or equivalent community organisations to award and administer small grants of up to £500 locally. This was established for an initial 2-year period and at the Community and Enterprise Committee of 16 February 2021 it was agreed to continue the micro grants after 20/21. In 2020/2021, 7 Community Councils within the East Kilbride Area were awarded micro grants totalling £24,183. Details of these grant awards below.</p> <p>The 2021/2022 awards to Community Councils are currently being processed and paid to each individual Community Council to administer.</p> <p>A copy of the full Community Benefits report for community groups for 2021/22 is attached.</p> |               |                     |            |

| Organisation Name                           | Windfarm         | Type of Group     | Project Location            | Grant Approved |
|---|------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| Sandford & Upper Avondale Community Council | Auchbobert       | Community Council | Sandford & Upper Avondale   | 5000           |
| Stonehouse Community Council                | Auchbobert       | Community Council | Stonehouse                  | 5000           |
| Strathaven & Glassford Community Council    | Auchbobert       | Community Council | Strathaven & Glassford      | 5000           |
| Auldhouse & Chapelton Community Council     | Dungavel         | Community Council | Auldhouse & Chapelton       | 4400           |
| St. Leonards Community Council              | West Browncastle | Community Council | St. Leonards, East Kilbride | 2364.5         |
| East Mains Community Council                | Whitelee         | Community Council | East Mains, East Kilbride   | 1000           |
| Jackton & Thortonhall Community Council     | Whitelee         | Community Council | Jackton & Thortonhall       | 1419           |



# Community Benefit Annual Report 2020- 2021



South Lanarkshire  
Renewable Energy Fund

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# Introduction



**Welcome to our 2020/2021 Community Benefit Funds Annual Report. I am delighted to outline the work these funds, administered by South Lanarkshire Council have provided to communities all across South Lanarkshire, over the last year.**

The Community Benefit Funds consist of the 'Renewable Energy Fund' and the 'Clyde Wind Farm Fund' and together they provide grant support to the communities closest to the windfarms, the funds cover all of our rural communities and many of our urban towns. During 2020 -21 the funds have made 163 grant awards and awarded a total of £2,380,954 in funding. These funds have supported a tremendous scale and range of projects across South Lanarkshire from Community Councils receiving £5,000 to deliver micro grant funding of £500 to local community groups, to the largest combined grant in 2020/2021 of £859,804 to Abington Campus for Enterprise, supported through the Renewable Energy Fund and the Clyde Wind Farm Fund. In a year which has been challenging for many in our communities due to the pandemic we have seen communities come together to help each other. The funds have been flexible with the launch of the innovative 'Covid-19 Support Fund' providing grants to help sustain community groups financially with ongoing revenue costs and also grants to help groups deliver activities to support their communities through the pandemic. The funds have helped improve facilities for communities, supported community ownership and supported local employment and training especially through the 'Connect2Renewables' programme. The Community Benefit Funds have been administered by South Lanarkshire Council for over 15 years awarding over 550 grants in the last six years alone and this report can only capture a small snap shot of this year's grant awards and projects recently completed.



**Councillor John Anderson  
Chair of Community and Enterprise Resources**

The South Lanarkshire Community Benefit Funds include the Clyde Wind Farm Fund (CWFF), the Renewable Energy Fund (REF), the Quarry Fund and supports the Connect2Renewables (C2R) employability and RISE employability programmes.

The funds have operated in South Lanarkshire for nearly twenty years and have provided millions of pounds of grants and helped communities bring in millions more of additional match funds to improve green spaces, buildings and facilities across the authority. This is the first annual report which showcases through pictures some of the amazing work undertaken by people and communities using these funds. There are 41 windfarm funds within South Lanarkshire under the administration of South Lanarkshire Council providing approximately £2m each year for communities and organisations based within 10km of the windfarm. The fund seeks to improve the lives of people and communities by supporting capital projects under four themes:

- Stronger communities
- Prosperous communities
- Healthy and active communities
- Sustainable environmental communities

This report is a small snap shot of the projects delivered recently by groups and organisations across South Lanarkshire using these grants. In the coming year the funds will support many more communities and projects and welcome applications that will make the area better for all who live here.

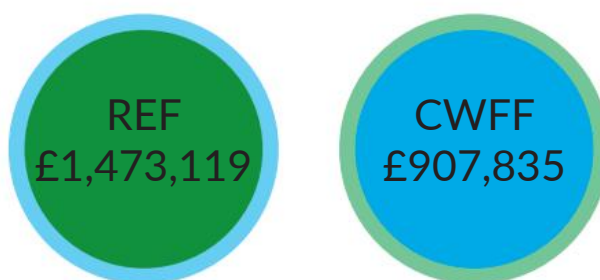
## Achieved in 2020/2021



**163 grants awarded**



**£2,380,454**



## Key facts

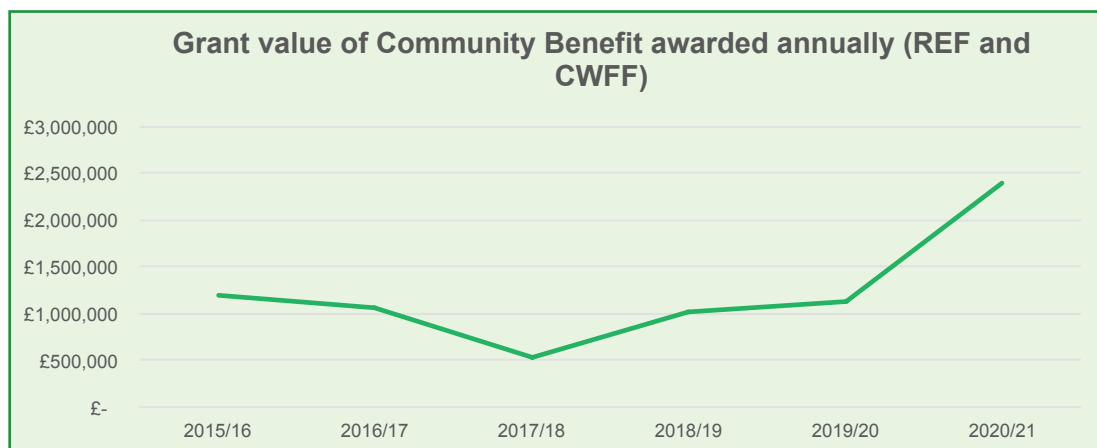
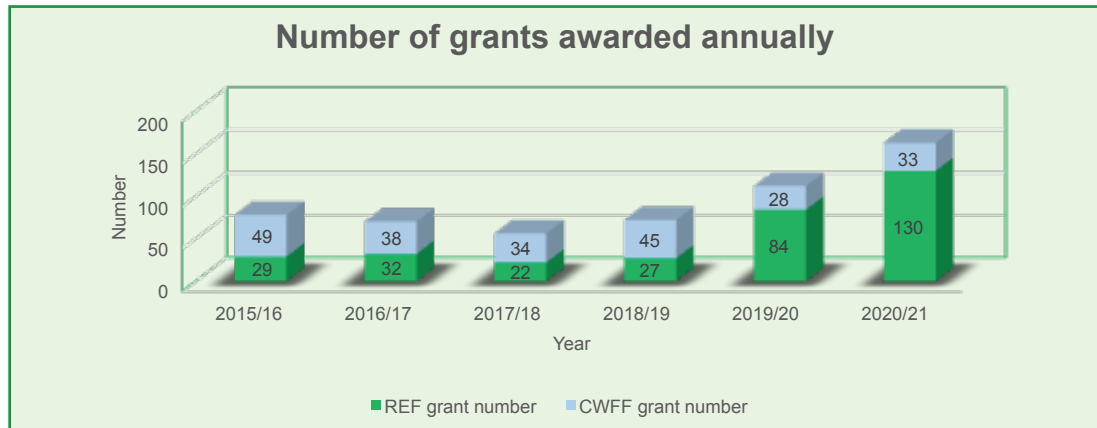


\* CAO - Community Asset Ownerships

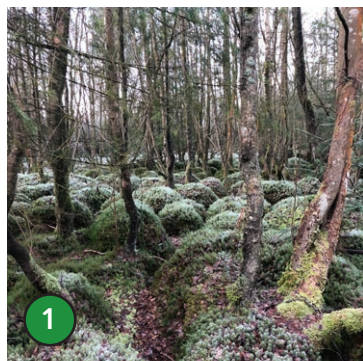


# Annual totals

The number and value of grants awarded have increased since 2017/2018 by over 200%.



# Renewable Energy Fund (REF)



## REF main fund

### 1 Blackwood Woodlands

Blackwood Estate Community Association have been awarded Renewable Energy Funding of £117,200 towards an overall project cost £234,400 for the purchase of a community woodland and renovation of the space. Victoria Connick, Treasurer, Blackwood Estate Community Association said: "In the past year, REF has provided essential financial support to our group, allowing us to finalise plans for the purchase of 65 acres of ancient woodland in Blackwood Estate, South Lanarkshire. REF funding enabled us to carry out a formal feasibility study and environmental surveys: these were critical to our success in achieving grant awards totalling £234,400 (allowing our project to progress towards completion in March 2021). The REF team have at all times been approachable, professional and supportive, we couldn't have got there without them." Funded from Dungavel and Kypemuir Wind Farm.



### 2 Carnwath Community Council

Carnwath Community Council have been awarded Renewable Energy Funding of £259,868 towards an overall project cost £687,868 to purchase two derelict sites and transform these into a community hub and garden. Carnwath Community Council's Angus Knox said: "This project is truly transformational for our community, we have had two derelict sites on the main entrance to Carnwath from Edinburgh for over 20 years, they are now going to be transformed because of the match funding we have received from REF, our Community is so excited that this is the beginning of Carnwath realising its full potential to prosper, create jobs and opportunities for everyone. This has been a partnership effort by the whole community coming together and working for the community benefit to Carnwath." Funded from Muirhall, Muirhall Stallanshaw and by Scottish Power Renewables Blacklaw.



### 3 The Little Sparta Trust

The Little Sparta Trust have been awarded £41,469 towards a total project cost of £83,469 this will develop the infrastructure and resources necessary to make Little Sparta a leading cultural heritage site in Scotland. Ian Hamilton Finlay is one of Scotland and the UK's most influential visual artists. Little Sparta, his master work, has been voted the most important contemporary artwork in Scotland in a poll of gallery owners and critics. And it is widely acknowledged as one of the most distinctive gardens in Europe. However, while Finlay's works are displayed in world famous institutions like the Tate and the Getty Foundation, Little Sparta remains relatively unknown to the wider public. This project will change that by introducing new audiences to Little Sparta. By 2025, the centenary of Ian Hamilton Finlay's birth, the Little Sparta trust is hoping to host up to 5,000 visitors. Funded from Muirhall and Muirhall Stallashaw.



### 4 Kilbryde Hospice

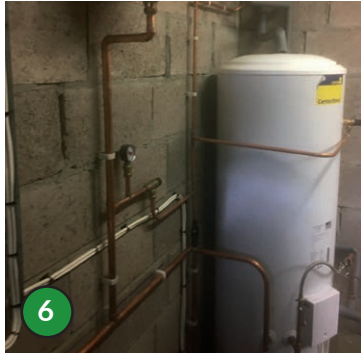
Kilbryde Hospice were awarded £19,947 from the Renewable Energy Fund to provide outdoor shelter for visitors. Kilbryde Hospice CEO Gordon McHugh said: "The canopies, part funded through REF, have enabled Kilbryde Hospice to manage the Covid-19 guidance of restricted visiting by supporting families from our communities to visit their loved ones safely outside the patient's room. Several patients have already benefitted by sitting outside in the fresh air and enjoying the surroundings of the hospice. The canopies will see us through the term of the pandemic and be a legacy for the hospice and the communities we serve for many years to come." Funded from Scottish Power Renewables Whitelee Wind Farm.





### 5 Friends of Stonehouse Park

Friends of Stonehouse Park received a Renewable Energy Fund award of £1,151. Friends of Stonehouse Park Karen Kelly commented: "Friends of Stonehouse Park really appreciated the grant from the REF. We used some of the money to purchase bulbs, which were planted in the park in December 2020. We are looking forward to the snow disappearing to reveal a plethora of spring colour. It was great for the committee to be able to get together at a socially distance, to plant them and we hope it brings lots of joy to people walking through the park. Hopefully once Covid-19 has passed we will utilise the rest of the fund for our outdoor cinema." Funded from Auchrobert Wind Farm.



### 6 Law Bowling Club

Law Bowling Club were awarded £4,598 from the Renewable Energy Fund towards the installation cost of a new energy efficient heating system. Jim Leghorn from Law Bowling Club said: "I would like to pass on our thanks for the support REF gave us to help upgrade a very old system. It would have taken a few more years for us to raise the capital needed to complete these works." REF Covid-19 fund. Funded from Scottish Power Renewables Blacklaw Wind Farm.



### 7 Clydesdale Housing Association Community Hub

REF provided £6,503 funding support to an overall project cost of £8,561 to the Clydesdale Housing Association Community Hub. CHA's Chief Executive, Joe Gorman said: "REF support for the CHA Community Hub IT equipment has been crucial to resourcing the facility the way we needed to. Funding this high quality kit supports digital inclusion in our community and the access to opportunities this brings. The REF team couldn't have been more helpful with the application and claims process – many thanks." Funded from Scottish Power Renewables Blacklaw Wind Farm.

## REF Covid-19 fund



### 8 Forth Community Resource Centre

Forth Community Resource Centre were awarded a Renewable Energy Fund grant of £4,930 to support digital inclusion throughout the Clydesdale area. Forth Community Resource Centre's Anne Caruthers said, "The REF grant allowed us to employ an IT/administration support assistant for six months to help in the delivery of our 'Connecting Clydesdale Project'. As part of the 'Connecting Scotland Programme' from the Scottish Government, we set-up and distributed iPads, chromebooks and mobile broadband to 54 vulnerable people in Clydesdale and delivered a bespoke IT training programme to a total of 69 people, building their confidence and skills with IT to access essential services and stay connected with family and friends during Covid-19." Funded from Muirhall Wind Farm.



### 9 East Kilbride Cricket Club

East Kilbride Cricket Club received a grant of £5,758 which will help the clubs future through Covid-19 restrictions. East Kilbride Cricket Club's Brian Kampman commented: "With support from REF, the nets at our club have had a complete make over in the spring of 2020, this will allow us to play cricket all winter and summer long. We also received a grant to cover the ongoing costs through the Covid-19 crisis which has helped to ensure we will continue and have one of the best facilities in the West of Scotland." Funded from Clyde Development Fund Wind Farm.

### 10 Coalburn Silver Band

Coalburn Silver Band were awarded £4,471 to help continue practice and online interaction. Coalburn Silver Band's Daniel Beadle said: "The funding received from the REF, has helped to ensure that the Coalburn Brass Band Family has been able to continue to operate during the pandemic. The Coalburn Bronze, Intermediate and Silver Bands and the Coalburn Percussion Academy have continued to meet on a weekly basis on Zoom with rehearsals led by our musical directors and tutors. The money from the REF allowed us to purchase new music as all income from engagements has stopped since it has not been possible for our ensembles to perform live." Funded from Falck Renewables Wind Nutberry Wind Farm.



### 11 Equitots Carluke

Equitots Carluke received £1,475 Renewable Energy Funds to support ongoing learning. Equitots Lee Valentine said: "The fund was an amazing support during the time we had to close and meant we could keep connected with young people in the community and continue an online learning journey around horses. It has allowed us to enhance our offerings to include online coaching and qualifications." Equitots also used the opportunity to push ahead with the publication of their own book to help support their work with children and young people. Funded from Climpby Wind Farm.



### 12 Eddlewood Bowling Club

Eddlewood Bowling Club Hamilton received a Renewable Energy Fund award of £10,000. Eddlewood Bowling Club treasurer Jim Conway said: "The grant we received has allowed a complete renovation of our lounge, this will indeed benefit the community who utilise the premises for varying activities, including kids dancing, pensioner's bingo, funerals, family functions etc. Without the grant we would have been unable to carry out the much needed renovation work for the benefit of the local community. The REF grant covering ongoing utilities helped ensure the future of our club, and allow us to welcome our community back, after Covid-19 restrictions are lifted." Funded from Clyde Development Fund Wind Farm.



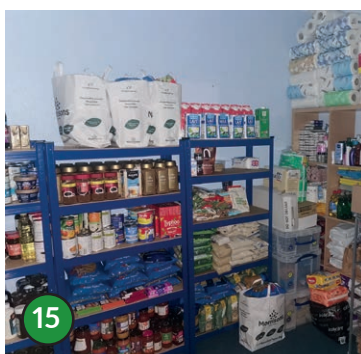
### 13 Cambuslang Particip8

Cambuslang Particip8 were awarded £2,465 to help support some of the most vulnerable through Covid-19 restrictions. Cambuslang Particip8's Lindsay Brogan commented: "The REF grant enabled us to set up our Community HUB to be used as a food bank depot and donation centre, for those in need during the first Covid-19 lockdown back at the beginning of 2020 when it started to affect people's lives in a devastating way. Being able to pay for the HUB daily running costs meant we were able to join forces with other local charities and, begin the battle against the effects of coronavirus to support those in need within our local community." Funded from Clyde Development Fund Wind Farm.



### 14 Blackwood and Kirkmuirhill resilience group

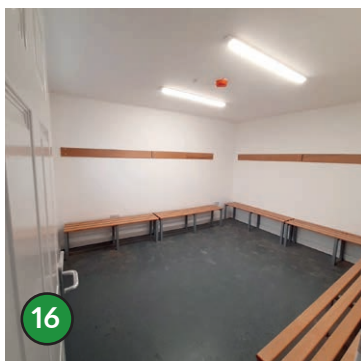
The Renewable Energy Fund provided £4,535 to Blackwood and Kirkmuirhill Resilience Group for an environmental art project for local children. Blackwood and Kirkmuirhill Resilience Group Chair Lesley Speedie said: "The project gave local children something to work on together even if they couldn't meet, we had some who were shielding and I know they really enjoyed being involved. The project has given our young people a sense of pride and community ownership, and overall, it has given them a positive and productive memory to look back on." Funded from Banks Renewables Kypemuir Wind Farm.



### 15 Carstairs Junction Welcome all Hub

Carstairs Junction Welcome all Hub received £5,000 to support the community through Covid-19 restrictions. Carstairs Junction Welcome all Hub's Dot Watson said: "Without the support from REF we would not have been able to provide the much needed support service for the communities we serve, especially during such unprecedented times. We have been able to buy not only healthy food options such as fruit and vegetables, but also equipment needed to give service users support in the areas of food poverty, health and well-being such as a laptop to provide support with Department of Work and Pensions access for those facing financial difficulties. With the demand on our service we have increased our volunteer number by six so that the much needed support can be sustained. The REF grant has allowed us to continue and support our most vulnerable in the community." Funded from Muirhall Wind Farm.





## REF previously funded and recently completed projects

### 16 Strathaven Dynamos

Strathaven Dynamos AFC received £39,902 Renewable Energy Fund grant towards a new build facility costing £109,901. Strathaven Dynamos Frank McGraw said: "The facility is primarily directed towards local school-aged children to create additional and high quality facilities for physical and social activities, primarily based upon football and rugby training. This in turn supports the sustainability of the two local clubs with over 550 playing members plus over 100 qualified volunteer adult coaches. The REF filled a large gap in our capital costs for the facility. There is no doubt that we had exhausted most routes to bridging a sizeable gap and REF grant combination was the difference in making it happen. The pride in having this facility is massive for the clubs, players, volunteers, local schools and the general community. In fact it creates a clean, safe, high quality changing facility for young people of all ages and levels." Funded from High Dyke, Dykehead, Tanhill, and Couplaw Wind Farms.

### 17 Lanark Tennis Club

REF provided £19,021 funding support to an overall project cost of £62,427 to Lanark Tennis Club. Lanark Tennis Club President Allyson Matthews said: "Lanark Tennis Club boasts an amazing new clubhouse and two completely new courts, both of which have had the financial support from REF. A raft of new activities under the 'Tennis For All' ethos were rolled out in a difficult 2020, and 2021 sees plans for hosting 'Disability Tennis Coaching', 'West of Scotland League Tennis' and 'Structured Coaching' at all levels, school holiday camps and the reintroduction of social tennis when restrictions lift. None of this would have been possible without valuable input, council and support through the application process from REF staff." Funded from Scottish Power Renewables Blacklaw Wind Farm.

### 18 Carstairs Community Council

Carstairs Community Council were awarded £35,023 grant towards an overall project cost of £86,520 to redevelop and enhance the existing play area in Carstairs Junction, the work created a community hub that will bring families together while strengthening the relationships within our community and breaking down isolation barriers that often feature heavily in rural life. A picnic area was also created to provide a much needed seating area for the elderly and families using the park. It will also encourage visitors to the village to stay longer and have somewhere to enjoy lunch outside where children can play safely. It will also provide the village with an area that outdoor events can take place, leading to a happier, more united, community. Funded from Muirhall Wind Farm.



# Renewable Energy Fund, Micro Grants and Clyde Wind Farm Fund projects



# Micro grants

Community Councils (CC) across South Lanarkshire have each been given £5000 annually from the South Lanarkshire Renewable Energy Fund to provide micro grants to support local communities. As well as these 21 Community Councils, a further six are also providing micro grants from the Clyde Wind Farm Fund. Community Councils can award grants of up to £500 to support local constituted and non-constituted groups and, where appropriate, individuals. Each Community Council can also add conditions and limit grants as they deem most appropriate for their communities. (listed below).



## 19 Cambuslang Community Council

Cambuslang CC gave funding support to Cambuslang Football Academy 2007s who will use the grant to take the boys on an organised trip to play other teams in a football tournament. Giving many boys the first experience of this type. Funded from Scottish Power Renewables Whitelee Wind Farm.

## 20 Tarbrax Community Council

Tarbrax CC awarded funding that supported the Halloween Competition, this was organised for the community by Tarbrax CC and WAT IF. Sandford and Upper Avondale Community Council Sandford and Upper Avondale CC awarded funding to support the local allotment group to help cover some of the cost to the polytunnel and part to 'Sandford in Bloom'. Funded from Climpy Wind Farm.



## 21 Sandford and Upper Avondale Community Council

Sandford and Upper Avondale CC awarded funding to support the local Allotment Group to help cover some of the cost to the polytunnel and part to 'Sandford in Bloom'. Funded from Dungavel Wind Farm.

## 22 Burnside Community Council

Burnside CC awarded funding to support the second Rutherglen Guides. As the Girl Guides have moved their resources to paper based books and activity cards (rather than online) it meant they were able to purchase a badge book for every girl and all the unit activity cards. Since the first lockdown, guide meetings have moved online. As all the girls now have their own badge book, this has meant they can participate more readily in the meetings and they can work on badges at their leisure - giving them some constructive activities to help keep them busy. Without the support of the Micro Grant it would have been much more difficult to keep online guiding going. Funded from Blantyre Muir Wind Farm.



## 23 Bothwell Community Council

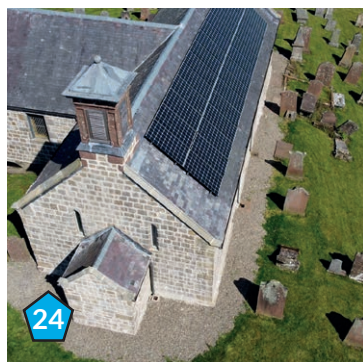
Bothwell CC part funded the recently completed work on the corner of Fallside Road and Main Street. This has been enhanced with some new planting and objects of interest to compliment the fabulous work done in regenerating this piece of land. The new picnic area proved an excellent addition for both young and old in the heart of our village. Funded from Scottish Power Renewables Whitelee Wind Farm.

# Clyde Wind Farm Fund (CWFF)

“Over the last year the Clyde Wind Farm Fund has continued to support the communities in South Lanarkshire’s most rural area through grant awards, especially by providing additional Covid-19 funding to help sustain groups and organisations through financial difficulties caused by the pandemic.

As a panel we hope this leaves our rural groups in a strong sustainable position to come out of the restrictions. One of the interesting aspects of the current restrictions is that work on projects previously funded has continued and many people will not be aware that these projects are now complete or are nearing completion. Crawfordjohn Heritage Centre, Wiston Lodge outdoor classroom, Abington tennis court and Abington play park to name a few, which will benefit people and communities in our area from 2021. The award of £710,584 from Clyde Wind Farm Fund to the Abington Campus for Excellence also demonstrates how the fund can support rural services and sustainability and I look forward to seeing this open later in 2021. The fund will continue to support projects large and small across the rural towns and villages.”

Eric Carlyle, Chair of the Clyde Wind Farm Community Panel



## Clyde Wind Farm Fund

### Funds from Clyde Wind Farm (Scotland) Ltd

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#### Crawfordjohn Heritage Venue Museum

CWFF provided £83,476 funding alongside £25,655 from the REF, an overall project cost of £128,273 for the Crawfordjohn Heritage Venue Museum to improve the environmental conditions within the museum by installing humidity controlled conservation heating and ventilation along with the installation of photovoltaic solar panels and battery storage. This much-loved community-run facility celebrates local social history and heritage through its collection of artefacts from the Parish of Crawfordjohn. CWFF also provided £1,500 funding to help meet running costs during the COVID enforced closure which resulted in loss of income from summer visitors and the annual fundraiser.

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#### Thankerton Bowling Club

CWFF provided £7,228 to Thankerton Bowling Club for refurbishment and modernisation works to improve access to clubhouse facilities for local people and groups. The Club has also benefited from a £7,814 CWFF award to purchase a bespoke lawn-mower to maintain a top quality green.

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#### Leadhills Reading Society

CWFF provided £9,070 funding support to Leadhills Reading Society who undertook an ambitious marketing initiative to improve access to the geographically remote Leadhills Miners Library. Virtual visits are now offered to a global audience who can view a new promotional video together with a unique archive of digitized books. A celebration of a precious resource of international significance from the oldest subscription library in the British Isles. CWFF also provided £1,605 to help the library through the COVID crisis.

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#### The Biggar Institute

CWFF provided £10,000 funding support to an overall project cost of £12,528 to The Biggar Institute. This community based hall is used by a wide range of community groups, some 150-200 people weekly. Their grant will enable improvements including roofing works and new windows that conserve heat and reduce carbon emissions.







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### Leadhills Community Allotment

CWFF provided £10,876 funding support to an overall project cost of £14,502 to Leadhills Family Action Group. Leadhills Community Allotment will flourish thanks to funding provided for refurbishment and development works. The project focusses on improving health and wellbeing, enjoying the outdoors and sharing with the community. Funding will be used to improve access, build new raised beds to encourage participation from primary school children and the wider community.

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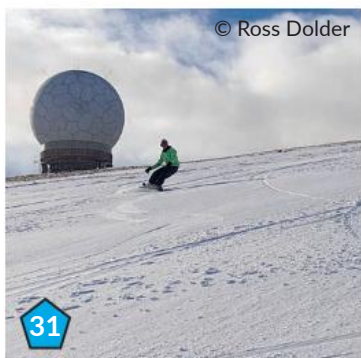
### Abington Centre for Enterprise

CWFF provided £710,000 funding to an overall project cost of £1.5m to Abington Community Development Group. The funding will be used to transform Abington Old School into Abington Campus Enterprise (ACE), bringing a new energy and vitality to Abington and the local area. This enterprising project is aimed at promoting economic activity and enhancing the quality of life for local people, creating vital new jobs to manage and develop the social enterprise and volunteering opportunities and programmes. Fast broadband connectivity, meeting rooms, office space, leisure and gym facility and green community space will be available to local businesses and communities. As a funding package with CWFF, the Renewable Energy Fund funded from Middlemuir, is providing funding support of £149,000 and the Regeneration Capital Funds £726,000, totalling a major investment into the local area.



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## CWFF previously funded and recently completed projects



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### Wiston Lodge

CWFF provided £147,278 funding to an overall project cost of £309,967 to Wiston Lodge. The outcome is a new modern outdoor education hub with bespoke design offering a seamless blend from indoor to outdoor learning activities. Specialist equipment, modern changing and showering facilities including features to meet additional support needs will enhance the interior. Heating is provided by the Victorian Main Lodge's biomass system which was also supported by CWFF. The stunning exterior is clad in timber that will age with its woodland surroundings.

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### Lowther Hills Ski Club

CWFF contributed £39,890 funding to an overall project cost of £90,000 to Lowther Hills Ski Club. The Club now has a much needed welcoming mountain lodge for visitors and locals to enjoy snow sports, mountain biking, hill-walking, roller skiing, paragliding, and events like Lowther Hills Snowball Cycling Sportive and the Scottish Schools Snowsports Association Alpine Series. This community-driven sustainable tourism initiative offers a Highland-like experience, on our doorstep!



## **Connect2Renewables employability initiative**

The Connect2Renewables employability initiative, delivered by South Lanarkshire Council and Banks Renewables, has enabled 19-year-old Coalburn teenager Isla Macdonald who 'lives and breathes' music to follow her dreams and study in Glasgow by part-funding her course fees and travel costs.

Paid for by a proportion of the community benefit funds from Middle Muir Windfarm, Crawfordjohn and Kype Muir Windfarm, Strathaven, the fund aims to help people living in 24 of the area's most rural communities, which fall within a 10km radius of either windfarm.

Isla, a former pupil of Lesmahagow High, is one of more than 300 local people already receiving help as she studies for an HND in Music Performance at the Academy of Music and Sound in Glasgow.

"Having access to the funding has allowed me to attend the college that is best suited for me. As someone who has learning difficulties, I find larger classes and locations difficult and my college is the perfect size to allow me to get all the help I need. The fund also helps me pay for the travel costs of travel from what is quite a remote area."

Councillor Gladys Miller, Chair of the council's Finance and Corporate Resources committee, said: "The initiative is delivered by the council and Banks Renewables as part of Banks' commitment to the South Lanarkshire economy and its communities, and operates alongside a variety of other local initiatives. The aim is to provide an 'open door' encouraging those people who need it most to get in touch and take advantage of what is a flexible and responsive programme."

Robin Winstanley, external affairs manager, Banks Group, said: "Stories like Isla's really make us proud to be part of this initiative and our collaboration with the council. It's so important to us that renewables projects deliver benefits with a meaning to communities, and this is a great example of it. We wish Isla the best in her career and look forward to more progress with this exciting partnership."

Full details of the scheme, eligibility criteria and advice on how to apply can be found on the council's website or you can email the team directly.

# How to apply to these funds

For details on the two funds please follow the links below:

[Renewable Energy Fund Grants](#)

[SSE Clyde Wind Farm Fund](#)

## Brief summary of the funds key points

### Who can apply?

Public organisations and agencies, partnerships, trusts and other non-governmental organisations, constituted community groups and social enterprise or not for profit organisations. Applicants and projects must be within eligible windfarm areas primarily rural South Lanarkshire.

Your project must meet at least one of the following themes:

- Theme one: Stronger communities
- Theme two: Prosperous communities
- Theme three: Healthy and active communities
- Theme four: Sustainable environmental communities

The fund covers capital costs.

For grant requests under £10,000 the funds can fund 100% of the project.

If the grant request is over £10,000 you will require match funding which is dependent on the fund and project.

CWFF and REF are community benefit funds, projects require evidence of community support and the benefits the project will bring to communities near the windfarms.

If you have an eligible project please log an enquiry at: [Community Benefit Funds](#)

At the enquiry stage, briefly explain the nature of the project its need and how it will benefit the community and the community support you have for the project, the overall project cost and the funding your project will require to complete the overall project. Any questions at enquiry stage are carried through the online Grantvisor system.

Eligible enquiries will progress to the full application stage and guidance can be given in developing projects and costs.

For further information on Micro Grants please visit:

[Micro Grants](#)

For more funding information please go to South Lanarkshire External Funding please visit:

[External Funding](#)





# South Lanarkshire Renewable Energy Fund

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## Participatory Budgeting – Update for Area Committee

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| <b>Service Area</b> | Education | <b>Lead Officer</b> | Laura Mitchell on behalf of Carole McKenzie |
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### Stage 1 : Pre Consultation :

- What are we asking the public for their view on (what service is it / description etc)?
- How much funding are we asking about?
- Who are we asking,
- How are we doing this ?
- When are we doing this ?
- When will we report back ?

The public are being asked how 5% of their school's Pupil Equity Funding (PEF) will be spent. This funding is targeted at supporting pupils affected by poverty. 146 out of 148 of SLC schools receive PEF funding. Each of these schools will set-aside a minimum of 5% of their PEF allocation for this activity. This equates to a minimum of £0.495m. Note this is a slight increase from the initial figure quoted of £0.430m, due to the Scottish Government providing schools with a 15% Pupil Premium uplift from their initial PEF allocation. It is anticipated some schools may set aside more than 5%. Schools will submit the % (minimum of 5%) they are setting aside to Education Resources by 30<sup>th</sup> August. Final figures will be reported at the next area committee meeting.

On 27<sup>th</sup> April, Head Teachers were briefed on the PB process and taken through a Power Point Presentation, which outlined expectations and timescales, signposted resources and outlined the support that will be given to support them with this activity. Head Teachers are now identifying a staff member to lead/facilitate this activity in their school. An initial training session for PB leads was delivered on 6<sup>th</sup> May. This virtual session was recorded and is available to all schools on Education Resource's virtual platform SLC squared. A further input will be delivered on 25<sup>th</sup> August. A Teams Page has been set-up to support PB leads. This platform provides support and resources for PB leads. It is hoped it will also facilitate the sharing of good practice across schools, as this activity unfolds in schools.

Schools are now beginning to set-up a PB group, which consists of pupils and parents/carers. This group will lead this activity in schools, consulting with stakeholders to generate ideas and facilitate the voting. The following stakeholders will be encouraged to vote:

- All school pupils
- All parents/carers of pupils who attend the school
- All school staff – janitors, cooks, cleaners, teachers, school support assistants, etc.

All schools will have completed the PB process, with voting and spend agreed by 8<sup>th</sup> October. Schools will report the outcome of the PB process via a Google form, which is due into Education Resources by 8<sup>th</sup> October. This will be collated, and the information shared at future area committee meetings. Schools will then progress with their spend, to ensure the 5% is spent in full by end of March 2022. Details of spend will feature in school's PEF Profile of Spend, which is a detailed financial report of how a school's Pupil Equity Funding is spent. This is collated annually into an authority report, a separate sub-set report for PB will feature for the 21-22 allocation.

The central Equity Team within Education Resources will provide ongoing support to schools enable them to deliver this agenda successfully in their schools.

## Stage 2 : Post Consultation

- The outcome of the PB activity
- What happens next ?
- Further reporting requirements (eg required Committee approval)

Education Resources Plan to keep Area Committees updated with PB activity via the following:

- Final figures reported of school's PEF allocation committed to PB (available in September)
- Summary Report of each school's PB outcome (available late October/early November) and Local Authority analysis report of this
- Case studies of school activity, which has had particular impact/success (ongoing throughout the year)
- Detailed Local Authority Financial Report of how PEF money allocated for PB has been spent (May/June 2022)
- Regular updates and reports at Area Committee meetings (ongoing)

Education Resources will support schools with implementation of this and monitor and track the impact of this activity. Findings will inform any future PB activity within Education Resources.

Regular PB Updates and the highlighting of good practice will be communicated to schools via the Equity Post and PB Teams Page. Area Committee are welcome to be emailed the Equity Post showing these updates/good practice.

# Report

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Report to: **East Kilbride Area Committee**  
 Date of Meeting: **11 August 2021**  
 Report by: **Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)**

Subject: **Community Grant Applications**

## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ request approval for the allocation of community grants to 1 community group in the East Kilbride Area Committee from the 2021/2022 community grant budget

## 2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

(1) that community grants be awarded as follows:-

|                   |                                     |
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| (a) Applicant:    | East Kilbride Flower Club (EK/2/21) |
| Amount Requested: | £180                                |
| Purpose of Grant: | Outing                              |
| Amount Awarded:   | £180                                |

## 3. Background

3.1. The Council operates a community grants scheme to support local constituted community groups and voluntary organisations. All applications require to be supported by a constitution, audited accounts or annual income and expenditure accounts, a bank statement, and confirmation that the group/organisation will adhere to the conditions of the grant award. Applications are invited continually throughout the year.

3.2. The main aims of the community grants scheme are to:-

- ◆ fund activities and projects which bring community benefit
- ◆ involve people in the community by bringing them together to enjoy educational, recreational, leisure and other community activities or to improve the local environment

3.3. Support can be provided for a range of activities including administration and publicity costs, purchase of equipment and materials, annual outings and entrance fees, start-up costs and special events.

## 4. Employee Implications

4.1. None.

## **5. Financial Implications**

- 5.1. As previously reported, the 2020/2021 year-end report considered by the Executive Committee on 23 June 2021, included a recommendation to carry forward the unspent monies from the 2020/2021 community grants budget. This recommendation was approved and, in relation to this Area Committee, the unspent monies in 2020/2021 amounted to £16,040, giving a revised total allocation for the community grants of £41,790 (£25,750 plus £16,040).
- 5.2. The current position of the community grants for the East Kilbride Area Committee area in 2021/2022 is as follows:-

|   |         |
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| Total allocation for Community Grants     | £41,790 |
| Grants previously allocated               | £ 2,200 |
| Community grants allocated in this report | £ 180   |
| Remaining balance                         | £39,410 |

## **6. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications**

- 6.1. There are no implications for climate change, sustainability or the environment in terms of the information contained in this report.

## **7. Other Implications**

- 7.1. The risk to the Council is that grant funding is not utilised for the purpose of which it was intended. This risk is mitigated by internal controls including audit procedures and conditions of grant agreement.

## **8. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements**

- 8.1. This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to an existing policy, function or strategy and therefore no impact assessment is required.
- 8.2. All the necessary consultation with the community groups has taken place.

**Paul Manning**

**Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)**

26 July 2021

## **Link(s) to Council Values/Ambitions/Objectives**

- ◆ Accountable, effective, efficient and transparent. Work with communities and partners to promote high quality, thriving and sustainable communities

## **Previous References**

- ◆ East Kilbride Area Committee, 12 May 2021

## **List of Background Papers**

- ◆ Individual application forms



**Contact for Further Information**

If you would like to inspect the background papers or want further information, please contact:-

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