

Monday, 30 August 2021

**Dear Councillor** 

# **Clydesdale Area Committee**

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

Date: Tuesday, 07 September 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**

Richard Lockhart (Chair), Mark Horsham (Depute Chair), Alex Allison, Poppy Corbett, George Greenshields, Lynsey Hamilton, Eric Holford, Eileen Logan, Julia Marrs, Ian McAllan, Catherine McClymont, Colin McGavigan, David Shearer

#### **BUSINESS**

#### 1 Declaration of Interests

### 2 Minutes of Previous Meeting Minutes of the meeting of the Clydesdale Area Committee held on 8 June 2021 submitted for approval as a correct record. (Copy attached)

### Item(s) for Noting

### 3 Common Good Update 7 - 14 Report dated 12 August 2021 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources). (Copy attached)

4 Participatory Budgeting - Community and Enterprise Resources - 15 - 26 Footpaths and Roads

Report dated 20 July 2021 by the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources). (Copy attached)

5 Partcipatory Budgeting - Community and Enterprise - Renewable Energy 27 - 28 Fund

Report dated 25 August 2021 by the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources). (Copy attached)

6 Participatory Budgeting - Education Resources - Pupil Equity Funding
Report dated 23 August 2021 by the Executive Director (Education Resources).
(Copy attached)

### Item(s) for Decision

#### 7 Community Grant Applications

31 - 34

Report dated 23 August 2021 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources). (Copy attached)

### **Urgent Business**

#### 8 Urgent Business

Any other items of business which the Chair decides are urgent.

### For further information, please contact:-

Clerk Name: Carol Lyon Clerk Telephone: 01698 455652

Clerk Email: carol.lyon@southlanarkshire.gov.uk

**CLYDESDALE AREA COMMITTEE** 

2

*Nature of Interest(s)* 

Known to group

Minutes of meeting held via Microsoft Teams on 8 June 2021

#### Chair:

Councillor Richard Lockhart

#### **Councillors Present:**

Councillor Alex Allison, Councillor Poppy Corbett, Councillor George Greenshields, Councillor Lynsey Hamilton, Councillor Eric Holford, Councillor Mark Horsham (Depute), Councillor Eileen Logan, Councillor Julia Marrs, Councillor Catherine McClymont, Councillor Colin McGavigan, Councillor David Shearer

### **Councillor's Apology:**

Councillor Ian McAllan

#### Attending:

### **Finance and Corporate Resources**

P MacRae, Administration Adviser; L Wyllie, Administration Assistant

### Also Attending:

Marrs

#### **Scottish Fire and Rescue Service**

G Kirkcaldy, Station Commander

#### 1 Declaration of Interests

The following interest was declared:-

Councillor(s) Item(s)

Community Grant Application:-

 Kirkfieldbank Homing and Sporting Club (CL/1/21)

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Clydesdale Area Committee held on 23 March 2021 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

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

### 3 Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

G Kirkcaldy, Station Commander, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) gave a presentation on the Clydesdale Area Performance Report 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))

G Kirkcaldy, having responded to members' questions, was thanked for his informative presentation.

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

### 4 Playscheme Grant Applications

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

The playscheme funding would allow 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.

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

The Administration Adviser advised the Committee that Stanmore House, Lanark had withdrawn their playscheme grant application.

The Committee decided: that a playscheme grant be awarded as follows:-

Applicant: Lanark Universal Connections (PS/CL/2/21)

Amount Awarded: £600

[Reference: Minutes of 26 May 2020 (Paragraph 3)]

### **5 Community Grant Applications**

A report dated 24 May 2021 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on:-

- ♦ 1 application for community grant to be met from the 2021/2022 budget
- ♦ 3 community grant applications which had been dealt with by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), in consultation with the Chair, during the period from 23 to 31 March 2021 to ensure that the 2020/2021 budget was utilised as fully as possible
- 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 2021/2022 amounted to £10,090.

#### The Committee decided:

(1) that a community grant be awarded as follows:-

(a) Applicant: Kirkfieldbank Homing and Sporting Club (CL/1/21)

Purpose of Grant: Materials, administration and publicity costs

Amount Awarded: £260

Councillor Marrs, having declared an interest in the above application, withdrew from the meeting during its consideration

(2) that the action taken during the period 23 March to 31 March 2021 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), in consultation with the Chair, to approve the award of the following community grants from the 2020/2021 budget be noted:-

(a) Applicant: Biggar Rugby Football Club (CL/25/20)

Purpose of Grant: Equipment Amount Awarded: £300

(c) Applicant: Clydesdale Community Concert Band (CL/26/20)

Purpose of Grant: Equipment Amount Awarded: £600

(c) Applicant: Biggar Youth Project (CL/27/20)

Purpose of Grant: Equipment Amount Awarded: £500

(3) 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.

[Reference: Minutes of 23 March 2021 (Paragraph 3) and Minutes of the Executive Committee of 28 April 2021 (Paragraph 4)]

### 6 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

### Chair's Closing Remarks – Participatory Budgeting

The Chair advised the Committee that the Executive Committee on 10 March 2021 had considered a report by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) which provided an update on Participatory Budgeting (PB). The following 7 areas, where PB would be part of how the service was planned and delivered, had been agreed as follows:-

- ♦ Renewable Energy Fund (REF) Microgrants
- street cleaning
- carriageway resurfacing
- pupil equity funding
- place based participatory budgeting programme
- Housing and Technical Resources' (HTR) Housing Investment Programme (Environmental)/HTR Estates Improvement Budget
- ♦ HTR Community Safety Partnership Commissioning

Following the summer recess, Participatory Budgeting would be a standing item on all Area Committee Agendas.



# Report

3

Report to: Clydesdale Area Committee

Date of Meeting: **7 September 2021** 

Report by: Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)

Subject: Common Good Update

### 1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-
  - provide background information and update on the Lanark and Biggar Common Good funds

### 2. Recommendation(s)

- 2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-
  - (1) that the background information and update on Lanark and Biggar Common Good funds be noted

### 3. Background

- 3.1. The Common Good is a fund of money or assets or both and is administered by a Scottish local authority in respect of each former burgh within the area of the local authority.
- 3.2. Common Good property is owned by the local authority although it is administered separately from other local authority assets for accounting purposes. Ownership is absolute in the strict sense that the authority holds legal title to it. However, what the authority can do with the asset is subject to a system of statutory control. This control has the potential to limit the extent to which the authority can dispose of or deal with the asset and on what terms.
- 3.3. The Common Good funds held within South Lanarkshire Council are Lanark, Biggar, Hamilton and Rutherglen. Accounts are prepared on an annual basis, as part of the Council's year end process. The position for the year ended 31 March 2021 is detailed in section 6.
- 3.4. The Biggar Common Good Account holds cash balances only. It does not hold physical assets. The Lanark Common Good Account holds a number of properties. A proactive approach to maintenance supports the viability of these assets and reduces the risk to greater liability in the future.

- 3.5. The Council's Finance and Corporate Resources (FCR) Committee, at its meeting on 2 October 2013, approved an annual cyclical maintenance plan of £15,000 for Lanark Common Good properties. The Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) has delegated authority to approve maintenance work up to the value of £15,000 for each fund. If inspections highlight requirements to undertake investment which would be beyond routine maintenance, this will be considered separately for approval and will be the subject of a report to the FCR Committee.
- 3.6. This report will provide details of the management of the Common Good funds (Section 4 and 5). In addition to the accounts position covered in section 6, this report will provide an up-to-date position for Lanark, including planned maintenance (Section 7 and 8) and Biggar (section 10). It will also provide an update on committed projects for Lanark (Section 9) and Biggar (Section 11). An update on consultations on Common Good assets is provided at section 12.

#### 4. Administration of Common Good

- 4.1. Finance Services administers the Common Good Account. This includes revenue monitoring, preparation of annual accounts and seeking Committee approval for expenditure to be incurred on various projects as and when they are required.
- 4.2. If any proposals for common good spend are considered to benefit the local community in Lanark or Biggar, and the level of funding required is feasible, then Finance Services will seek approval from the Finance and Corporate Resources Committee.
- 4.3. A Common Good Update report is presented to the Finance and Corporate Resources Committee at least twice a year. A report in August/September time will update committee on the annual accounts of all Common Good Funds.

### 5. Role of South Lanarkshire Council's Elected Members

5.1. Decisions on the Common Good Accounts are considered by the Council's Finance and Corporate Resources Committee. Elected Members are kept up to date with any issues affecting the Common Good and are involved in the consideration of approving spend from the Account. A report on the management of the Common Good fund will be provided annually to the Clydesdale Area Committee.

#### 6. Common Good Annual Accounts 2020/2021

- 6.1. Appendix 1 to the report shows the unaudited accounts for 2020/2021 for the Lanark Biggar Common Good Funds. These form part of the Council's accounts that were approved at the Risk and Audit Scrutiny Committee on 22 June 2021.
- 6.2. The Appendix shows that as at the end of 2020/2021, the Balance Invested in South Lanarkshire Council's Loans Fund for Lanark and Biggar is £0.365 million. This is the cash that is held by the Council on behalf of the Common Good funds, and which is readily available to meet expenditure. Table 1 provides the details across the Funds.

Table 1 - Advances to South Lanarkshire Council Loans Fund

Fund	Lanark	Biggar	Total
	£m	£m	£m
Balance	0.333	0.032	0.365

6.3. It should be noted that there are commitments against the funds of Lanark and Biggar including those covered at sections 8 to 11.

#### 7. Lanark Common Good Fund

- 7.1. The Lanark Common Good Account holds both assets and funds.
- 7.2. Appendix 2 to the report lists the assets held for Lanark Common Good Account.
- 7.3. The unaudited annual accounts statement for 2020/2021 (Appendix 1) shows that the balance invested in South Lanarkshire Council's Loans Fund (cash balances available to spend) is £0.333 million and is the Lanark Common Good Account investment balance.
- 7.4. Expenditure is incurred on the upkeep of Lanark Common Good Assets and funds can be considered for specific projects. Income is generated from rent of particular assets. A summary of the Income and Expenditure for 2020/2021 is shown in Table 2 below.

### 7.5. Table 2 - Lanark Common Good - Income and Expenditure 2020/2021

	£000
Income	
Rental Income from various properties	13
Interest Received on Cash Balances	1
Total Income	14
Expenditure	
Property Costs	2
Repairs and Maintenance	4
Depreciation	16
Total Expenditure	22
Net Deficit for Year	(8)

7.6. The repairs and maintenance costs incurred during 2020/2021 were for the Tote Building at Lanark racecourse (£0.003m) and replacement of lighting units at Lanark Racecourse car par (£0.001m).

### 8. Lanark Repairs and Maintenance Budget – Planned Maintenance 2021/2022

8.1. As noted in 3.6. an annual budget of £15,000 is available for the maintenance of Common Good properties in Lanark. For 2021/2022, £10,180 has been set aside to carry out remedial works for dampness at Lanark Tolbooth, with work expected to commence in September 2021. This leaves a remaining budget of £4,820.

### 9. Lanark Committed Projects

9.1. **Lanark Loch Pipe Repair:** As previously reported to the FCR Committee, a contract to repair the pipe, reconstruct the gabion baskets and carry out the remaining footpath works was awarded. The projected completed in April, at a total cost of £107,052.

- 9.2. The Finance and Corporate Resources Committee had previously approved budgets for the reconstruction of the gabion baskets and the remaining footpath repairs totalling £68,894. These budgets have been allocated against the overall project which leaves a balance of £38,158 for the pipe repair to be funded equally from the Lanark Common Good and the Council's Property Investment Fund as agreed by this committee on 19 August 2020.
- 9.3. **Tote Building, Lanark Racecourse:** In order to prevent the Tote building becoming structurally unsound and to remove health and safety risks, a number of repairs had to be carried out. Total approved funding for this project was £43,691. The project is now complete, and the final costs of £46,266 will be met from the Lanark Common Good Fund.

### 10. Biggar Common Good Fund

- 10.1. The Biggar Common Good Account holds cash balances only. It does not hold any physical assets.
- 10.2. The unaudited annual accounts statement for 2020/2021 (Appendix 1) shows that the balance invested in South Lanarkshire Council's Loans Fund (cash balances available to spend) is £0.032 million and is the Biggar Common Good Account investment balance.
- 10.3. Since there are no assets to maintain, there is little expenditure incurred from the Biggar Common Good fund. There was no expenditure during 2020/2021. There are no assets to generate rental income, and the only income received is from the fund balance being invested by South Lanarkshire Council (£46). Therefore, the cash balance does not increase significantly year on year.

### 11. Biggar Committed Projects

11.1. Funding for lighting units was approved by Finance and Corporate Resources Committee in June 2021, at a cost of £8,000. The works on the path between Campsie's Garage on Coulter Road and the Boghall Estate should commence late summer. It is expected that the costs will be charged during 2021/2022.

### 12. Consultation on Common Good

- 12.1. **New Lease Arrangements:** There are currently no consultations on new lease arrangements.
- 12.2. Change of Use: There are currently no consultations on change of use

### 13. Employee Implications

13.1. None.

### 14. Financial Implications

14.1. All costs identified will be met from the Common Good funds held within Lanark and Biggar.

### 15. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

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

### 16. Other Implications

16.1. The ongoing repairs and maintenance support the viability of Common Good assets and reduces the Council's risk to increased liabilities in the future.

### 17. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 17.1. 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.
- 17.2. There is also no requirement to undertake any consultation in terms of the information contained in this report.

### **Paul Manning**

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

12 August 2021

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

♦ Accountable, effective, efficient and transparent

### **Previous References**

♦ None

### **List of Background Papers**

◆ Finance and Corporate Resources Committee, 1 September 2021

#### **Contact for Further Information**

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

Jackie Taylor, Head of Finance Ext: 5637 (Tel: 01698 455637)

E-mail: jackie.taylor@southlanarkshire.gov.uk@southlanarkshire.gov.uk

# Appendix 1

2020/2021 Annual Accounts	Lanark	Biggar	
	£000	£000	
Income and Expenditure Accounts			
Income for the Year	14	-	
Expenditure for the Year	(22)	-	
Surplus / (Deficit) to the Balance Sheet	(8)	-	
Balance Sheet			
Fixed Assets			
Property, Plant and Equipment	1,500	-	
Investments			
Advances to South Lanarkshire Council Loans Fund	333	32	
Debtors	-	-	
Total Assets	1,833	32	
Current Liabilities			
Creditors	(3)	-	
Total Assets less Current Liabilities	1,830	32	
Represented By:			
Common Good Account	1,364	32	
Surplus / (Deficit)	(8)	-	
Amortisation of Revaluation Reserve	4	-	
Gain / Loss on Revaluation	-	-	
	1,360	32	
Revaluation Reserve			
Opening Balance	469	-	
Gain / Loss on Revaluation	5	-	
Amortisation of Revaluation Reserve	(4)	-	
Closing Balance	470	-	
Total	1,830	32	

### **Lanark Common Good Assets**

Asset Name	Address
13 DELVES ROAD	13 DELVES ROAD, LANARK, ML119DU
43 HIGH STREET	43 HIGH STREET, LANARK, ML117LU
CASTLEHILL BOWLING GREEN	CASTLEGATE, LANARK, ML119EF
TOLLBOOTH	HIGH STREET, LANARK, ML117EX
LANARK MOOR COUNTRY PARK	HYNDFORD ROAD, LANARK, ML119TA
LANARK RACE COURSE	HYNDFORD ROAD, LANARK, ML119TA
ST NICHOLAS CHURCH TOWER	HIGH STREET, LANARK, ML11
MOORPARK STADIUM	HYNDFORD ROAD, LANARK, ML119BG
MELVINHALL PARK	CLEGHORN ROAD, LANARK, ML11
LANARK LOCH EQUESTRIAN CENTRE	HYNDFORD ROAD, LANARK, ML11 9TA
BRAXFIELD LAND AND PLANTATION	BRAXFIELD TERRACE, LANARK, ML119BZ
CASTLEGATE CAR PARK NORTH	CASTLEGATE, LANARK, ML119E
CASTLEGATE CAR PARK SOUTH	CASTLEGATE, LANARK, ML119D
CASTLEHILL CAR PARK	CASTLEGATE, LANARK, ML119EF
NEWMAINS FARM/FORMER	WHITELEES ROAD, LANARK, ML11
LANARK GC MACHINE SHEDS	WHITELEES ROAD, LANARK, ML11 7RX
SMYLLUM PARK GRAZINGS	SMYLLUM CROSSING, LANARK, ML117RY
CAR PARK	PORTLAND PLACE, LANARK, ML117L
LANARK LOCH LAND & PLANTATIONS	WHITELEES ROAD, LANARK, ML11 7RX
SPRINGBANK FARM	LANARK, ML118SG
RAILWAY SOLUM	WHITELEES ROAD, LANARK, ML11
NEWMAINS AND BOTTOMLEES	LANARK, ML11
TOTE BUILDING	HYNDFORD ROAD, LANARK, ML11



# Report

4

Report to: Clydesdale Area Committee

Date of Meeting: 7 September 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 2021/2022.

3.4 Funding was allocated as per the able below:-

Funding Split	Footway Network Share (%)	Share of £1.5m (75%) (£m)	Carriageway Network Share (%)	Share of £0.5m (25%) (£m)	Total Funding Per Area (£m)
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
Totals	100.00%	1.500	100.00%	0.500	2.000

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:-

Area	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
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:

Area	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
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 Clydesdale 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 2021/2022.
- 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: -

Colin Park, Head of Roads and Transportation Services

Ext: 3653 (Tel: 01698 453653)

E-mail: colin.park@southlanarkshire.gov.uk

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 Engagemen	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)
Clydesdale	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
	0.230	0.077	0.160	0.054	0.521

Funding Theme Split / Value	Footpaths / Footways 1st Place	Footpaths / Footways 2nd Place	Carriageways 1st Place	Carriageways 2nd Place	Total Funding Per Area (£m)
East Kilbride	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
	0.325	0.109	0.095	0.032	0.561

Funding Theme Split / Value	Footpaths / Footways 1st Place	Footpaths / Footways 2nd Place	Carriageways 1st Place	Carriageways 2nd Place	Total Funding Per Area (£m)
Hamilton	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
	0.376	0.126	0.083	0.028	0.613

Funding Theme Split / Value	Footpaths / Footways 1st Place	Footpaths / Footways 2nd Place	Carriageways 1st Place	Carriageways 2nd Place	Total Funding Per Area (£m)
Rutherglen & Cambuslang	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
	0.190	0.064	0.039	0.012	0.304
Totale	1 124	0.276	0.274	0.126	2 000

Totals 1.124	0.376	0.374	0.126	2.000
--------------	-------	-------	-------	-------

Participatory Budgeting – Update for Area Committee					
Service Area	Clydesdale Area	Lead Officer	Kenny Lean		
04 4 5					

### 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?

### **Stage 2 : Post Consultation**

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

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, 11 Community Councils or similar organisations such as resident associations and community trusts within the Clydesdale Area were awarded micro grants totalling £47,796. Details of these grant awards below.

### **Update**

The 2021/2022 awards to Community Councils are currently being processed and paid to each individual Community Council to administer as they submit there evidence. As at the 1<sup>st</sup> of August £31,648.62 had been paid to a total of 8 Community Organisations within the Clydesdale Area from REF as listed below.

Other Community Councils are being encouraged to provide their claims and evidence of last year spend to allow 21/22 grants to be processed.

Community Council or Organisation	Windfarm	Type of Group	Location	Awarded 22/23
Blackwood,			Blackwood,	
Kirkmuirhill &		Community	Kirkmuirhill &	
Bogend	Auchrobert	Council	Bogend	2100.00
		Community		
Carluke	Black Law	Council	Carluke	5000.00
		Community		
Coalburn	Auchrobert	Council	Coalburn	3765.00
The Royal Burgh of		Community		
Lanark	Black Law	Council	Lanark	4543.62
Rigside & Douglas		Residents	Rigside & Douglas	
Water	Auchrobert	Association	Water	4440.00
		Community		
Stonehouse	Auchrobert	Council	Stonehouse	5000.00
Strathaven &	Calder	Community	Strathaven &	
Glassford	Water	Council	Glassford	5000.00
		Community		
Tarbrax	Black Law	Council	Tarbrax	1800.00

31648.62

It should be noted that Clyde windfarm also administered by SLC give a similar Micro grant award to 7 Community Councils (Biggar, Duneaton, Symington, Leadhills, Crawford, Quothquan and Thankerton, Carmichael) but this pre dates the participatory budgeting and is through the local Clyde Group Panel.

Participatory Budgeting – Update for Area Committee			
Service Area		Lead Officer	
	Education		Laura Mitchell on behalf of
			Carole McKenzie

### 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 subset 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

7

Report to: Clydesdale Area Committee

Date of Meeting: **7 September 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 5 community group in the Clydesdale Area Committee area from the 2021/2022 community grant budget

### 2. Recommendation(s)

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

(1) that a community grant be awarded as follows:-

(a) Applicant: Friends of Volunteering In Clydesdale, Lanark

(CL/3/21)

Amount Requested: £250

Purpose of Grant: Outing and entrance fees

Amount Awarded: £250

(b) Applicant: Biggar and District U3A (CL/4/21)

Amount Requested: £400
Purpose of Grant: Outing
Amount Awarded: £200

(c) Applicant: ISKCON (Scotland) Limited, Lesmahagow

(CL/5/21)

Amount Requested: £990

Purpose of Grant: Equipment, materials, administration and publicity

costs

Amount Awarded: £600

(d) Applicant: Lanark Amateur Musical Society (CL/6/21)

Amount Requested: £1,000

Purpose of Grant: Entrance fees

Amount Awarded: £250

(e) Applicant: Forth Friendship Group (CL/7/21)

Amount Requested: £850

Purpose of Grant: Equipment and materials

Amount Awarded: £510

### 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 £10,090, giving a revised total allocation for community grants of £35,840 (£25,750 plus £10,090).
- **5.2.** The current position of the community grants for Clydesdale Area Committee area in 2021/2022 is as follows:-

Total allocation for Community Grants	£35,840
Grants previously allocated	£860
Community grants allocated in this report	£1,180
Remaining balance	£33,800

### 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)

23 August 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**

♦ Clydesdale Area Committee, 8 June 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:-

Jennifer Hilston, Clerical Assistant Ext: 4822 (Tel: 01698 454822)

E-mail: jennifer.hilston@southlanarkshire.gov.uk