

Cowdenbeath Area Committee

Conference Room 2, Ground Floor, Fife House, Glenrothes,
KY7 5LT / blended meeting.



Wednesday, 7th December, 2022 - 2.00 p.m.

AGENDA

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1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - In terms of Section 5 of the Code of Conduct Members of the Committee are asked to declare any interest(s) in particular items on the agenda and the nature of the interest(s) at this stage.
3. **MINUTE** - Minute of the meeting of Cowdenbeath Area Committee on 26th October, 2022. 3 – 8
4. **LCP, WARD AND ANTI-POVERTY BUDGET PROPOSAL** – Report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods. 9 – 20

Members are reminded that should they have queries on the detail of a report they should, where possible, contact the report authors in advance of the meeting to seek clarification.

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THE FIFE COUNCIL - COWDENBEATH AREA COMMITTEE – REMOTE MEETING

26th October, 2022

2.00 p.m. – 5.10 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Alex Campbell (Convener), Alistair Bain, Linda Erskine, Rosemary Liewald, Mary Lockhart, Lea McLelland, Bailey-Lee Robb and Darren Watt.

ATTENDING: Sarah Roxburgh, Community Manager (Cowdenbeath Area), Communities and Neighbourhoods Service; Mhairi Mullen, Service Manager, Housing Services; David Thomson, Customer Experience Lead Officer/SPSO Liaison Officer, Customer Service Development; Dawn Jamieson, Safer Communities Team Manager and Brian Westwater, Safer Communities Lead Officer; Patricia Galfskiy, Policy Officer, Community Development Team (Cowdenbeath); Vicki Connor, Co-ordinator (Programme and Financial Management), Policy and Resource Management; Keith Johnston, Technician Engineer, Traffic Management South, Transportation Services; Eleanor Hodgson, Accountant and Wendy MacGregor, Committee Officer, Committee Services, Legal and Democratic Services, Finance and Corporate Services.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Russell Hammell, Station Commander, Stirling-Clackmannanshire-Fife, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Community Inspector, Steven Hoggan and Community Sergeant, John Nicol, Police Scotland.

17. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Linda Erskine declared a connection relating to Para 24 - Local Community Planning Budget Request - Phase 2 Lochgelly Band - as she had previously supported Lochgelly Band. However, having applied the objective test and concluded that it was not clear and substantial, Councillor Erskine remained in the meeting.

18. MINUTE

The Committee considered the minute of the meeting of the Cowdenbeath Area Committee of 31st August, 2022.

Decision

The Committee agreed to approve the minute.

19. PRESENTATION - FUEL POVERTY

The Committee considered a presentation by the Service Manager, Housing Services, on support during the fuel poverty crisis, for those who were vulnerable and on low incomes. A detailed discussion followed on various initiatives and projects, such as Warm Spaces, the Cost of Living Campaign, Welfare and financial Support, Boiler Support Fund, the Big Hoose Project etc.

Decision/

Decision

The Committee thanked the Service Manager, Housing Services for the informative presentation, members welcomed the opportunity to ask questions on various initiatives and projects and acknowledged the importance of raising awareness of the valuable assistance on offer to members of the public.

20. SAFER COMMUNITIES TEAM - UPDATE REPORT

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Housing Services providing an update on the operational activity of the Safer Communities Team within the Cowdenbeath Committee area during the 12 month period 1st April, 2021 to 31st March, 2022.

Decision

The Committee noted the contents of the report and acknowledged activities undertaken by the Safer Communities Team.

21. SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE COWDENBEATH AREA ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT

The Committee considered a report by the Station Commander - Lochgelly Community Fire Station, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service providing incident information for the period 1st April, 2021 – 31st March, 2022. The incident information enabled scrutiny of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) – Cowdenbeath Area - against its key performance indicators (KPIs).

Decision

The Committee noted the contents of the report and acknowledged the progress across a range of KPIs detailed in the report.

22. SUPPORTING THE LOCAL COMMUNITY PLAN – OPERATIONAL BRIEFING ON POLICING ACTIVITIES WITHIN COWDENBEATH.

The Committee considered a report by the Local Area Commander, West Fife, Police Scotland, providing an update on Policing activity in Cowdenbeath Area (Wards 7 and 8).

Decision

The Committee noted the contents of the report and acknowledged policing activity undertaken to date and supported progress by Police Scotland to address priorities in the Ward Areas.

The Committee adjourned at 3.50 p.m.

The Committee reconvened at 3.55 p.m.

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23. COMPLAINTS UPDATE

The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director - Communities providing an overview of complaints received relating to the Cowdenbeath Area for the year, from 1st April, 2021 to 31st March, 2022.

Decision

The Committee noted the contents of the report and acknowledged complaints received and responded to in target timescales and the proportionality of Service complaints.

**24. LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING BUDGET REQUEST - PHASE 2
LOCHGELLY BAND**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhood seeking agreement for a contribution from the Local Community Planning Budget for Lochgelly Band for their Phase 2 of renovation work at their band hall in Lochgelly.

Decision

The Committee agreed to allocate £15,000 from the Local Community Planning Budget 2022/23 to the Lochgelly Band for Phase 2 of planned renovation work at the band hall in Lochgelly.

**25. PROPOSED SPEED LIMITS AND RAISED TABLE - B921 KINGLASSIE ROAD,
AUCHTERDERRAN**

The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director - Enterprise and Environment detailing a proposal to extend the 30 mph speed limit on B921 Kinglassie Road, Auchterderran including a proposed raised table and a proposal to introduce a 20 mph zone on roads constructed within the housing development.

Decision

The Committee, in the interests of road safety:-

- (1) agreed to the promotion of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to extend the 30 mph speed limit and introduce a 20 mph zone as detailed in drawing no. TRO21_58 (Appendix 1 to the report);
- (2) agreed to the promotion of a Road Hump Order (RHO) to introduce a raised table as detailed in drawing no. TRO21_58 (Appendix 1 to the report);
- (3) authorised officers to confirm the Traffic Regulation Order and for the raised table to be constructed within a reasonable period unless there were objections;
- (4)/

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- (4) noted concerns that traffic calming measures should be installed on the entire B921 road as far as Auchterderran School, an extension to the area shown on the map in Appendix 1 to the report; and
- (5) acknowledged that an assessment on the area would be undertaken and that the outcome would be discussed with relevant Ward Councillors once this had been finalised.

26. **PROPOSED 20 MPH ZONE AND SPEED CUSHIONS - KIRKCALDY FARM, BALLINGRY**

The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director – Enterprise and Environment detailing a proposal to introduce a 20 mph speed limit on roads constructed within the housing development at Kirkland Farm, Ballingry and proposed speed cushions on B920 Lochleven Road.

Decision

The Committee:-

- (1) agreed to the promotion of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to introduce a 20 mph zone as detailed in drawing no. TRO22_59 (Appendix 1 to the report);
- (2) did not agree with recommendations (2) to (4) of the report as it considered these would not adequately ensure pedestrian safety:-
 - the promotion of a Road Hump Order (RHO) to introduce speed cushions on B920 Lochleven Road as detailed in drawing no. TRO22_59 (Appendix 1 to the report);
 - in retrospect the promotion of a Road Hump Order (RHO) and Pedestrian Crossing Notice to introduce two raised toucan crossings on B920 Lochleven Road as detailed in drawing no. TRO22_59 (Appendix 1 to the report); and
 - authorise officers to confirm the Traffic Regulation Order and for the speed cushions to be constructed within a reasonable period unless there were objections’;
- (3) requested a further report detailing revised road safety proposals on the B920 Lochleven Road, Ballingry for the Committee’s consideration at an additional meeting of the Committee in December 2022, on a date to be advised; and
- (4) requested that Transportation officers discuss with Ward members road safety concerns relating to Lochleven Road, in the form of a workshop, prior to the submission of the report outlined at (3) above.

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27. AREA ROADS PROGRAMME 2022- FINAL REPORT

The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director – Enterprise and Environment providing an update on the delivery of the 2021-22 Area Roads Programme (ARP).

Decision

The Committee

- (1) noted the contents of the report and appendices; and
- (2) requested that Ward Councillors be provided with regular updates to scheduled work on the Area Roads Programme, advising of any changes to scheduled work, so this could be conveyed to constituents.

28. COMMON GOOD AND SETTLEMENT TRUST FUNDS ANNUAL REPORT 2021-2022

The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director - Finance and Corporate Services detailing the current status of the Common Good and Settlement Trust funds in the area and relevant fund activities over the financial year 2021-2022.

Decision

The Committee:-

- (1) noted the information contained in the appendices to the report, related to the various Common Good funds and Settlement Trust Funds;
- (2) noted the information provided in the report; and
- (3) acknowledged there had been no spending on the Common Good and Settlement Trust Funds in the financial year 2021/22 and encouraged Ward Councillors to use the funding available for projects in Ward 8.

29. COWDENBEATH AREA COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee considered the Cowdenbeath Area Committee Forward Work Programme.

Decision

The Committee:-

- (1) noted the contents of the Cowdenbeath Area Committee Forward Work Programme;
- (2) agreed that an additional meeting of the Committee would be arranged on a date to be confirmed in December, 2022, primarily to consider a Budget update report, including anti-poverty budget, Area and Ward budgets, including additional budget allocation; and
- (3)/

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- (3) requested the update reports as noted below, to be included on the Forward Work Programme for consideration at a future meeting of the Committee:-
- (a) Cafe Inc Provision - (progress report on the current programme, support available over the Christmas period, standard and quality of provision and service); and
 - (b) Proposed 20 mph zone and speed cushions - Kirkcaldy Farm, Ballingry (Para 26 above) - revised proposal for traffic calming and road safety measures at Kirkcaldy Farm, Ballingry (B920 Lochleven Road, Ballingry).
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7th Dec 2022

Agenda Item No. 4

LCP, Ward and Anti-Poverty Budget Proposal

Report by Paul Vaughan, Head of Communities & Neighbourhoods

Wards Affected: Ward Nos 7 & 8

Purpose

To propose allocation of remaining budgets from 2022/23 LCP, Ward and Anti-Poverty budgets as requested by members.

Recommendation(s)

The committee is asked to:-

- (1) note the contents of the report; and
- (2) consider and approve the Budget Proposals outlined in Section 3 and the Project Summaries outlined in Section 4 of the report.

Resource Implications

This proposal has been prepared in cognisance of discussions with Elected Members, Officers and relates to existing revenue funding.

Legal & Risk Implications

There are no legal or risk implications arising from the implementation of this proposal.

Impact Assessment

An EqIA has not been completed as there are no proposed changes or revisions to existing policies.

Consultation

Consultation was undertaken with elected members at a budget setting workshop on 2nd November 2022.

1.0 Background

- 1.1 As requested by members, this paper outlines the current position regarding all budgets available for use and a proposal for allocation across the remainder of 2022/23.
- 1.2 The table below details all budget available on 1st April 2022 – including the agreed carry over from 2021/22 into 2022/23:

	21/22 Allocation	Carry Over from 2021/22 budget	Total
A41809 (Ward 8)	£66,408	£43,015	£109,423
A41810 (Ward 7)	£84,320	£80,728	£165,048
A41811 (LCP)	£120,431	£29,729	£150,160
A41785 (Anti-Poverty)	£270,000	£166,337	£436,337
Total	£541,159	£319,809	£860,968

- 1.3 A breakdown of all expenditure in 2022/23 by budget and project can be found in Appendices 1 - 4. Of the available total budget of **£860,968** this financial year, a total of **£342,067** has been allocated between April 2022 and November 2022 as follows:

Code	Budget Allocated
Ward 8	£77,630.70
Ward 7	£51,811.10
LCP	£15,266.45
Anti-Poverty	£197,358.40
Total	£342,066.65

- 1.4 After allocation of agreed and anticipated expenditure, the table below details the budget remaining for allocation in 2022/23 as of 25th November 2022.

Code	Budget Remaining
A41809 (Ward 8)	£31,792.30
A41810 (Ward 7)	£113,236.90
A41811 (Cowdenbeath Area)	£134,893.55
A41785 (Anti-Poverty)	£238,978.60
	£518,901.35

2.0 Key Priorities for 2022/23

- 2.1 The report on the area wide anti-poverty workshop attended by members from February 2021 identified the following priorities:

Top Priorities	Important	Maintain and Develop
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental Health • Food Insecurity • Fuel Poverty • E-Poverty • Young Families 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WRAPP • Social Isolation • Work and Economy • Education and Skills • Poverty Premium 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing • Voluntary Sector • Community Resilience • Adverse Childhood Experiences

- 2.2 Following two workshops with members, the briefing issued on 14th October 2022 further identified a series of themes and projects which are listed in Appendix 5.
- 2.3 In summary, members suggested projects which provided support in the following key areas. This list is thematic, not comprehensive. Full detail is available in Appendix 5.
- Food Insecurity – support for community food projects and expansion of Café Inc.
 - Anti-Poverty Projects – working in partnership with existing services and maximising the resources available across the area.
 - Mitigating the immediate effects of the cost of living crisis.
 - Providing support to families.
 - Developing CLD activity and programme.
 - Developing After School provision.

3.0 Budget Proposal Summary

- 3.1 Remaining LCP, Ward and Anti-Poverty budgets for the financial year 2022/23 as outlined in Section 1.4 amounts to £518,901.
- 3.2 The following allocation of amounts from these budgets is proposed

Ward Contingency Fund	£30,000
Cowdenbeath Shoe Box	£80,000
Deliverit/The Big Hoose	£20,000
Warm Spaces/Winter Provision	£20,000
Café Inc Expansion	£50,000
Community Food Projects	£80,000
Cosy Kingdom Area Resource	£65,000
CLD Activity Programme	£20,000
Pending Allocations	£10,000
Carry Forward to 2023/24	£143,901
Total	£518,901

4.0 Project Summaries

- 4.1 **Ward Contingency Fund (£30,000):** this allocation of £15,000 per ward provides a resource for members to agree at ward level for projects or applications for funding received between December 2022 and April 2023. Any unallocated resources would be carried forward to the 2023/24 financial year.

- 4.2 **Cowdenbeath Shoe Box (£80,000):** development of a pilot project to provide funding to support the provision of appropriate footwear for primary and nursery aged children to all schools in the Cowdenbeath committee area. See Appendices 6 and 7.
- 4.3 **Deliverit (£20,000):** development of a pilot project to work in conjunction with The Big Hoose to facilitate delivery of donated essential household goods via a co-ordinated volunteer model.
- 4.4 **Warm Spaces/Winter Provision (£20,000):** provision of resources to groups and services (including FC facilities) to provide warm space provision across the area and to supplement winter warmer packs.
- 4.5 **Café Inc Expansion (£50,000):** development of the Café Inc service to include additional venues and to supplement the food offering at identified sites.
- 4.6 **Community Food Projects (£80,000):** provision of funding to existing and new community food projects across the area. These projects provide essential support to families and individuals during the cost of living crisis across the winter.
- 4.7 **Cosy Kingdom Area Resource (£65,000):** provision of a dedicated Energy Advice Officer to provide specific support within existing provision and venues. Advice would be offered within community venues, connected to existing events and activity such as community food projects, pantries and CLD activity.
- 4.8 **CLD Activity Programme (£20,000):** funding to support the development of activity to engage young people, adult learners and families between Dec 22 and April 23. The funding will provide resources for expanded youth work activity, staffing costs and activity requested by all age groups. This will include the expansion of the 'Cooking On A Budget' programme.
- 4.9 **Pending Allocations (£10,000):** allocation to cover any applications pending or received in the period between the writing of this report and the committee date. Any unallocated funding would be carried forward to 2023/24.
- 4.10 **Carry Forward to 2023/24 (£143,901):** additional projects may be identified early in 2023 and applications for this funding may be received. Where this occurs, Officers will agree funding under 5k and bring any requests over 5k to Area Committee. Any remaining unallocated funding will be carried forward to 2023/24 for consideration alongside LCP, Ward, Anti-Poverty and Community Recovery Fund budgets

5.0 Expenditure Projections

- 5.1 Further workshops are planned to discuss with members and the wider community, expenditure planning for 2023/24 LCP, Ward and Anti-Poverty area budgets as well as the utilisation of the Community Recovery Fund.
- 5.2 Proposed spend from 2023/24 budgets will be brought to Area Committee for consideration and approval.
- 5.3 At the budget workshop on 2nd November 2022, additional proposals were discussed which require consideration and development. These were:
- Allocation of funding for Expanded After School Provision/Out of School Clubs/Breakfast Clubs/After School Youth Work
 - Allocation of funding for Participatory Budgeting programmes across the Cowdenbeath Committee Area.

6.0 Reporting

- 6.1 Where approval is granted for expenditure on any project or activity proposed in Section 4.0, members will receive an update report.

List of Appendices

Appendix 1 – Ward 8 Expenditure 2022/23
Appendix 2 – Ward 7 Expenditure 2022/23
Appendix 3 – LCP Expenditure 2022/23
Appendix 4 – Anti-Poverty Expenditure 2022/23
Appendix 5 – Member Workshop Initial Projects
Appendix 6 – What is Cowdenbeath Shoe Box?
Appendix 7 – Cowdenbeath Shoe Box Guide for Schools

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2022/23 Expenditure

Ward 8 Budget

PROJECT	ORGANISATION	AMOUNT
Lochgelly Cluster – Bikeability Project	Active Schools / Community Use	£1,800.00
Lochgelly Gala August 2022	Lochgelly Gala Committee	£1,500.00
Improvement to Moore Park Football Facility - Perimeter Fencing	Lochgelly United AFC	£3,000.00
Friends of Lochgelly HS Pipe Band	Friends of Lochgelly HS Pipe Band	£4,030.00
Lochgelly HS Parent Council Awards	Lochgelly HS Parent Council	£200.00
Fife Cycle Park Jubilee Fun Day	Sports Development	£480.00
Jubilee Street Party	Auchterderran & Kinglassie Guild Church	£500.00
Cardenden Youth Forum - Visit to Auschwitz	Cardenden Youth Forum	£4,000.00
Robert Smith Court - Solutions to Dangerous Wall	Roads & Transportation Services	£5,000.00
Flooding at Crosshill Park	Grounds Maintenance Services	£2,343.00
Kids Come First - Salary Costs for October & November	Kids Come First	£ 6,769.70
CLD Programmes Easter/Summer/October 2022	Communities & Neighbourhoods CLD	£18,500.00
Christmas Trees Temporary - Cardenden (20ft) & Lochgelly (25ft)	Grounds Maintenance Services	£3,002.00
Christmas Lights	Lumphinnans Community Council	£1,850.00
Lochgelly Band Hall Renovation	Lochgelly Band	£15,000.00
Benarty Christmas Tree - Installation of Lights	Roads & Transportation	£600.00
28 th Cardenden Community and Bonfire Display 2022	Cardenden Bonfire Committee	£4,995.00
Alcohol Awareness Campaign Anti-spiking / Underage Drinking	Police Scotland - Cowdenbeath Team	£250.00
Cardenden Christmas Lights	Cardenden Community Development Forum	£2400.00
Homemade Christmas Course at Bowhill CC	Communities & Neighbourhoods CLD	£511.00
		£77,630.70

2022/23 Expenditure

Ward 7 Budget

PROJECT	ORGANISATION	AMOUNT
The Arts Backpack in Fife	Action for Children's Art - £5k C/F from 2021/22	£5,000.00
		£4,622.00
Mental Health Support Group (Walks and Talks)	Communities & Neighbourhoods CLD	£712.00
Step In Course Maxwell Centre	Communities & Neighbourhoods CLD & Fife College	£2,365.00
Kelty Community Centre - Watercooler & Electrical Socket	Communities & Neighbourhoods CUS	£135.30
Beath High School - Barrier at the Old Perth Road Car Park Entrance	Communities & Neighbourhoods CUS	£1,500.00
Christmas Tree Temporary - Cowdenbeath (25ft) & Kelty 20ft)	Grounds Maintenance Services	£2,029.00
CLD Programmes Easter/Summer/October 2022	Communities & Neighbourhoods CLD	£18,500.00
Cowdenbeath Community Council - Christmas Lights	Cowdenbeath Community Council	£5,650.00
Hill of Beath Christmas Tree - Installation of Lights	Roads & Transportation	£600.00
Elf on the Shelf Course, Maxwell Centre	Communities & Neighbourhoods CLD	£300.00
Oor Wee Café - Volunteer Recognition Event	Communities & Neighbourhoods CLD	£504.00
Kelty Community Centre - Juniors Youth Club Pantomime	Communities & Neighbourhoods CLD	£890.20
Homemade Xmas Gifts on a Budget	Communities & Neighbourhoods CLD	£562.00
Alcohol Awareness Campaign Anti-spiking / Underage Drinking	Police Scotland - Cowdenbeath Team	£250.00
Support distribution of free tickets in the Cowdenbeath Area	Cowdenbeath Community Theatre	£4000.00
WI-FI Enhancement Cowdenbeath Town Centre	Fife Council Town Centre Mgt	£3441.60
OAP Christmas Lunch	Hill of Beath Ex Servicemen Club	£750.00
		£51,811.10

2022/23 Expenditure

LCP Cowdenbeath Area Budget

PROJECT	ORGANISATION	AMOUNT
Summer Bedding / Baskets, Cowdenbeath Area	Grounds Maintenance Services	£2,000.00
Cowdenbeath Town House Information Event 07.05.22 – HV Printing Cowdenbeath Town House Consultation - HV Printing	Communities & Neighbourhoods CLD	£16.00
Crowdfunder Fife - Area Contribution	Fife Council, Community Investment Team	£1,000.00
Kelty Floral Enhancement	Kelty Community Council	£500.00
DRR Awards for Cowdenbeath Area	Revenues Business Rates	£7,500.00
Picnic in the Park, Adult Basic Education	Communities & Neighbourhoods CLD	£375.00
Cowdenbeath War Memorial Inspection & Remedial Work Hill of Beath War Memorial Change of Name	Property Services, Building Inspector	£781.75
Cowdenbeath Town House VOA Evaluation Report	Estates Management Team	£1,392.70
Cedar House Garden Club - Floral Enhancement	Cedar House Garden Club	£250.00
Laptop - Scott Blyth	Communities & Neighbourhoods CLD	£401.00
Youth Engagement – LCP & LMCP	Communities & Neighbourhoods CLD	£1050.00
		£15,266.45

2022/23 Expenditure

Anti-Poverty Budget

PROJECT	ORGANISATION	AMOUNT
Temporary Staffing Posts Welfare Support Assistant 1fte Community Education Worker 0.5 fte Catering Supervisor 1fte	Communities & Neighbourhoods CLD	£81,452.00
Temporary Staffing Posts - Youth Worker Positions - 18 hpw (SC), 36 hpw (BMCH), 24 hpw (AC)	Communities & Neighbourhoods CLD	£54,582.00
Befriending Mobile Phone / Resources	Communities & Neighbourhoods CLD	£65.32
Laptop for Kirsty Mcelhinney	Communities & Neighbourhoods CLD	£401.00
Kids Come First Emergency Grant Wages	Communities & Neighbourhoods CLD	£6,312.11
Kelty Parent & Toddlers Group	Communities & Neighbourhoods CLD	£500.00
Oor Wee Cafe - Elementary Food Hygiene Delivery, Registration, Exam for Staff & Volunteers	Communities & Neighbourhoods CLD	£440.00
Welfare Reform Immediate Response Fund	Communities & Neighbourhoods Welfare Support Staff	£5,000.00
Lochgelly Town Hall - Additional General Waste Bin Uplift	Communities & Neighbourhoods	£1,000.00
Van costs to support Food Deliveries, Collections and Food Projects in the Cowdenbeath Area	Communities & Neighbourhoods	£8,000.00
Welfare Support Travel Vouchers	Communities & Neighbourhoods	£500.00
Cowdenbeath Resilience Fund	Castle Enterprise Scotland Ltd (Castle Furniture)	£10,000.00
Cold Weather Lunch Clubs (Targeting Families 0-2 years - 2 Clubs per week Tuesday & Wednesday)	Home-Start, Cowdenbeath Area	£4,580.00
Cooking on a Budget, Kelty Community Centre	Communities & Neighbourhoods CLD	£1,765.00
Big Hoose Project - Delivery Charges for Cowdenbeath Area	Communities & Neighbourhoods	£3,000.00
Family Fun Days, Community Centres, Cowdenbeath area October 2022	Communities & Neighbourhoods CLD	£3,975.24
Cost of Living - Support online (Credit Card Promotional Materials to support (Suicide Prevention Week Campaign) Help with the Cost-of-Living Leaflets (mail drop to Cowdenbeath Area)	Communities & Neighbourhoods	£2,500.00
Max's Families	Communities & Neighbourhoods CLD in partnership with Fife Gingerbread	£3,206.73
Crossgates Welfare Provision	Primrose Community Trust	£4,000.00
Max's Meals Community Larder - Relocation of Fridge (accommodate Cowdenbeath after School Club)	Communities & Neighbourhoods CUS	£1,179.00
Cowdenbeath Shoebox	Communities & Neighbourhoods CLD	£4,900.00
		£197,358.40

Member workshop initial projects

- Increased provision of After School Clubs/After School Youth Work
- Community Growing Project
- Expansion of the 'Cooking On A Budget' programme across the committee area
- Provision of Air Fryers and energy efficient cooking equipment/utensils
- Information campaign on the true unit cost of operating household items – heating, cooking, leisure etc and energy conservation advice
- Development of area specific solution to barriers accessing 'The Big Hoose' provision
- Winter Warmer Packs
- Café Inc
- Expansion of support to Cosy Kingdom
- The Big Hoose/Deliverit
- 'Shovel Ready' Projects
- Investment in extended CLD Activity Programme
- Warm Spaces
- Community Food Projects
- Participatory Budgeting
- Lochgelly Civic Space
- COVID Memorial/Commemoration
- Bike Loan Scheme
- Mental Health
- Disability Barrier Removal
- Music and Social Prescribing
- Fuel Poverty
- Local Development Officers

WHAT IS COWDENBEATH SHOEBOX?



Cowdenbeath Shoebox is a pilot project that provides footwear to primary and nursery age school children. School staff identify families who need support and discretely provide footwear that would otherwise be unaffordable.



WHY IS COWDENBEATH SHOEBOX NEEDED?



School staff across the area have highlighted that many young people either don't have good quality footwear for school or don't attend as a result of not having good quality footwear.



HOW DOES IT WORK?

- Once a child is identified as needing footwear, it is provided by school staff at no cost to the family.
- The footwear is brand new and can be chosen by the child, parent and school.
- Schools are provided with funding and access to a stock of footwear, funded by Fife Council Cowdenbeath Area Committee.



WHO IS IT FOR?

- Cowdenbeath Shoebox provides targeted support to children identified by the school and is not a universal provision.



WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

- Providing an immediate, local solution for families experiencing poverty.
- Enabling school staff to respond quickly and discretely.
- Reducing non-attendance.
- Increasing participation in school and extra-curricular activity.
- Increased inclusion and barrier removal.



Cowdenbeath ShoeBox - A guide for schools

1 Identify how many children in your school need support with footwear from Cowdenbeath Shoebox.

Whilst there is no set criteria to qualify for support from ShoeBox, schools should identify children who are most in need.

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Email the completed LCP application form to gary.daniell@fife.gov.uk (The form simply requires contact details, bank details and number of pairs required.)

3

The form will be processed within 2-3 days and funds released to the school to purchase footwear as required.



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The second stage of the project will involve partnership with a footwear supplier and enable direct ordering with a supply of footwear kept in stock for immediate response. April 2023 onwards.

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Schools will be required to submit the following information for collation in a report to Cowdenbeath Area Committee:

- Number of pairs provided to each Primary class up to end of March 2023.

