

The Highland Council

Agenda Item	9
Report No	BSAC/18/25

Committee: Badenoch and Strathspey

Date: 4 August 2025

Report Title: Badenoch and Strathspey Ward Funds Update

Report By: Assistant Chief Executive - Place

1 Purpose/Executive Summary

1.1 Badenoch & Strathspey Members have requested an update report detailing the use of Ward funds for financial years 2023/24 and 2024/25

1.2 This report provides an update in respect of:-

- Ward Discretionary Fund;
- Place Based Investment Fund;
- Repurposed Covid Funding;
- Regeneration Fund monies; and
- Scottish Government Capital Playpark allocations

2 Recommendations

2.1 Members are asked to **note** and **scrutinise** the use of Badenoch and Strathspey Ward funding allocations for financial years 2023/24 and 2024/25.

3 Implications

3.1 **Resource** – As this report provides a retrospective update on the use of Ward funds for financial years 2023/24 and 2024/25 there are no resource implications contained within this report.

3.2 **Legal** – All relevant governance has been complied with in terms of the use of funds set out in this report.

3.3 **Risk** – There are no implications arising from this update report.

3.4 **Health and Safety (risks arising from changes to plant, equipment, process, or people)** – there are no implications arising from this report.

3.5 **Gaelic** – there are no implications arising from this report

4 Impacts

- 4.1 In Highland, all policies, strategies or service changes are subject to an integrated screening for impact for Equalities, Poverty and Human Rights, Children's Rights and Wellbeing, Climate Change, Islands and Mainland Rural Communities, and Data Protection. Where identified as required, a full impact assessment will be undertaken.
- 4.2 Considering impacts is a core part of the decision-making process and needs to inform the decision-making process. When taking any decision, Members must give due regard to the findings of any assessment.
- 4.3 This is an update report and therefore an impact assessment is not required.

5 Background

- 5.1 Members have asked for an update report detailing how Ward specific funding allocations for financial years 2023/24 and 2024/25 for Badenoch and Strathspey have been used.

6 Funding Allocations

- 6.1 The Ward Discretionary Fund is managed by the Community Development Team in conjunction with local Members. The Ward Discretionary Fund allocation for 2023/24 was £16,000 and for 2024/25 it was £14,381. Projects supported by the Badenoch and Strathspey Ward Discretionary Fund for those financial years are set out in **Appendix 1**.
- 6.2 The Ward Discretionary Fund allocation for 2025/26 is again £14,381 and funds are currently available for applications from eligible community groups. The guidance notes and application form for community groups and bodies to use when applying to the Ward Discretionary Fund can be found at this [link](#).
- 6.3 In 2023/24, Place Based Investment Funding (PBIF) and repurposed unspent Covid Funds were also awarded on the same basis as for Ward Discretionary Funding. Projects receiving PBIF support are detailed within **Appendix 2**, representing a total allocation of £15,600. Projects receiving repurposed Covid Fund support are detailed in **Appendix 3**, totalling £5,860.24.
- 6.4 Regeneration Funds – Decisions taken in respect of the Ward allocation from the Place Based Investment Programme monies and the UK Shared Prosperity Fund are taken by Area Committee. The use of these funds in Badenoch and Strathspey is set out within **Appendix 4**.
- 6.5 The Scottish Government Playpark Funding Allocation - Decisions taken in respect of the Ward allocation from the Scottish Government's Play Park Renewal Fund are taken by Area Committee. The 2023/24 allocation was not used and carried forward into 2025/26. The use of these funds in Badenoch and Strathspey is set out in **Appendix 5**.

7 Summary

- 7.1 Committee is asked to scrutinise and note the use of Badenoch & Strathspey Ward funding allocations for financial years 2023/24 and 2024/25.

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Background Papers: None

Appendices: Appendix 1 - Ward Discretionary Fund Update
Appendix 2 - Place Based Investment Fund Update
Appendix 3 - Covid Fund Update
Appendix 4 - Regeneration Fund Update
Appendix 5 - Play Park Renewal Fund Update

Appendix 1

Ward Discretionary Fund Update

Name of Organisation	Name of Project	Project Description	WDF Award	Total Project Cost
Financial Year 2023/24				
Grantown Museum and Heritage Trust	Landseer – A Highland Romance	The Exhibition aims to create opportunities for Highland audiences to view and interact with artworks that they may otherwise not have the ability to access.	£1,500.00	£47,600.00
Riverside Bowling Club	Refurbishment of Football Changing Rooms	Replace part of the ceiling that has a large hole in plasterboard above toilet area and freshen up paintwork.	£500.00	£1,800.00
Newtonmore Winter Lights Association	Community Storage and Repairs Shed	To create a community storage/repair shed to be used principally by Newtonmore Winter Lights Association but also by 6 other community associations.	£990.00	£35,400.00
Newtonmore Business Association	Centenary Garden Project Consultation	To transform an overgrown, wasted, unused area for all ages and abilities of people, to become an inclusive haven creating opportunities to engage with, participate in, and experience a part of the Cairngorms National Park.	£750.00	£6,469.00
Strathspey Works	Grantown Remakery – warm footprint phase 4	Install energy efficient LED lighting to shop.	£880.00	£1,180.00
Newtonmore Camanachd Club	Safety Padding for club house	To improve player safety on the shinty pitch near the club house.	£964.00	£4,164.00
Kingussie Parish Church	Winter Jackets and Waterproof shoes	Aim to provide winter jackets and waterproof shoes to pupils of local schools who are struggling finances due to rising costs.	£2,000.00	£10,605.00
Cairngorm Mountain Trust	Badenoch & Strathspey School Skiing	To support school children from 6 schools local to Cairngorm Mountain with the opportunity to learn to ski.	£2,568.00	£12,988.00

Newtonmore Tennis Club	Purchase of Indoor / Outdoor Table Tennis Table	Purchase of a folding outdoor table tennis table for use throughout the year.	£126.08	£679.00
Grantown Grammar School	Winter Jackets and Waterproof shoes	Aim to provide winter jackets and waterproof shoes to pupils.	£2,000.00	£2,000.00
Newtonmore Business Association	Community Defibrillator	To purchase defib, response kit and external cabinet.	£1,000.00	£1,996.80
Badenoch Shinty Memories	Supporting social activities	Support to continue hosting monthly social activities for elderly people in Badenoch communities who are living with dementia alongside their carers and other community members experiencing social isolation and loneliness.	£850.00	£850.00
Feis Spe	Gaelic names and legends of our mountains and landscape	Aim to connect the Gaelic speakers and non-Gaelic speakers to Feis Spe community.	£900.00	£4,020.00
Badenoch & Strathspey Food Hub	Supporting food poverty in Badenoch & Strathspey	To support low-income families and individuals across the B&S area.	£971.92	£860.00
Financial Year 2024/25				
Newtonmore Tennis Club	Introducing Pickleball to Newtonmore	To purchase 2 starter packs to introduce the sport of pickleball to Newtonmore.	£670.00	£820.00
Ellanwood Road Play Area	Sprinter Board Replacement	Installation of additional play area items	£500.00	£500.00
Mossie Road Play Area	Replace Timber Boards on Climbing Unit	Installation of additional play area items	£300.00	£300.00
Dulaig Play Area	Replacement Slide	Installation of additional play area items	£1,200.00	£1,200.00
Newtonmore Association	Leaflet Reprint	Reprint leaflet promoting Newtonmore to visitors and local community.	£820.00	£820.00
Nethy Bridge & Vicinity Community Council	Purchase of Grass Cutting Equipment	To keep to village in an attractive a manner as possible.	£2,000.00	£2,500.00
Newtonmore Community Woodland & Development Trust (NCWDT)	Wildflower Panels	Project will benefit local residents who walk parts of the Wildcat Trail and visitors.	£1,500.00	£3,769.95

Newtonmore Community Woodland & Development Trust	Calder Path, Wildcat Trail Newtonmore Bridge Installation	To ensure that the popular and much-loved section of the Newtonmore Orbital Wildcat Trail through the Craig Dhu SSSI remains open and safe for use all year round.	£1,000.00	£35,000.00
Aviemore Community Enterprise Co Ltd	Outdoor Classroom Link Path	To install an accessible path linking new outdoor classroom to existing Aviemore Orbital footpath.	£1,800.00	£2,160.00
Kingussie Parish Church	Weekly Lunch for School Pupils	Warm space/ community café to provide a simple lunch for around 20 pupils of Kingussie High School.	£2,000.00	£2,560.00
Feis Spe	February Feis Day 2025	To create a mini 'Festival' in the February Fèis day, that will include Gaelic Song, Accordion, Fiddle & Clarsach. The aim will help the children understand and enjoy their language, connection to the area and culture.	£600.00	£3,578.00
Kincraig & Vicinity Community Council	Football Goal Posts	Purchase of one set of goal posts including delivery.	£200.00	£200.00
Grantown Outdoor Bowling Club	Working Towards Net Zero Carbon Emissions	To purchase and install low carbon technology (LCT) which will enable the community ran Grantown Bowling Club to become carbon natural.	£500.00	£3,000.00
Grantown YMCA Community Centre	Community Storage	Would like to install heavy duty shelving that would allow to maximise the available Space. It should also free up additional space for other community groups.	£500.00	£2,160.00
Badenoch & Strathspey Access Panel	Update Disabled Access Guide	Aim to update and redistribute the B&S disabled access guide.	£791.00	£3,124.80

Place Based Investment Fund Update

Financial Year	Name of Organisation	Name of Project	Project Description	Fund Award	Total Project Cost
2023/24	Play Park Repairs	Play Park Repairs	Play Park Repairs	£6,750.00	£6,750.00
2023/24	Toncam Flooring and Interiors	New Signage	Provide signage at new premises, allowing an increased visual for businesses	£850.00	£1,685.00
2023/24	Abernethy Bowling Club	PBIF repair Works to gutters/ditches	Renew edges of bowling green	£8,000.00	£11,300.00

COVID Fund Update

Financial Year	Name of Organisation	Name of Project	Project Description	COVID Fund Award	Total Project Cost
2023/24	Dalwhinnie Community Development Trust	Dalwhinnie Village Hall Gym	Equipment will be of great benefit to the community	£250.00	£3,762.00
2023/24	Grantown on Spey u3a (University of the 3rd Age)	Grantown on Spey u3a Interest Group	Singing for Fun & Film/theatre groups	£384.16	£384.16
2023/24	Cairngorm Mountain Trust	Badenoch & Strathspey School Skiing	To support children from 6 schools local to Cairngorm Mountain with the opportunity to learn to ski.	£1,500.00	£12,988.00
2023/24	Newtonmore Tennis Club	Purchase of Indoor/Outdoor Table Tennis Table	Purchase of a folding outdoor table tennis table for use throughout the year	£126.08	£679.00
2023/24	Morlich Court	Painting Equipment		£400.00	£400.00
2023/24	Dulaig Court	Replacement of bark with grass matting surface		£600.00	£600.00
2023/24	Ardvonie Park	Replacement of Steel feet for climbing frame and swings		£2,500.00	£2,500.00
2023/24	Lynstock Crescent	Painting of equipment		£100.00	£100.00

Regeneration Fund Update 2023-2025

CRF Ref.	Organisation	Project	Total Project Cost	Match Funding	Grant awarded	Project Status	PBIP	UKSP
2154	Newtonmore Playpark Upgrade	Upgrade of Newtonmore Playpark	£ 97,254.06	£ 67,254.06	£ 30,000.00	Complete	£ 30,000.00	£ -
2187	Aviemore & Glenmore Community Trust	Community Asset Transfer (CAT) of the Glenmore Visitor Centre and upgrading work	£ 23,435.00	£ 8,565.44	£ 14,869.56	Complete	£ 9,169.56	£ 5,700.00
2204	Kingussie Tennis Club	Upgrade of blaes playing surface and installation of a irrigation system	£ 24,154.00	£ 6,294.00	£ 17,860.00	Complete	£ 4,400.64	£ 13,459.36
2211	Dalwhinnie Community Development	Insulation of the hall and replacement of existing lighting and heating with a low carbon, energy efficient system	£ 27,595.62	£ -	£ 27,595.62	Complete	£ 27,595.62	£ -
2280	Kingussie and Vicinity Community Co	Upgrades to path network including access.	£ 41,095.56	£ 9,999.96	£ 31,095.60	Complete	£ 31,095.60	£ -
2288	Carrbridge Community Orchard	Project to make the orchard more accessible, enjoyable, and educational	£ 8,149.43	£ 2,250.00	£ 5,899.43	Complete	£ -	£ 5,889.43
2290	Kingussie Camanachd Club	Market Stance Playing Field	£ 71,837.00	£ 56,837.00	£ 15,000.00	Complete	£ 15,000.00	£ -
		Market Stance Playing Field	£ 28,675.46	£ -	£ 28,675.46	Complete	£ 28,675.46	£ -
2322	Aviemore Community Enterprise Com	Refurbishment of Burnside Playpark	£ 116,746.46	£ 35,923.44	£ 80,823.02	Complete		£ 80,823.02
2347	The Highland Council - Glenmore	Use of a currently unused subway to provide a safe footway link between the Glenmore Campsite and Loch Morlich	£ 45,083.07	£ 8,000.00	£ 37,083.07	Complete	£ 37,083.07	£ -
2359	Burnfield Toilets	Window replacements and internal redecoration following repair	£ 4,435.20	£ -	£ 4,435.20	Complete	£ 4,435.20	
2361	Newtonmore Village Hall	Essential upgrading of fire alarm and safety equipment	£ 18,250.00	£ 13,250.00	£ 5,000.00	Ongoing	£ 5,000.00	

Play Park Allocation of Scottish Government Funding for Badenoch & Strathspey						
Ward	Play Area	Works	Status	24/25		
				SG Play Park Funding	Other Funders	Total Project Cost
				£71,253.00		
20	Burnside	Contribution to community led play area refurbishment project A local group of three Aviemore Mums contacted the Highland Councils Play Strategy Coordinator, and they worked together, establishing a new community group to bring back to life an out of use, unsafe community space. In a very short timescale, they raised almost £120k of funding and carried out child led consultation to bring to fruition a thriving, new, sustainable space being enjoyed by people of all ages and abilities. The range of equipment installed is suitable for all ages, and abilities, including those with physical disabilities and additional support needs. There is also space for parents/carers to sit and chat whilst still having visibility across the whole space.	Project completed	£31,253.00	£86,836.29	£118,089.29
20	Newtonmore	Contribution to community led play area refurbishment project The local community fundraised for many years to contribute towards the upgrade of the park. This project was coordinated by The Highland Council with Kompan the equipment suppliers, designers, and installers. The park offers a new and improved play space with a mixture of equipment for all ages and abilities. With an inclusive roundabout, swings and climbing frames as well as safety surfacing and a bench.	Project completed	£40,000.00	£57,254.06	£97,254.06
TOTALS				£71,253.00	£144,090.35	£215,343.35