

THIRD SECTOR GRANTS 2015/16

1.0 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report details recommendations for the award of Third Sector Grants (including Events and Festivals) to Third Sector organisations in Bute and Cowal.
- 1.2 Applications are considered twice yearly in April and August. This is intended to avoid allocation of the full budget at one meeting and enable activities held later in the year to be funded.
- 1.3 The total Third Sector Grant budget made available by the Council for allocation in Bute and Cowal for 2015/16 is £35,000. A total of £29,000 was allocated in April, leaving a remaining balance of £6,000 for allocation at this meeting.
- 1.4 The Area Committee agreed to an upper limit of £4,000 to any one organisation in any one financial period, unless there are exceptional circumstances.
- 1.5 Up to £3,500 of grant funding in one financial year can be carried forward to the next financial year.
- 1.6 Seven applications have been received, 1 of which is for Events and Festivals.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The 7 organisations listed below are awarded funding from the Third Sector Grants budget.
- 2.2 Those organisations that have received funding for two years or more should not be awarded more than the amount they received in 2014/15 unless increased developmental aspects are detailed in the application.
- 2.3 Where possible, and if appropriate, new applicants should receive all or most of the amount requested (up to 50% total project costs), unless a very large amount of funding is sought.
- 2.4 Grants will only be awarded pending receipt of the correct paperwork; an approved financial check; and an end of project monitoring report (if a grant was awarded in previous year)

Ref No	Organisation	Grant 13/14	Grant 14/15	Total Project Cost	Amount Requested	Recommendation
1	Achievement Bute	New	New	£8,800	£4,000	£1,925
2	Bullwood Nature Trail	New	New	£1,810	£905	£900
3	*Bute Bowling Association	N/A	£950	£3,516	£1,500	£500
4	Buteshire Natural History Society	New	New	£2,800	£1,000	£1,000
5	Cowal Dog Training Club	N/A	N/A	£1,387	£693	£650
6	Sandbank Parent and Toddler Group	N/A	£125	£440.00	£220	£125
7	Sandbank Senior Citizens Club	£200	£200	£2,600	£1,100	£900
		Total Recommended				£6000
		Balance				£0.00

**Events and Festivals*

3.0 DETAIL

Ref No	Organisation	Rationale for grant allocation
3.1	Achievement Bute	A contribution towards a confidential counselling service delivered by a Clinical Child Psychologist specifically for children and young people with disabilities and their families. Please note : the organisation has a contract with Argyll and Bute Council to provide services to children affected by disabilities and their families which does not include the counselling service
3.2	Bullwood Nature Trail	The grant will be used towards the purchasing of small tools and material to allow the group to continue with training, education and work experience in a woodland setting for people with varying learning and physical disabilities.
3.3	Bute Bowling Association	A contribution towards the Bute Annual Bowling Club Tournament (9-15 th August 2015). The tournament attracts competitors and their families from all over the UK. It is a popular event and has a positive impact on the local community and contributes to the economic development of Bute through increased tourism. (£2500 ineligible costs – recommendation reflect this)
3.4	Buteshire Natural History Society	A contribution towards small equipment for the recording and monitoring of small mammals on Bute as listed in the Argyll and Bute Local Biodiversity Action Plan. The group are also involving the wider community of Bute under the Citizens Science Initiative to record and monitor the small mammals with the aim of educating and engaging all ages with the wildlife and landscape of Bute

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3.5	Cowal Dog Training Club	A contribution towards volunteers travelling and attending the Kennel Club Accredited Annual Training Event in Stoneleigh, Warwickshire. Volunteers will access training methods and skills and pass these on to dog owners in the wider community to encourage responsible dog ownership .The Group is also involved in the Kennel Club Good Citizens Dog Scheme.
3.6	Sandbank Parent and Toddler Group	A contribution towards a planned Christmas trip to Cardwell Bay, Gourock. The trip will allow parents and toddlers to have a fun- day out and contribute to the health and wellbeing of the children and parents. Please note : recommendation is based on £95.00 underspend in 2014
3.7	Sandbank Senior Citizens Club	A contribution towards running costs and social activities and outings. Membership has increased including members from Tighnabruaich and other areas in Cowal. They club have developed a programme of activities to include entertainment, computer classes, regular lunch club and social outings. These activities help to alleviate isolation in the elderly and the members coming together contributes to greater health and wellbeing for the Senior Citizens of Cowal.

4.0 CONCLUSION

4.1 All organisations have been contacted and grant applications assessed.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Policy: None

5.2 Financial: As per area budget allocation.

5.3 Legal: None

5.4 HR: None

5.5 Equalities Consistent with the Equal Opportunities policy of Argyll and Bute Council.

5.6 Risk: Monitoring of the process will minimise any risk to the Council

5.7 Customer Service: None

6.0 APPENDICES

None

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