

MONITORING OF GRANTS TO THE THIRD SECTOR 2016/17

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report highlights the positive outcomes for communities in Helensburgh and Lomond through the allocation of the Council's Third Sector Grant funding in 2016/17.
- 1.2 A total of £39,897 was awarded to 20 organisations in 2016/17. Organisations have up to three months from the end of their project to complete and return project monitoring reports.
- 1.3 A total of £3,571.70 has been returned. This amount will be made available for allocation in the financial year 2018/19. Applications open autumn 2017.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

Members are asked to note and provide comment to:

- 2.1 The positive contribution of the grants to community projects, detailed in section 3 and the attached table.
- 2.2 The return of unspent funds in 3.4 of the report.

3 DETAILS

- 3.1 The grants distributed to community organisations supported a total of 5,356 people to participate in a variety of projects encompassing sports, music, literary, festivals and nature. Highlights include:
 - Ticket sales for the Cove and Kilcreggan book festival up 50%.
 - Increase in younger people taking part in the dancing and piping at Rosneath Peninsula Highland Games.
 - Take up of Youth 81 Youth Projects summer programme exceeded expectations.
- 3.2 The attached table summarises information received from individual projects.
- 3.3 All community organisations submitted an end of project monitoring report.
- 3.4 There is a return of unspent funds totalling £3,571.70. This will be distributed in the 2018/19 round of grant funding alongside the expected

£24,500 to be available in 2018/19 subject to Council budget decisions in February 2018. The return is from Helensburgh Men's Shed and Helensburgh Seafront Development Project who were unable to spend their funds within 2016/17.

4. CONCLUSION

4.1 The project monitoring form has a section asking for comments on the grant process. Not all applicants have completed this section but of those received the comments have largely been very positive. The majority note that the process is simple, straightforward, clear and concise. Thanks are noted for the support received from staff and elected members.

5. IMPLICATIONS

Policy: None

Finance: The report sets out the expenditure from the Helensburgh and Lomond area 2016/17 budget for the allocation of Third Sector Grants.

Personnel: None

Legal: None

Equal Opportunities: The grant allocation is consistent with the Equal Opportunities policy of Argyll and Bute Council.

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No	Organisation	Project funded	Total Projected Cost	Actual Costs	Match funding	Award	Comments	Beneficiaries		
								M	F	Age
1	Bicentenary Pipe Band Championships	Cost of running the Pipe Band Championships	£9,009	£8,038	£150	£3,000	Successful championships with the maximum number of competition performances taking place	1000	1000	0-4 (50) 5-9 (300) 10-16 (500) 17-24 (500) 25-64 (500) 65+ (500)
2	Cove Burgh Hall	Cost of running the Cove and Kilcreggan Book festival and towards the cost of a feasibility study on structural changes to the building	£6,280	£6,002	£300	£2,550	The feasibility study is complete and the board is considering the extent to which it can be put into practice. Ticket sales for the book festival were up 50% and the first morning focused on children and young people	125	250	No break down given
3	Cove and Kilcreggan Lunch Club	Cost of providing social activities and outings for members of the lunch club	£2,877	£3,301	£785	£1,292	Provided a network for 20 socially isolated seniors with successful trips and a Christmas Party		23	65+ (23)
4	Cove Sailing Club	Costs for two projects and a regatta	£5,000	£4,112	£2,000	£2,000	Involving more children from the local communities to try a sport that they would otherwise not have access to	Not broken down		10-16 (26) 17-24 (4) 25-64 (1)
5	Friends of Duchess Wood	Purchase of tools, native tree samplings and printing and stationery costs	£636	£808	£490	£318	Enabled repairs to be carried out to the infrastructure in the wood	Approximately 1000+ visitors per year		

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6	Gareloch Group - Riding for the Disabled Association	Horse maintenance costs	£25,108	£25,108	£7,777	£3,000	Provided 10 group riding sessions per week plus 4/5 one to one or one to two sessions allowing 58 riders to benefit from the activity	23	32	0-4 (2) 5-9 (18) 10-16 (20) 17-24 (10) 25-64 (8)
7	Helensburgh Addiction Rehabilitation Team (HART)	Cost of childcare provision to allow service users access to training and other services	£2,652			£1,225	In the months prior to the closure HART offered a childcare service to service users of young children. This enabled service users with preschool children to attend support, groups and training. HART went into Administration on 31 Dec 2016			
8	Helensburgh and District Men's Shed	Running costs including transport for study visits, a programme of training, plus resources and promotional materials for the Men's Shed	£4,190			£1,845	Project unable to be fully undertaken due to unforeseen issues with securing premises. (£1,571.70 returned)			
9	Helensburgh and Lomond Autism/Aspergers Society	Costs of providing transport and family activities for children with autism in the school holiday	£5,000	£6,168	£0	£1,973	A total of 10 summer trips were run for between 3 and 13 families per activity, allowing families to spend much needed time together and with other families in similar situations	20	26	0-4 (4) 5-9 (7) 10-16 (16) 17-24 (4) 25-64 (15)

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10	Helensburgh and Lomond Foodbank	Running cost of the foodbank	£9,000	£11,700	£2,678	£1,500	The delivery of food to those in need was maintained without interruption	No information giving		
11	Helensburgh Cricket and Rugby Football Club	Cost of travel and accommodation for youth members to stay at Kilbowie Outdoor Centre	£7,030	£7,680	£0	£2,225	110 people attended the full tour and 20 older children went just for the rugby. Due to the grant, every child who wanted to go was able to	98	12	10-16 (25) 17-24 (50) 25-64 (35)
12	Helensburgh Music Society	Professional fees and on costs for performers to take part in concerts at the Victoria Halls, Helensburgh	£10,450	£8,425	£6,871	£2,000	Five concerts were held and all have been enormously enjoyed by the audience, in total 433 people attended the concerts	221	222	
13	Helensburgh Savoy Musical Theatre Club	Running costs for the production of the musical 'Oklahoma!' in November 2016	£11,900	£11,066	£0	£780	The production was successful with ticket sales over the five performances at around 550	Not broken down		10-16 (4) 17-24 (4) 25-64 (17) 65+ (8)
14	Helensburgh Seafront Development Project	Cost of producing a feasibility study on HSDP's plans to install a walkway/wave breaker to the west of the pier	£10,000			£2,000	Grant has not been spent within the financial year (£2,000 returned)			
15	Helensburgh Tree Conversation Trust	Cost of purchasing and planting of 65 trees and special tree guards	£6,510	£6,567	£3,255	£3,255	The tree planting has helped to maintain and enhance the unique collection of 1881 street trees in Helensburgh	The residents of Helensburgh		

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16	Kirkmichael Community Development Group	Cost of supporting rugby, music/DJ project and other sports related activities for young people and an outing/day-trip for older people in the Kirkmichael community	£1,000			£500	The positive effect of the outings for the elderly has meant them meeting new people and decreasing loneliness	Not broken down		65+ (20)
17	Rosneath Peninsula Highland Games	Cost associated with running the Highland Games	£17,380	£14,633	£0	£3,000	Participants were given the opportunity to compete in the competitions and there was an increase in younger people taking part in the dancing and piping	500	450	0-4 (70) 5-9 (80) 10-16 (100) 17-24 (250) 25-64 (300) 65+ (220)
18	Rosneath Peninsula West Community Development Trust	Costs of holding an event celebrating the opening of Craigmownie Park	£7,254	£5,727	£0	£2,500	Successful opening despite the bad weather, the grant enabled a memorable and free opening of the park	50	70	0-4 (20) 5-9 (40) 10-16 (30)
19	Route 81 Youth Project	Programme of summer activities for young people including the cost of excursions and transport	£8,784	£8,121	£4,160	£3,984	Summer programme went well, all but one trip went ahead, and an alternative was offered. Take up exceeded expectations	94	76	10-16 (135) 17-24 (38)
20	West of Scotland Military Wives Choir	Babysitting service to allow mothers to attend the practice sessions	£1,990	£1,900	£300	£950	The choir has been able to provide childcare to enable the ladies to attend rehearsals	No breakdown given		