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**ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL****BUTE AND COWAL AREA COMMITTEE****1 June 2010****GRANTS TO THIRD SECTOR 2010/11**

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**1. SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report details the recommendations for the award of Third Sector Grants to the Bute and Cowal organisations who have applied to date. All organisations have been assessed in line with the Council's criteria.
- 1.2 The total Third Sector Grant budget made available by the Council for allocation in Bute and Cowal is £47,000, including £15,000 ring-fenced for Events and Festivals.

**2. RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 Due to the changes in grant procedures agreed by the Executive on the 15 April 2010, it is recommended that funding is kept aside for the allocation of grant funding to future applicants. The total budget recommended for allocation to the organisations is detailed below.

**Events and Festivals Grants**

	<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Grant Awarded 2009/10</u>	<u>Amount Requested 2010/11</u>	<u>Total Running Costs</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>
2.1	Cowal Walking Festival Association	£0.00	£2,531.00	£11,531.00	£2,500.00
2.2	Bute Highland Dance Festival	£500.00	£500.00	£3,450.00	£500.00
2.3	Isle of Bute Jazz Festival	£3,000.00	£3,000.00	£33,000.00	£3,000.00
2.4	Kirn Gala Committee	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	£4,270.00	£2,000.00
2.5	Envirokirn Action Group	£0.00	£1,000.00	£3,300.00	£1,000.00
2.6	Colintraive Village Hall	£300.00	£500.00	£1,000.00	£500.00
2.7	Cowal Europe Association	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£10,550.00	£1,000.00
2.8	Bute Bowling Association	£800.00	£800.00	£2,502.16	£800.00
2.9	Cowal Group SWRI	£0.00	£500.00	£1,880.00	£500.00
<b>Total Recommended</b>					<b>£11,800.00</b>
<b>Budget for Events and Festivals</b>					<b>£15,000.00</b>
<b>Balance for Events and Festivals</b>					<b>£3,200.00</b>

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2.10	Dunoon and Cowal Youth Project	£12,500.00	£12,500.00	£26,588.00	£12,500.00
2.11	Cowal Youth Information Project - B-active Partnership	£350.00	£500.00	£1,710.00	£500.00
2.12	Bute Youth Project	£6,000.00	£6,000.00	£41,500.00	£6,000.00
2.13	Cowal Accordion and Keyboard Workshop	£0.00	£420.00	£3,085.00	£420.00
2.14	Lochgoilhead Fiddle Workshop/Fiddle Folk	£1,000.00	£1,500.00	£58,514.00	£1,500.00
2.15	Girl Guiding Argyll	£500.00	£500.00	£4,995.00	£500.00
2.16	Ballochgoy Summer Playscheme	£600	£600	£1,400	£600.00
<b>Total Recommended</b>					<b>£22,020.00</b>
<b>Budget for Third Sector Grants</b>					<b>£32,000.00</b>
<b>Balance for Third Sector Grants</b>					<b>£9,980.00</b>

### 3. DETAIL

- 3.1 To date a total of 16 organisations have applied for assistance from this budget. Applications are pending and further applications are expected.

#### Events and Festivals Grants

	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Rationale for grant allocation</b>
2.1	Cowal Walking Festival Association (Autumn 2010)	The funding allocated will assist to produce and distribute adverts and walking brochures to encourage people to visit Cowal as an autumn destination.
2.2	Bute Highland Dance Festival (24 April 2010)	Over 200 competitors are expected to take part in the Festival which supports traditional Scottish Highland dancing and develops locally based interests. The group also raises funds for equipment and costumes which can be loaned to dancers that cannot afford to purchase their own. The funding allocated will assist with the running costs of the annual festival.  <i>Retrospective application, but assessment carried out prior to event.</i>
2.3	Isle of Bute Jazz Festival (30 April – 3 May 2010)	The Jazz Festival is one of the busiest weekends on Bute. It attracts people from across the country and assists the local economy. The festival is diversifying to include different types of music. The funding allocated will assist with the running costs of the annual jazz festival.  <i>Retrospective application, but assessment carried out prior to event.</i>
2.4	Kirn Gala Committee (July 2010)	The Kirn Gala is a well established event and attracts over 3000 people into the area, which assists the local economy. It encourages community development through the engagement of voluntary organisations and allows them the opportunity to raise funds. The funding allocated will assist with the organising and running fees for the annual Kirn Gala.
2.5	Envirokirn Action Group	The group is to hold an arts festival that will foster community

	(August 2010)	relationships and provide an attraction for both locals and tourists. This is in line with the Council policy to encourage inward investment from the tourist industry. The project has involved the local community in the development of the project. The funding allocated will assist with the running costs of the arts festival to increase awareness of the village of Kirn.
2.6	Colintraive Village Hall (7 August 2010)	The Village Hall provides a focal point for the local community. A fete is being held to celebrate the 50 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Hall. The fete will be both a significant local event and will also serve to raise a large proportion of the running costs of the hall. The funding allocated will provide assistance with the running costs of the anniversary fete.
2.7	Cowal Europe Association (June 2010)	The organisation transports brochures, publicity materials, musical instruments and equipment for the European Peoples Festival of Business, Sport and Culture, to be held in Athlone, Ireland. Participants from Argyll and Bute will take part in a range of activities both sporting and cultural, including traditional Scottish music and dance. The group's involvement in the People's Festival promotes tourism and assists local business. The funding allocated will be used to fund the transportation of the aforementioned goods to the business stand at the People's Festival.
2.8	Bute Bowling Association	The association brings together the bowling clubs on the Isle of Bute. The event is the culmination of the calendar of bowling on the Island of Bute. It attracts at least 200 competitors and encourages community involvement in social and sporting activities. It is also regarded as a major tournament in the Scottish calendar and raises the profile of Bute on the national calendar. The funding allocated will assist in funding the annual open bowling tournament on Bute.
2.9	Cowal Group SWRI (23 and 24 April 2010)	The organisation promotes and encourages interest in arts and crafts in order to maintain the traditions of handcrafts. It also promotes cultural heritage with an event to showcase the Group members' achievements. The funding is to assist with the running costs of the event to be held in Queen's Hall on 23 and 24 April 2010.  <i>Retrospective application, but assessment carried out prior to event.</i>

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	Organisation	Rationale for grant allocation
2.10	Dunoon and Cowal Youth Project	The organisation runs a well attended youth centre and provides an important service to the young people of the area. The grant is vital to the continuing existence of the project. The funding will assist with the overall running costs of the project.
2.11	Cowal Youth Information Project - B-active Partnership	B-Active focuses on providing activities for 12-15 year olds. The activities are identified, planned and organised by the young people and are delivered to their peer group. The funding allocated will assist to provide summer activities for 12-15 year olds.
2.12	Bute Youth Project	This organisation is the major youth work service provider on Bute with over 200 young people regularly using the premises. The group has been active for 12 years and is well placed to provide services for young people as young people are involved in the planning of all projects. The funding allocated will assist with staffing, premises and programme costs.

2.13	Cowal Accordion and Keyboard Workshop	This organisation offers tuition in piano accordion and wishes to expand its services to include guitar. The project is consistent with the Council's commitment to supporting the performing arts. The funding allocated will assist with the expansion of the tuition available to provide guitar tuition as well as the current services available.
2.14	Lochgoilhead Fiddle Workshop/FiddleFolk	This organisation provides a high level programme of activities and tuition. The grant will help the group meet the increasing burden of providing activities in a rural area. The funding will assist with the concert programme and tuition costs.
2.15	Girl Guiding Argyll	The organisation holds annual training weekends. To ensure that volunteer leaders have the appropriate skills and information to maintain a quality service. The mixture of experience in the attendees allows a support system to new leaders plus refreshing the skills of existing leaders. The funding allocation will assist with the running costs of the annual training weekend for leaders from Argyll and the Isles.
2.16	Ballochgoy Summer Play Scheme	This organisation provides a series of Summer activities for young people between the ages of 6-16 years which is very well attended. The funding allocated will assist with entry fees, trips and visits.

#### 4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1 All organisations have been contacted and grant applications assessed. Those applications for funding over £2,000 have been forwarded to the Finance Section of Community Services and are awaiting financial approval. Recommendations are in line with the financial assessment to ensure that resources available from this grant budget are disbursed in a manner that will deliver optimum support to Third Sector organisations in Bute and Cowal.

#### 5. IMPLICATIONS

*Policy: None*

*Finance: The report sets out the allocation from the Bute and Cowal Third Sector Grants budget.*

*Personnel: None*

*Legal: None*

*Equal Opportunities: The recommendations are consistent with the Council's equal opportunities policies.*

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