

***GRANTS TO THIRD SECTOR 2010/11***

**1. 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 The Executive agreed to the proposal that applications would be considered twice-yearly in April and again in 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 2011/12 is £35,000. A total of £29,662 was awarded to 15 organisations in April. The Committee is asked to consider allocation of the remaining £5,338
- 1.4 The recommendations are made using the following formula:
- a. Organisations applying for the first time are allocated between 45 – 50%
  - b. Organisations that had received grant aid for two years or more are allocated a lesser percentage than those who are first time applicants

**2. RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 It is recommended that the organisations listed below are awarded funding of £5,338 from grants to the Third Sector.

<b>Ref</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Grant Awarded 2010/11</b>	<b>Amount Requested 2011/12</b>	<b>Total Project Costs</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
2.1	Bute Bowling Association	£800	£800	£2,364	£298
2.2	Sandbank Senior Citizens Club	£762	£1,730	£4,030	£400
2.3	Dunoon Community Radio	£0	£3,000	£5,000	£1,400
2.4	Fiddle Folk	£1,500	£1,500	£34,587	£400
2.5	Beachwatch Bute	£0	£1,425	£2,325	£650
2.6	P.A.C.C.T	£2,000	£1,740 eligible amount	£3,479	£870
2.7	Cowal Christian Youth Work (CCYW)	£0	£2,452	£13,172	£1,100
2.8	RSCDS South Argyll Branch	£0	£444 eligible amount	£888	£220
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£5,862</b>	<b>£15,286</b>	<b>£65,845</b>	<b>£5,338</b>
		<b>Total Recommended</b>			<b>£5,338</b>
		<b>Balance</b>			<b>£0</b>

### 3. DETAIL

	Organisation	Rationale for grant allocation
3.1	Bute Bowling Association	To assist in funding the annual open bowling tournament. The event brings together bowlers and families from all over Britain. Over 200 people are expected to attend the event which will encourage tourism to the island. The organisation is meeting 66% of the costs of the event
3.2	Sandbank Senior Citizens Club	To assist with the regular activities of the Club including hall rental, payment for entertainment, catering and general running expenses. The club provides social inclusion for older people and the funding will enable outings and speakers to visit the club.
3.3	Dunoon Community Radio	The aim of the project is to rebuild the training studio with up to date equipment to allow young people to learn more about broadcasting. Once training is completed the young people will be given the chance to broadcast their own radio programme. The project will provide work skills and eventually a qualification to young people, which will allow them to seek employment in the field of media.
3.4	Fiddle Folk (formerly Lochgoilhead Fiddle Workshop)	To provide instrumental education in traditional music to all ages, and promote knowledge of Gaelic language in schools. This project provides a service in a rural Lochgoilhead to people of all ages. The workshops will benefit over 950 people of all ages.
3.5	Beachwatch Bute	Purchase of equipment and protective clothing for volunteers who undertake beach cleaning. The project provides a valuable service to the Isle of Bute. This project includes an educational programme through the schools on the island which encourages both volunteering and responsible citizenship. The project carries out workshops in the three primary schools and one secondary school on the Island. Approximately 15 children take part in each beach clean.
3.6	P.A.C.C.T (People and Agencies of Cowal Coming Together)	To provide funding to sustain activities and contribute towards costs of sessional staff member. PACCT is a service-user led organisation that meets regularly and organises weekly activities including a music group and arts and crafts to ensure people with disabilities stay active. They also have special events such as the Ceilidh club, theatre trips and occasional larger events like Health information days, bus trips, etc. The grant is to assist with accommodation rental and administration costs. The organisation brings together local people with learning difficulties and support agencies to promote social inclusion and user led activities.
3.7	Cowal Christian Youth Work (CCYW)	This group was established in October 2010 and has not applied for funding previously. It organises a summer camp, which is open to all young people across Argyll and Bute. The funding requested is solely to subsidise young people from Bute and Cowal who otherwise would not be able to attend due to the cost of the activities. This activity is open to all, regardless of faith, and the need was identified by parents who felt that there was a lack of activities for young people towards the end of the school summer holidays.
3.8	RSCDS South Argyll Branch	To provide at a nil cost an education programme in Scottish country dancing to adults and children of all abilities culminating in a March Children's Festival of dance. The programme will benefit approximately 300 children in Dunoon and district primary schools. It promotes traditional Scottish dance, and teaching is carried out by volunteers.

#### **4. CONCLUSION**

- 4.1 All organisations have been contacted and grant applications assessed. Applications for funding of £2,000 and above have been forwarded to the Finance Section of Community Services and some are awaiting approval. Some recommendations are therefore pending a successful outcome of the financial assessment.
- 4.2 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 expenditure from the (insert committee) 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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