

***MONITORING OF GRANTS TO THE THIRD SECTOR 2013/14***

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**1. SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report highlights how the funding from grants to the Third Sector was spent in 2013/14. Information was taken from the end of year project monitoring reports received from those organisations who received funding through the Third Sector Grants scheme in 2013/14.
- 1.2 The total Third Sector Grants budget made available by the Council for allocation in Helensburgh and Lomond for 2013/14 was £35,000. The total of £35,000 was awarded to 27 organisations. Three of those organisations later cancelled their projects and the funds, amounting to £2,580, were not drawn down.
- 1.3 Awards were distributed in Helensburgh and Lomond at Area Committee meetings in April and August 2013. Organisations have up to three months from the end of the Project to complete and return the project monitoring reports.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1. Members are asked to note the contents of the report.

**3. DETAILS**

- 3.1. Detailed below is a summary of the information received from the end of project monitoring reports.
- 3.2. All grant recipients have returned monitoring forms.
- 3.3. Funding totalling £2,580 was not allocated to three organisations due to a change in their circumstances.

No	Organisation	Project funded	Total Projected Costs	Actual Costs	Match funding	Award	Comments	Beneficiaries		
								M	F	Age
1	Argyll and Bute Youth Forum	Youth achievement event to be held in Oban in September 2013	£4,820	£3,158	£1,747 and Forum's funds	£250	The event recognised young people's achievements and showcased the positive impact they make on society.	49	88	10-16 (58) 17-24 (25) 25-64 (23) 65+ (1)
2	Bicentenary Pipe Band Championships	Running costs of the Bicentenary Pipe Band Championships to be held on 16th June 2013	£12,000	£10,023	Funding raised from fundraising events donations	£4,000	All objectives were met and there were numerous positive outcomes including support from businesses and an increase in the number of young people getting involved. <b>The organisers have requested that the Council consider providing grant funding on a more continuous basis.</b>	1,800	1,800	0-4 (60) 5-9 (275) 10-16 (500) 17-24 (600) 24-64 (1600) 65+ (400)
3	Cornerstone	Staff, training and running costs	£3,976	£1,414	£0	£1,414 (to date)	The project is ongoing due to delay in the recruitment process. Further information on spend will be sought from the applicant.	Information not supplied		
4	Cove and Kilcreggan Lunch Club	Running costs, including transport, and social activities for members of lunch club	£1,368	£993	Club's funds	£450	Many members live alone and are socially isolated. For some the Club provides the only hot, cooked meal they get each week.	0	20	65+ (20)
5	Cove and Kilcreggan Youth Club	Salary costs youth worker - summer outings for young people	£7,560			£1,040	The project was cancelled and the funds were not drawn down.			
6	Dumbarton and District Branch - MS Society	Running costs/transport of the branch's drop-in centre in Braeholm, Helensburgh	£3,668	£4,954	Society's funds	£1,050	All objectives were met. The group provides MS specific exercise classes and respite for carers.	4	15	24-64 (15) 65+ (4)

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7	Friends of Duchess Wood	Equipment/Materials	£800	£637	Friends' funds	£320	Objectives achieved. Benches, fences and wooden bridges were repaired by volunteers through the Friends' work group scheme.	Approx. 100k visitors, of all ages, to the wood each year.		
8	Gareloch Branch -Riding for Disabled (RDA) SCIO	Insurance and livery cost for two specially-trained horses	£10,108	£8,600	£20,375	£2,625	RDA has provided opportunities for more than 45 people with disabilities to access exercise and involvement with horses leading to improvement in general wellbeing and confidence.	26	22	0-4 (1) 5-9 (15) 10-16 (12) 17-24 (9) 24-64 (11)
9	Gibson Hall, Garelochhead	Hosting social events incl 2 children's events and 4 quiz nights; offered at a reduced cost to encourage all to take part.	£5,770	£5,100	£0	£975	Despite a reduction in the number of planned events. Events attracted a wide range of people from the community especially low income groups who appreciated the reduced charges.	All age groups and genders were catered for and benefitted especially very young and senior citizens		
10	Helensburgh & Lomond Highland Games	Annual running costs of Helensburgh and Lomond Highland Games on 1st June 2013	£31,639	£31,639	£17,340, plus Game's funds	£4,000	The HLG group worked with local schools and clubs to promote the athletic competitions. Over 105 Highland dancers participated, and adult runners came from all over Scotland and the North of England to take part in the hill race.			Approx 4500-5000 of all ages
11	Helensburgh Addiction Rehabilitation Team - Women's Group	Support for HART's Women's Group, including venue hire, staffing and materials	£2,376	£1,779 (to 31/3/14) additional costs to be incurred	HART's funds	£1,070	The group has increased from 3 to 7 members.	n/a	7	Not given

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12	Helensburgh Amateur Athletics	Extra training sessions for juniors to allow access to coaching qualification.	£4,020	£3,894	Club's funds	£1,810	15 young people were offered a month's trial with the Club and 28 joined the Run Jump Throw Group.	40	60	10-16 (100)
13	Helensburgh and Lomond Youth Forum	Four week programme of activities for young people in July	£1150	£1180	£600 plus Forum's funds	£105	A summer programme of activities was delivered, filling a gap in provision.	16	14	5-9 10-16 17.24
14	Helensburgh Community Woodlands Group	An independent valuation of land - to be undertaken by District Valuer	£780	£773	£0	£390	Valuation undertaken and information used to support an unsuccessful funding application to the Armed Forces Community Covenant. The group was advised to resubmit once certain conditions were met.	42	48	not given
15	Helensburgh Cricket & Rugby Football Club	Salary costs of a Rugby Development Officer post to secure the continuation of the Primary and Secondary School Rugby Development Programme	£10,200	£10,200	Club's funds	£2,775	Through an established curricular rugby input and after-school programme and holiday camps, HRC increases participation in the sport. All HRC coaches now have their RugbyReady qualification and more than 15 parents and coaches attended a series of development workshops.	1200 +	800+	5-9 (1207) 10-16 (800+) 17-24 (35) 25-64 (33)
16	Helensburgh Orchestral Society	Outreach programme of two concerts in Dunoon and Arrochar	£1,170	£1,038	Society's funds	£410	The Society gave a concert at the Three Villages Hall in Arrochar on 19/5/14 providing a welcome afternoon of music, tea and cakes in a village where there are few opportunities to hear live orchestral music.	Appr ox 65	Appro x 65	0-4 5-9 10-16 17-24 25-64 65+

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17	Helensburgh Savoy Musical Club	Running costs of Cole Porter's production of 'Anything Goes' in November 2013	£12,200	£14,767	£0	£1,125	Show made loss of £7,000 because audience numbers were down by 50%. Grant was an underwrite	30?	30?	10-16 (5) 17-24 (21) 25-64 (20) 65+ (4)
18	Kirkmichael Tenants and Residents Association	Gardening Project	£3,000			£1,000	The project was cancelled when KTRA folded and the funds were not drawn down.			
19	NVA	Purchase of equipment and marketing costs for the development of Kilmahew Productive Garden	£3,600	£3,600	£1,800 and NVA funds	£1,620	The main aim of the project – to provide opportunities for people to be directly involved in the development of the Kilmahew/St Peters project through a range of landscape and heritage based learning activities was achieved.	74	94	17-24 (2) 25-64 (154) 65+ (12)
20	Peninsula Players	Rehearsal and production costs of new drama group	£1,200	£1,534	£1,100	£620	This new community group has achieved its aims for its first year and it now has a firm base on which to continue and grow in future years.			260 people in audience aged 17-65+
21	Rhu and Shandon Playgrounds Association	Spring bulbs for play park	£6,348	£135	The Assoc's funds	£60	Visual amenity of the park being improved and low levels of vandalism witnessed.	All	All	
22	Rhu and Shandon Seniors Club	Social events and outings	£1,490	£1,657	Fundraising and donations	£480	Enhanced the life and wellbeing of senior citizens who do not have the opportunity to participate in coach trips and the company of others at organised lunches.	9	37	65+ (46)

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23	Rosneath and Clynder Senior Citizens Association	Spring lunch and social outings and entertainment in summer and winter for members of the group	£2,340	£2,340	Assoc's funds	£260	The Association organised summer and winter events to provide opportunities for members to socialise.	not given	not given	65+ (80)
24	Rosneath Peninsula Amenity Society	Provision of broadband access in Cove library and funding towards addressing the problem of Japanese knotweed in the area	£650	£580	The Society's funds	£290	Knotweed along the foreshore is diminishing. Broadband access provided is the only public access point on the west side of the Peninsula.	All	All	
25	Rosneath Peninsula Highland Gathering	Running costs of Rosneath Peninsula Highland Games on 14th July 2013	£21,000	£21,000	The group's own funds	£4,000	One particularly positive outcome was that there was an increase in young people getting involved in the piping, dancing and field events in 2013.	840	500	0-4 (60) 5-9 (80) 10-16 (100) 17-24 (350) 25-64 (550) 65+ (200)
26	Route 81 Youth Project	Running costs for a programme of outdoor activities for young people	£6,780	£6,350	£3,750	£2,250	The primary objectives of helping young people to gain new skills, enhance their self-confidence and develop their employability skills have been achieved.			5-9 (76) 10-16 (31) 17-24 (6)
27	The Luss and Arden Community Development Trust	Pilot project of story-telling workshops for children of Luss, Rhu and Arrochar Primary Schools, and the wider community in 2013	£1,200			£540	The project was cancelled and the funds were not drawn down.			

#### **4. CONCLUSION**

- 4.1. All organisations have returned their end of project report.
- 4.2 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 2013/14 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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