

MONITORING OF GRANTS TO THE THIRD SECTOR 2015/16

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report highlights the positive outcomes for communities in Bute and Cowal through the allocation of the Council's Third Sector Grant funding in 2015/16. Information was taken from the end of year project monitoring reports returned by those organisations awarded funding.
- 1.2 The total Third Sector Grants budget made available by the Council for allocation in Bute and Cowal for 2015/16 was £35,000. A total of £35,000 was awarded to 22 organisations.
- 1.3 Three organisations returned funding totalling £3,923 which has been added to the amount available for allocation at the Area Committee in August.
- 1.4 Awards were distributed in Bute and Cowal at Area Committee meetings in April and August 2015. 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 Organisations that do not submit an end of project monitoring report are not eligible for funding from this grant scheme in future years.
- 3.2 Detailed below is a brief summary of the information received from the end of project monitoring reports.
- 3.3 All 22 grant recipients have completed, and returned a monitoring form.

No	Organisation	Project funded	Total Projected Costs	Actual Costs	Match funding	Award	Comments	Beneficiaries		
								M	F	Age
1	Achievement Bute	Counselling service for children and young people with disabilities and their families	£8,800	£9,892	£6,042	£1,925	A hundred and forty hours of counselling provided to 8 families of children with disabilities over a 6 month period	3	5	10-16 (3) 17-24 (4) 24-64 (1)
2	Ardentinny Community Trust	Employment of a volunteer part time gardener	£23,000	£23,000	£19,000	£1,600	Part-time gardener employed – the garden is continually being developed for community use	Approx 200 across all age groups		
3	Argyll and Bute Youth Forum	Bi-annual Youth Award ceremony held in Oban	£4,760	£5,790	£3,134	£250 (from each of the 4 areas)	Successful event celebrating youth achievement. 25 local businesses supported the event	51	89	10-16(56) 17-24 (57) 25-64 (25) 65+ (2)
4	Bullwood Nature Trail	Tools and materials for the maintenance of footpaths	£1,810	£1,535	£0	£900	Equipment purchased and used to offer work experience to people of varying abilities (£132 returned)	9	1	17-24 (4) 24-64 (6)
5	Bute Agricultural Society	Annual Agricultural show	£10,799	£10,798	£0	£520	Entries down on previous year but trade stands were satisfied. The competition is enjoyed by farmers and local schools children.	Approx 100 across all age groups		
6	Bute Bowling Association	Bute Annual Open Bowling Tournament	£3,516	£3,403	£500	£500	Successful tournament with over 100 competitors participating in the event.	60	40	24-65+
7	Bute Community Land Company	Development of volunteering and educational opportunities	£8,110	n/a	n/a	£3,000	Project did not go ahead (£3,000 returned)	not applicable		
8	Buteshire Natural History Society	Equipment for the monitoring of small mammals on Bute	£2,800	£2,132	£1,300	£1,000	Equipment purchased and training sessions commenced in March 2016	95	75	17-24 (10) 24-64 (40) 65+ (120)

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9	Cowal Community Care Forum (CCCF)	Part-time development officer post to support health and social care integration	£7,532	£3,860	n/a	£1,600	The development officer supported the CCCF and the Health Care forum allowing public voices to be heard	Not broken down		25-64 (20) 65+ (115)
10	Cowal Dog Training Club	Attendance at the Kennel Club Accredited Annual Training event	£1,387	£1,387	£0	£650	Five volunteers attended a 2-day training course in Warwickshire		5	24-64 (5)
11	Cowal Fiddle Workshop	Professional tutor to teach the Scottish Fiddle	£2,640	£2,640	£800	£240	Tuition given during term-time to four separate groups; this groups are now able to give public performances	225	205	5-9 (12) 10-16 (6) 24-64 (250) 65+ (162)
12	Dunoon and Cowal Youth Project	Project workers costs	£6,000	£6,200	£3,552	£3,000	Young people continue to make use of the centre and activities provided	34	52	10-16 (86)
13	Dunoon Burgh Hall Trust	Development of educational and artistic programme	£8,390	£4,710	£3,510	£1,200	Workshops and events took place with input from the local schools	Over 600 in attendance across all age ranges		
14	Friends of Loch Lomond & The Trossachs (B&C)	Structured outdoor learning activity days for young children	£3,000	£3,000	£0	£1,500	Young people were able to learn about the natural environment and work towards the John Muir Award	Not broken down		10-16(40)
15	Innellan Bowling and Tennis Club	Coaching in both bowling and tennis for young people	£4,190	£4,190	£0	£1,500	The club has Increased the number of junior participants	20	15	10-16 (20) 24-64 (5) 65+ (10)
16	Lochgoilhead Fiddle Workshop	Professional tutor costs to teach traditional fiddle	£4,613	£3,897	£0	£1,940	Workshop was held and finished with a performance for the parents	5	6	5-9 (6) 10-16 (5)

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17	Rothesay & District Pipe Band	Taster sessions on the pipes and drums within island schools	£14,820	£15,420	£11,920	£3,500	Taster sessions resulted in overwhelming demand particularly from females within the Schools	53	71	5-9 (59) 10-16 (46) 17-24 (19)
18	Rothesay Pavilion Charity	Four-day festival	£37,000	£8,595	£4,600	£4,000	Successful festival held with over 2000 in attendance from as far afield as Manchester and Anglesey	Approx 2000 across all ages		
19	Sandbank Parent and Toddler Group	Christmas Outing	£440	£506	£0	£125	Over 20 children were able to visit Santa at Cardwell Bay	10	30	0-4 (25) 24-64 (9) 65+ (1)
20	Sandbank Senior Citizens Club	Social activities and outings including the Clubs 21st anniversary	£2,600	£2,830	£0	£900	Successful 21st anniversary event held along with various other social activities	10	76	60-64 (12) 65+ (74)
21	Tee In the Port	Annual "Tee in the Port" event	£7,250	£7,448	£0	£2,300	Event was a success with positive social media feedback	250	250	17-24 (200) 24-64 (300)
22	Visit Bute / Isle of Bute Marketing & Tourism Ltd	Part-time tourism officer to promote the island of Bute	£5,700	£5,777	£2,850	£2,850	Two events held which supported by the tourism officer; however, the events were hampered by poor weather affecting turnout. (£791 returned)	Approx 180 across all ages		

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 Bute and Cowal area 2015/16 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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