

THIRD SECTOR GRANTS 2016/17

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1.0 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report details recommendations for the award of Third Sector Grants to Third Sector organisations for Bute and Cowal.
- 1.2 Applications are considered twice yearly in April and 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 2016/17 is £35,247 (including a carry forward from the financial period 2015/16 of £3,747). A total of £32,542 was awarded at the Area Committee in April leaving a balance of £2,705. With returned funding from 2015/16 and an applicant from the April 2016 round requiring a reduction the Committee has £8,928 for allocation at its August meeting.
- 1.4 As part of the end of project monitoring process for grants awarded in 2015/16, three organisations have returned a total of £3,923 (Bute Community Land Company £3,000, Visit Bute £791 and Bullwood Nature Trail £132).
- 1.5 In addition, Argyll Nordic Walkers were awarded £3,000 at the Area Committee in April, " *subject to clarification the project has sufficient funds to carry out the totality of the Project*". . After discussion and examination of available funds the applicant has decided to scale down the Project and to accept a reduced award of £700. The balance of £2,300 is included in the total available for allocation.
- 1.6 Sixteen applications have been received, two applications were ineligible and two were withdrawn. The 12 remaining applications met the criteria for funding and recommendations are outlined in 2.0 of the report.

## 2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 The 12 organisations listed below are awarded funding from the Third Sector Grants budget totalling £8,928.

Ref No	Organisation	Grant 14/15	Grant 15/16	Total Project Cost	Amount Requested	Recommendation 2016/17
1	Argyll District Scouting	N/A	N/A	£4265	£1165 (Also applied to MAKI & OLI)	£388
2	Bullwood Nature Trail	N/A	£900	£2828	£1414	£760
3	Bute Agricultural Society*	£650	£520	£10796	£450	£430 (underwrite)
4	Bute Bowling Association*	£950	£500	£2644	£950	£500
5	Cowal Baton Twirlers	New	New	£8001	£4000	£550
6	Cowal Community Care Forum	£2000	£1600	£8000	£4000	£600
7	Cowalfest*	£1500	N/A	£2087	£1043	£750
8	Dunoon Men's Shed	New	New	£10975	£2945	£2000
9	Isle of Bute Trust	New	New	£14640	£1500	£1000
10	Kirn Gala*	£250	N/A	£3000	£1000	£300
11	Sandbank Senior Citizens Club	£200	£900	£3300	£1300	£800
12	United Church of Bute	£3000	N/A	£2670	£1000	£850
		<b>Total Available</b>				<b>£8,928</b>
		<b>Total Recommended</b>				<b>£8,928</b>
		<b>Balance remaining</b>				<b>£0.00</b>

\*Events and Festivals

## 3. Details

Ref No	Organisation	Rationale for grant allocation
1	Argyll District Scouting	Towards a weekend of scouting activities in September for 100 Cubs and 20 Explorers to bring young people of Argyll together and resource future young leaders with experience in running this event.
2	Bullwood Nature Trail	A contribution towards running costs for a small flat which provides office, workshop and washing facilities for the volunteers of the Bullwood Nature Trail Project. The

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		Project aims to provide training, education and work experience for people of all ages with a range of Physical and learning disabilities in a woodland setting.
3	Bute Agricultural Society	A contribution to the the running costs of the annual Agricultural Show. It is a popular event with the local community and brings people together from off Island communities and helps promote and share agricultural knowledge and experience. It is also a showcase for farming excellence and local craft.
4	Bute Bowling Association	A contribution towards the costs of publicity and promotion for the Bute Annual Bowling Tournament. This year a developmental aspect has been introduced into the balloted pairs to encourage young bowlers to team up with more experienced bowlers aiming to encourage more young people to take up the sport.
5	Cowal Baton Twirlers	A contribution towards training material and travel costs to attend competitions. The Group's main aim is to involve the community and promote the sport of Baton Twirling, to encourage young people to get active and involved in sport and to build confidence and self- esteem.
6	Cowal Community Care Forum	A contribution towards salary cost of Communication and Engagement Officer to support the Cowal Locality Planning Group with the development of the Communications and Engagement strategy locally and to give the community a voice in the planning and reshaping of health and social care at a local level.
7	Cowalfest	Towards publicity and marketing of the annual walking event. This year the group is hiring the mini Kelpies, bringing them to Dunoon Pier and lighting them up. With this added attraction, Cowalfest is hoping to attract a greater number of visitors to the area.
8	Dunoon Men's Shed	Towards purchase of material, tools and PPE equipment and general running costs to kick start the Project. The Project aims to support men who have experienced life-changing events, such as redundancy or bereavement by providing a safe and friendly place to meet and get involved in local community Projects.
9	Isle of Bute Trust	Towards transportation costs of an ambulance shelter to the Isle of Bute .The Shelter will be placed on Rothesay Pier and will help to respect the privacy and dignity of patients and their families when the transfers are taking place between ambulances crews.
10	Kirn Gala	Towards running cost of the annual Gala. This event is Kirn's contribution to the Cowal Games week and has been running for 20 years. It is a popular event with the local community and brings people together from local groups and charities to raise awareness of what they do .It is also a fun day for all ages to come together and enjoy entertainment and music.
11	Sandbank Senior Citizens Club	A contribution towards running costs. The club is continuing to build capacity in attracting new members from Kirn, Dunoon and Tighnabruaich as well as attracting

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		increased membership from residents of local Sheltered Housing. The Club offers a safe and friendly environment for members to come together and enjoy a good meal, entertainment and outings which helps to alleviate rural and social isolation.
12	United Church of Bute	Grant will be used to buy starter packs for the pass it on Project which provides vulnerable families and young people essential household items for starting out or starting afresh .The Project receives referrals from Fyne Homes, Women’s Aid, and Argyll and Bute Council to provide essential household goods. They helped provide every Syrian refugee family with a starter pack when arriving on Bute.

3.1 The following criteria has been considered by the Community Development Officer:

Those organisations that have received funding for the two previous years or more should not be awarded more than the amount they received in 2015/16 unless increased developmental aspects are detailed in the application. These repeat applicants may be subject to a 20% reduction on the previous year’s allocation. This is to reduce applicants’ dependency on Council grants and encourage fundraising and income generation initiatives.

Where possible, and if appropriate, new applicants should receive all or most of the amount requested (up to 50% total project costs), unless a very large amount of funding is sought.

Grants are only awarded with receipt of the correct paperwork; an approved finance check; and an End of Project monitoring form (if a grant was awarded in previous year).

#### 4.0 CONCLUSION

4.1 All organisations have been contacted and grant applications assessed against the criteria. It is recommended that the Area Committee agree the allocation of £8,928 to the 12 applicants as set out in 2.0 of the report.

#### 5.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Policy: None
- 5.2 Financial: As per area budget allocation.
- 5.3 Legal: None
- 5.4 HR: None
- 5.5 Equalities Consistent with the Equal Opportunities policy of Argyll and Bute Council.
- 5.6 Risk: Monitoring of the process will minimise any risk to the Council
- 5.7 Customer Service: None

## **6.0 APPENDICES**

None

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