

MONITORING OF GRANTS TO THE THIRD SECTOR 2015/16

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report highlights the positive outcomes for communities in Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands 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 Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands for 2015/16 was £36,764 which included a carry forward of £1,764. 36 organisations benefitted from an award.
- 1.3 Awards were agreed in Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands 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 Thirty-five of 36 applicants completed and returned a monitoring form.

No	Organisation	Project funded	Total Projected Costs	Actual Costs	Match funding	Award	Comments	Beneficiaries		
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1	Argyll and Bute Youth Forum	Bi-annual Youth Award ceremony held in Oban	£4,760	£5,790	£3,134	£250 (from each of 4 areas)	Successful event celebrating youth achievement across Argyll and Bute. 25 local businesses supported the event	51	89	10-16(56) 17-24 (57) 25-64 (25) 65+ (2)
2	Best of the West Festival	Activity area with play facilities for children at the Festival	£4,500	£8,175	£1000	£2,025	The event is designed for all the family and was well attended. The free children's activities proved very popular with positive comments from parents and key stakeholders	Approx 2500 across all age ranges and genders		
3	Blarbuie Woodland Enterprise Ltd	Materials to improve sustainability of the woodland and also to provide new skills to people with a mental health condition.	£922	£623	£0.00	£310	Work on developing the woodland continues. The Group work in partnership with NHS to provide new skills and to encourage community use of the woodland	25	12	17-24 (4) 24-64 (31) 65+ (2)
4	Cantilena Festival on Islay	Annual Festival of Chamber Music	£19,340	£17,567	£9,000	£1,400	Seven concerts held, one at Portnahaven. The Summer workshop involved children from 5 Primary Schools who took part in art workshops linked to the music at Portnahaven. Some tourists plan their holiday to coincide with the festival	Approx 1000 across all age ranges and gender		
5	Coisir og Dhail Riata	Travel and accommodation for children to attend the local and national Mod	£2,200	£2407	£1,400	£1,100	The Choir promotes national language and heritage and gives members an opportunity mix socially with other choirs	0	18	10-16 (15) 17-24 (3)
6	Dochas Centre	Provision of training and resources for up to 100 carers to enable the Centre to deliver the "Playlist for Life" project	£10,840	£1,728	£0.00	£840	Five volunteers trained to support families and individuals to make a playlist allowing people with dementia to respond to their individual music which is something that dementia cannot destroy	5	8	24-64 (4) 65+ (9)

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7	Dunaverty Players	Equipment and materials for the new hall at Southend	£7,820	£3,922	£2,000	£1,160	Bookings received for weddings, birthday parties and a school reunion all of which will be enhanced by a fully dressed and lit stage	Figures not available Hall opening end April 2016		
8	Islay and Jura Community Enterprises	Aqua care warm water therapy sessions for people with long-term conditions	£26,650	£24,626	£23,986	£640	Two sessions of aqua care therapy delivered weekly.. Participants report an improvement in quality of life and a reduction in social isolation	26	31	5-9 (2) 10-16 (5) 17-24 (2) 24-64 (13) 65+ (35)
9	Islay and Jura Development Trust (Oral History)	Feasibility study as to how to create a digital, cultural archive on the island of Jura	£4,350	£2,337	£1,600	£710	The aims of the project were met despite the lack of funds realised by the crowd funding initiative. A formal funding application will be put together that will potentially create exciting projects and employment on the island.	36	52	0-4 (1) 5-9 (4) 10-16 (9) 17-24 (17) 24-64 (37) 65+ (20)
10	Islay and Jura Highland Dancers	Travel costs for international Scottish country dance competition in Paris.	£16,560	n/a	n/a	£780	Trip to Paris cancelled - £780 returned	Not applicable		
11	Islay and Jura Youth Wind Band	Coach hire to transport Islay children to the Mid Argyll Music Festival	£2,910	£2,732	£0.00	£590	Primary School children won the Band section and children from both Primary and Secondary schools took part in the Brass and Woodwind Solo and Duet competitions and gained six merits and six distinctions		16	5-9 (1) 10-16 (16) 24-64 (5)
12	Islay Natural History Trust	Sessional hours and touch-screen display technology	£1,487	£1,337	£0.00	£669	Staff better equipped to deliver information and promote activities via social media	Information provided to approx 8600 people within the centre and remotely		
13	Islay Pipe Band	Travel/accommodation to attend pipe band competitions and tuition on the drum and snare	£12,200	£28,107	£0	£1,600	The pipe band has thrived in the last year winning 11 trophies and has now been promoted to Grade 2.	24	6	10-16(3) 17-24(5) 25-64(21) 65+(1)

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14	Kilmartin Museum	Conference 'Unfolding Argyll's Archaeological Story: Research Framework Symposium'	£11,822	£6,295	£7,210	£1,025	Two-day conference held in Kilmartin. The findings, together with projected work this year will be added to Kilmartin's existing Outline Interpretation Strategy due to be completed in 2017	42	33	17-24 (2) 24-64 (54) 65+ (21)
15	Kintyre Way	Education Liaison coordinator post for the Kintyre Way	£15,186	£15,186	£10,000	£3,000	The Ranger has involved local schools in various projects. The Kintyre Way Walking Club has been established and volunteer numbers are steadily increasing	600	800	5-9 (280) 10-16 (240) 17-24 (100) 24-64 (100) 65+ (680)
16	Kintyre Youth Café	Workshops to support young people and young carers	£5,980	£6,300	£2,390	£1,800	Twenty seven group sessions delivered which included 12 young carers who received respite and support in their caring roles	29	36	10-16 (53) 17-24 (12)
17	Kintyre Youth Enquiry Service	New Girl's group to allow young women to offer support to each other and to learn new skills	£5,000	£4,814	£3,800	£1,042	Girl's group introduced with a wide range of activities taking place on Wednesday evenings. The evenings have been positively received by those involved.	24		10-16
18	McTaggart Community Cyber Café	Seniors lunch club and social activities plus arts and crafts classes for younger people	£7,883	£7,010	£5,000	£1,943	A number of social activities and workshops took place which made a great difference to the community improving peoples wellbeing and skills development	80	178	0-4 (40) 5-9 (100) 10-16 (42) 17-24 (6) 24-64 (62) 65+ (44)
19	Mid Argyll Community Enterprise Limited	Additional, structured swimming lessons aimed at supporting financially excluded young people	£2,557	£5,115	£1,625	£800	Demand for the 33 bursary places was high with 95% of applicants new to the 'Learn to Swim' program. The aim of reaching a new client group and offering lessons to those previously excluded on the grounds of cost was achieved	15	18	5-9 (23) 10-16 (10)

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20	Mid Argyll Pipe Band	Transport and accommodation costs to enable the Pipe Band to take part in Annual Piping Events	£6,875	£10,303	£0.00	£1,700	The band travelled to events held across Scotland and Northern Ireland. The band improved their results on previous years and is attracting new members	23	5	10-16 (19) 17-24 (4) 24-64 (5)
21	Mid Argyll Shooting Club	Operating costs for the shooting club	£10,025	£2,767	£0.00	£852	Temporary range facilities set up at Craignish Hall, Ardfern The Club offers an opportunity for participants to try a new sport in 10m Air Weapons shooting in a safe, well controlled environment	16	4	17-24 (1) 24-64 (17) 65+ (2)
22	Mid Argyll Youth Development Services	Monthly 'Movie Majik' programme free of charge for young people and families	£2,344	£2,546	£1,446	£1,100	The 'Movie Majik' project has enhanced recreational for young people within the community, offering facilities that were family orientated and affordable.	325	275	5-9 (320) 10-16 (280)
23	Mid Argyll Youth Forum	Summer programme of activities for young people	£3,620	£3,112	£950	£320	The programme offered a wide range of activities for young people including young carers. Twenty of the young people achieved their Saltire award.	30	170	10-16 (180) 17-24 (20)
24	Multiple Sclerosis Centre, Mid Argyll	Weekly music project 'Musical Memories Group' for people with long term cognitive decline, including Alzheimer's and MS	£6,812	£1,392	£0.00	£700	Insufficient funding secured to run the weekly music project. Instead 6 Music in Hospital sessions were delivered. The project exceeded expectations with participants being helped both emotionally and physically	5	25	24-64 (6) 65+ (24)
25	Shopper- Aide	Establishing a 'Hub' for older people increasing the number of social and activity based groups	£29,720	£19,944	£22,100	£1,040	A wide range of activities provided weekly. On a monthly basis speakers are invited to give presentations. The 'Hub' reduces social isolation for older people in the community	40	150	24-64 (30) 65+ (160)

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26	South Kintyre Senior Citizens Committee	Christmas vouchers for some 300+ pensioners in the South Kintyre area of Campbeltown	£2,530	£2,264	£1,700	£684	Two-hundred and eighty seven vouchers were used helping to relieve hardship for vulnerable older people in the community	99	231	65+ (330)
27	St Kieran's Church	Portable display boards for a community engagement project to inform and prepare for church improvements	£741	£741	£0.00	£334	The display boards has been used to update on the progress of the work as well to prepare the congregation for the financial commitment in terms of the roof renovation	31	61	10-16 (10) 24-64 (22) 65+ (60)
28	Tarbert After School Care	Week of activities for primary-aged children in the summer holidays	£1,806	£1,528	£1,260	£600	The activities from 8.30-1.30 each day provided a safe, fun stimulating week for the children and took pressure off parents during the long holiday period	8	9	5-9 (17) 24-64 (30)
29	Tarbert Castle Trust	Promotional materials to publicise a sculptured walk to raise the profile of the castle, and link to the start of the Kintyre Way	£5,900	£3,450	£3,450	£525	The objective of sculptures and sculpture walk signage was achieved. Volunteers were taught new skills with all activity kept within the community achieving maximum impact at minimal cost	10	5	10-16 (2) 24-64 (8) 65+ (5)
30	Tarbert Mooring and Berth Holders	Annual Viking Festival re-enacting Magnus Barfot long ship portage from West Loch Tarbert to East Loch Tarbert	£5,365	£12,288	£5,600	£1,840	Three-day festival held which brought different communities together and attracted a lot of visitors to the area. In partnership with Kilmartin Museum a booklet about Vikings and Argyll was produced for Mid Argyll pupils and distributed to schools	Approx 5000 across all age ranges and genders		
31	Tarbert Open Award Group	Assisting young people to take part in a certificated "Hills Skills" course and certificated "Mountain Skills" course	£2,244			£776	For personnel reasons the forms is expected later in 2016			

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32	Tarbert Soup Group	Transport and catering costs to support the weekly soup group for over 60s in Tarbert.	£6,800	£6,500	£2,000	£500	Soup group provides a lunch for up to 34 people every Monday. The group helps reduce isolation for elderly people in the area	4	31	65+ (35)
33	Tarbert Youth Forum	Two weeks recreational and educational activities for young people in the Summer	£1,286	£1,259	£530.00	£708	Young people from Tarbert and surrounding area participated in a variety of activities that they would not normally do due to rural and geographical isolation	6	18	10-16 (23) 17-24 (1)
34	Templers Arts and Leisure Centre Trust	Weekly classes for combining digital media and traditional crafts, culminating in an exhibition and a book	£6,726	£12,060	£4,430	£1,648	The resource was used by older people, art professionals and young people. The outcome of the project is a journal calendar book for 2017 with pictures of the artworks the participants created and the photos taken by young people	Not broken down into gender		10-16 (6) 24-64 (70) 65+ (160)
35	The PM Club	Regular outings for Club members	£3,370	£3,045	£2,445	£600	The grant has enabled the group to extend their range of activities with many members visiting places they had not been to for a number of years	7	25	24-64 (3) 65+ (29)
36	Urras Achadh an Droighinn/The Auchindrain Trust	Two-day event to celebrate the heritage of Argyll's traveller community.	£2,563	£2,236	£825	£1,153	The event had positive impact on travellers and visitors alike. The wet weather impacted on numbers in attendance	Approx 150 across all ages and gender		

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 Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands 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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