

***MONITORING OF GRANTS TO THE THIRD SECTOR 2015/16***

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**1. SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report highlights the positive outcomes for communities in Helensburgh and Lomond 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 Helensburgh and Lomond for 2015/16 was £35,000. Due to unspent funding of £1,006 from the previous year and an unallocated award of £4,000, a total of £32,006 was awarded to 21 organisations in 2015/16. Unallocated funds are ring-fenced and carried over to the following year.
- 1.3 Awards were distributed in Helensburgh and Lomond at Area Committee meetings in April and August 2015. Organisations have up to three months from the end of their 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 Grant recipients who do not submit an End of Project Monitoring Report (EPMR) on behalf of their organisations 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 Of the 21 allocations, 19 recipients have submitted their end of project monitoring report.

No	Organisation	Project funded	Total Projected Costs	Actual Costs	Match funding	Award	Comments	Beneficiaries		
								M	F	Age
1	Argyll and Bute Youth Forum	Bi-annual Argyll & Bute-wide youth award ceremony held in Oban in September 2015.	£4,760	£5,790	£3,134	£250	Successful event celebrating youth achievement across Argyll and Bute. Twenty-five local businesses supported the event	51	89	10-16 (56) 17-24 (57) 24-64 (25) 65+ (2)
2	Arrochar and Tarbet Christmas Lights	The purchase of lights and insurance for Christmas and community use throughout the year	£1,871	£2,014	£1,281	£935	Lights installed at Tarbet corner, Succoth, Arrochar Church, St Peters & St Pauls Chapel, Arrochar Main St & 3 Villages Hall. Positive feedback from communities.	Figures not applicable		
3	Arrochar and Tarbet Senior Citizens Welfare Committee	Christmas lunch and transport for approximately 80 senior citizens	£1,080	£1,040	£360	£540	65 senior citizens enjoyed a Christmas lunch and help with transport.	20	45	65+
4	Bicentenary Pipe Band Championships	Delivery of the Bicentenary Pipe Band Championships in Helensburgh	£10,520	£8,203	£0	£4,000	The objectives for the 2015 Championship were met - 35 performances with 500 pipers and drummers.	Approx 2000 across all age ranges and gender		
5	Cove and Kilcreggan Youth Café	For a series of supervised trips and activities for members of the Youth Café	£3,472			£750	The activities were delayed due to issues out with the Youth Café's control and the project will now be complete in October 2016.			
6	Cove Burgh Hall	For a public address/loop system and 10 chairs for members of the community with mobility issues	£4,971	£8,746	£6,261	£2,485	Within a few months of being awarded the grant the PA/ Loop system and chairs were installed. There is a high degree of pleasure and acceptance by Hall users and had it not been for the TSG it is unlikely that these facilities would have been installed.	Figures not applicable		
7	Dumbarton and District Branch - MS Society	For the ongoing running costs of the branch's drop-in centre at Braeholm, Helensburgh	£4,921	£6,113	£0	£2,000	An average 12 people with MS meet regularly in the Templeton Building for MS specific exercise and socialising	4	15	17-24 (14) 24-64 (5)

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8	Friends of Hermitage Park Association	Towards the cost of Tea in the Park to help raise the profile of the Park and to raise funds towards its redevelopment	£1,500	£1,653	£850	£750	Between 800-1000 people attended the event, many of whom had not visited the Park for many years. The committee plans to hold similar events in future years.	Approx 800 across all age ranges and gender		
9	Friends of Loch Lomond & The Trossachs (H&L)	To give 40 young people the opportunity to participate in outdoor learning activity days that would contribute towards a John Muir certificate and help them respect the natural environment	£2,880	n/a	n/a	£1,440	The project was not delivered as a result of the project leader taking maternity leave. Full funding has been returned to the Council.	Not applicable		
10	Geilston Hall Management Committee	New stage curtains and funding to support and promote a local project on the history of Cardross.	£3,090	£2,040	£0	£1,545	New stage curtains have been installed and are helping to attract more lets, but the local history project was not delivered. £525 was returned to the Council.	Not applicable		
11	Helensburgh and Lomond Autism/Aspergers Society	To provide a range of activities, information sessions and workshops, for individuals with autism/aspergers and their families.	£2,945	£1,793	£1,323	£768	The activity programme allowed families to spend some much needed time together creating positive memories and building relationships with other families in similar situations without financial burden or organisational worries.	17	23	0-4 (4) 5-9 (4) 10-16 (13) 17-24 (4) 24-64 (15)
12	Helensburgh and Lomond Foodbank	Towards the cost of running a satellite foodbank in Garelochhead, establishing the need for another satellite in Arrochar or elsewhere, and to purchase additional tables	£3,311	£1,730	£3,203	£1,655	A trial satellite foodbank in Garelochhead was withdrawn, but another trial in Rosneath is helping, on average, 5 families each week. The committee has returned £788 of TSG funding to the Council.	Between 04/15 - 03/16 the Foodbank supported 1135 adults and 574 children		

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13	Helensburgh and Lomond Highland Games	Running costs associated with organising the Highland Games.	£26,211	£10,228	£10,030	£4,000	The Games were cancelled due to poor weather.	Not applicable		
14	Helensburgh Music Society	For the production of 5 classical/modern music concerts at the Victoria Halls, Helensburgh.	£15,450	£11,973	£9,973	£2,000	All 5 concerts were delivered and the feedback has been positive. The Society has tried an online ticketing service for the first time and this has brought new people to the performances.	45%	55%	All ages
15	Helensburgh Oratorio Choir	Towards the cost of a performance of Bach's Matthew Passion on Palm Sunday at Helensburgh Parish Church.	£9,850	£9,710	£2,850	£2,000	Bach's Matthew Passion had not been performed in Helensburgh since March 1991. The performance enriched the musical lives of the people from the local area (and more widely) and its performance added to the overall artistic heritage of the area.	20	54	17–24 (1) 24–64 (30) 65+ (43)
16	Helensburgh Savoy Musical Theatre Club	Running costs for the production of 'Sunshine on Leith' in the Victoria Halls in November 2015.	£12,500	£12,032	£0	£660	Around 1,500 people enjoyed the 5 performances and feedback was very positive.	Approx 1500. All ages and genders		
17	Luss and Arden Senior Citizens Association	Supporting two outings, including transport and lunch, and also to provide small gifts for members who are unwell and unable to attend the outings.	£1,050	n/a	n/a	£525	The Chair of the Committee has moved South and the committee is looking for new members. The funding has not been spent and will be reimbursed to the Council.	Not applicable		

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18	North Clyde Archaeology Society (NCAS)	Contracting an archaeologist to carbon date charcoal deposits and bones found in Portkil Sea Cave at Kilcreggan, and to provide a programme of evening lectures and information.	£1,968	£2,938	£2,000	£968	Seven evening lectures took place within the grant year with an average of 25 people attending each meeting. Three summer excursions took place with an average of 20 people attending each event. Radiocarbon dating results: Ben Bowie Radiocarbon Date – BP 842 +/- 29. Portkil Cave Radiocarbon Age BP 3765 +/- 30.	30	30	24–64 (20) 65+ (40)
19	Rosneath and Clynder Senior Citizens Association	Cost of transport and refreshments for Days outing in the Summer for senior citizens.	£2,380	£1,572	£327	£260	Senior citizens enjoyed a summer coach trip and winter socialising events.			65+ (70)
20	Rosneath Peninsula Amenity Society	Cost of providing broadband at the Library in Cove Burgh Hall and towards knotweed control	£950	£930	£135	£475	Residents come to the library specifically to use the computers so the broadband hotspot has been greatly appreciated. Since clearing the knotweed began some individual householders have begun to clear patches opposite their own houses and the foreshore is looking better as a result.	Not applicable		
21	Rosneath Peninsula Highland Gathering	Costs associated with the annual Highland Gathering	£8,500	£8,166	£0	£4,000	The Games were cancelled due to poor weather, but some of the dancing and piping competitions were later held at the Commodore Hotel and Hermitage Academy	50	300	5-9 (50) 10-16 (40) 17-24(30) 25-64(20) 65+ 910)

#### **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 Helensburgh and Lomond 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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