

**SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES FUND 2017/18**

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**1.0 SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report details recommendations for the award of the Supporting Communities Fund (previously Third Sector Grants) to Third Sector organisations for Bute and Cowal.
- 1.2 Applications are considered once a year, in April. This is intended to ensure allocation of the full budget at one meeting and enable organisations to have the maximum amount of time within the financial year to utilise the funds.
- 1.3 The total Supporting Communities Fund budget made available by the Council for allocation in Bute and Cowal for 2017/18 is £28,000.
- 1.4 There is an upper limit of £4,000 to any one organisation in any one financial period, unless there are exceptional circumstances.
- 1.5 13 applications have been received, five of which are for Events and Festivals. Six of the applications are from new applicants.

**2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 The 13 organisations listed below are awarded funding from the Supporting Communities Fund, totalling £26,343.
- 2.2 Those organisations that have received funding for the two previous years or more should not be awarded more than the amount they received in 2016/17 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.
- 2.3 Where possible, and if appropriate, new applicants should receive all or most of the amount requested (up to 50% total project costs).
- 2.4 Funds will only be awarded in receipt of the correct paperwork and an End of Project monitoring form (if a grant was awarded in previous year).
- 2.5 Funds remaining, £1,657.00, will be added to the fund available in 2018/19.

Ref No	Organisation	Grant 15/16	Grant 16/17	Total Project Cost	Amount Requested	Recommendation 2017
1	1 <sup>st</sup> Rothesay Boys' Brigade	New	New	£1,039	£515	£515
2	Argyll and Bute Youth Forum*	£250	n/a	£5,550	£694	£694
3	Blairmore Village Trust	New	New	£1,768	£884	£884
4	Butefest*	n/a	£3,000	£11,550	£4,000	£4,000
5	Dunoon Mens' Shed	n/a	£2,000	£6,600	£3,300	£3,300
6	Dunoon Mod	New	New	£12,300	£4,000	£2,000
7	Historic Kilmun	New	New	£15,019	£4,000	£4,000
8	Kilfinan Forest*	n/a	£1,000	£1,000	£500	£500
9	Kyles Marketing Group*	n/a	£650	£14,118	£4,000	£4,000
10	Lochgoilhead Community Sports Hub	New	New	£2,427	£1,213	£1,000
11	Rothesay Pipe Band	£3,500	n/a	£27,116	£4,000	£4,000
12	Sandbank Senior Citizens club	£900	£800	£3,100	£1,100	£1,100
13	Tighnabruaich Primary School Parent Council*	New	New	£700	£350	£350
		<b>Total Available</b>				<b>£28,000</b>
		<b>Total Recommended</b>				<b>£26,343</b>

\*Events and Festivals

	Organisation	Rationale for grant allocation
1	1 <sup>st</sup> Rothesay Boys' Brigade	A contribution towards taking a group of 10 to 12 year old boys on a Spring Adventure Weekend. The main purpose of the weekend is to introduce new activities and experiences and meet up with youths from other areas. The hope is it will encourage this age group to continue into the Company Section. The Company Section will offer the boys opportunities to try the Duke of Edinburgh award and other activities.
2	Argyll and Bute Youth Forum	A contribution towards event costs of running the Argyll and Bute Awards to showcase young people's contribution to the area and overcome negative portrayals of young people.
3	Blairmore Village Trust	A contribution towards the running costs of a drop in Community Hub serving the villages of Blairmore, Strone, Ardentenny and Kilmun. Also towards hiring Interloch transport to help transport people who wish to attend and have difficulty due to mobility issues.

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4	Butfest	A contribution towards the cost of fringe activities for Butfest i.e. arts and crafts, storytelling and drama performances, street performers etc. The aim is to expand the fringe activities around the music festival to encourage more people to come and stay on the Isle of Bute and also to give access to high quality entertainment for the visitors and people of Bute.
5	Dunoon Mens' Shed	A contribution towards the costs of running training courses for the members in relation to developing the garden project attached to the Shed. The courses would cover information and training on a variety of gardening topics, including plant production through to vegetable preparation and cooking. The aim is to use produce from the garden for soup lunches, cooked in the shed for members and may open up, depending on capacity, to other vulnerable groups in the community.
6	Dunoon Mod	A contribution to running a series of events to raise the profile of the Gaelic language and culture in Argyll and Bute. The overall aim of the project is to increase awareness and participation and to introduce new audiences to a variety of events showcasing all aspects of Gaelic Culture in preparation for Dunoon hosting the National Mod in 2018.
7	Historic Kilmun	A contribution towards costs of employing a part time Project Manager to work in partnership with third sector, public sector and service users to help deliver three strands of the project, namely Arts and Mental Health, Oral History and working with youth benefit organisations to offer a range of training on certificated courses.
8	Kilfinan Community Forest	A contribution towards cost to stage an open day that will showcase the work of Kilfinan Community Forest and Kyles Allotment Group. The aim is to attract families to the Forest and learn more about the Forest environment as well as enjoying music and food. Event will take place July 2017.
9	Kyles Marketing Group	Towards costs of building a marketing strategy and general running cost for the Kyles 10k. The Group are working in parallel with the Wild About Argyll marketing strategy <a href="http://www.wildaboutargyll.co.uk">http://www.wildaboutargyll.co.uk</a> . The overall aim is to build a sustainable event by reaching out to new audiences and growing the numbers competing in the Kyles 10 k and attracting visitors back to the area to explore Argyll. Also opening up the event to walkers as well as runners. The event takes place on Saturday 9th September 2017
10	Lochgoilhead Community Sports Hub	A contribution towards travel costs to transport the climbing group to Blairvadach outdoor Centre and Ratho National Climbing Centre to take part in competitions. Also towards payment of a climbing instructor and volunteer training and assessment.
11	Rothesay Pipe Band	Towards travel and costs for a Piping tutor and a Drumming tutor. At the moment 60 young people are benefiting from this tuition. This grant would go towards increasing tutor hours to provide lessons for young people on the waiting list. The aim is for 25 young people to be working towards their piping and drumming qualifications and to create an Isle of Bute Schools Pipe Band that can play at school functions, events and concerts.

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12	Sandbank Senior Citizens club	Towards costs of hiring hall, lunch club, live entertainers, coach costs for outings and to start to run computer classes this year. Sandbank Senior Citizens continue to build capacity and have increased membership, They have been awarded a Certificate of Excellence Award from Age Scotland in their Volunteer Group of the year category for work in combating loneliness and isolation.
13	Tighnabruaich Primary School Parent Council	Towards costs of running a bonfire and firework night working in partnership with Kilfinan forest, Kames Hotel, Community council and Tighnabruaich Primary School. This is an important annual event for the community and brings them together and gives an opportunity for all ages to volunteer and help organise.

### **3.0 DETAIL**

### **4.0 CONCLUSION**

4.1 All organisations have been contacted and grant applications assessed.

### **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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