

**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 Helensburgh and Lomond.
- 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 Helensburgh and Lomond for 2017/18 is £28,000. In addition, there is a carry forward from the financial period 2015/16 of £375 from Luss & Arden Senior Citizens, making a total amount available for allocation of £28,375.
- 1.4 The Area Committee agreed to an upper limit of £4,000 to any one organisation in any one financial period, unless there are exceptional circumstances.
- 1.5 24 applications are being recommended, 5 of which are for events and festivals.

**2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 The 24 organisations listed below are awarded funding from the Supporting Communities Fund budget, totalling £28,375.
- 2.2 Repeat applicants are 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 Grants will only be awarded funding on receipt of the correct paperwork and an End of Project monitoring form (if a grant was awarded in previous year).

Ref No	Organisation	Grant 15/16	Grant 16/17	Total Project Cost	Amount Requested	Recommendation 2017
1	Argyll & Bute Youth Forum	£250	n/a	£5,550	£694	£310.80
2	Argyll & Bute TSI (Helensburgh Office)	New	New	£5,060	£2,530	£1,184.00
3	Arrochar and Tarbet Senior Citizens Welfare Committee	£540	n/a	£1,534	£767	£368.16
4	Arrochar, Tarbet and Ardlui Community Council	New	New	£340	£170	£85
5	Bicentenary Pipe Band Championships *	£4,000	£3,000	£8,500	£4,000	£1,920
6	Cove and Kilcreggan Lunch Club	£750	£1,292	£2,938	£1,338	£856.32
7	Cove and Kilcreggan Youth Café	£750	n/a	£4,000	£2,000	£880
8	Dumbarton and District Branch – MS Society	£2,000	n/a	£2,920	£1,460	£642.40
9	Friends of the Victoria Hall *	New	New	£6,150	£2,900	£2,320
10	Helensburgh and District Access Trust	New	New	£3,350	£1,600	£1,120
11	Helensburgh and District Branch of Enable	n/a	n/a	£3,000	£1,500	£1,050
12	Helensburgh and District Royal British Legion Scotland *	n/a	n/a	£700	£350	£192.50
13	Helensburgh and Lomond Autism	£768	£1,973	£1,336	£668	£320.64
14	Helensburgh and Lomond Carers SCIO	New	New	£12,682.24	£1,550	£930
15	Helensburgh and Lomond Foodbank	£1,655	£1,500	£795	£397	£254.08
16	Helensburgh and Lomond Highland Games *	£4,000	n/a	£28,930	£4,000	£1,760
17	Helensburgh Community Council	New	New	£2,000	£1,000	£600
18	Helensburgh Music Society	£2,000	£2,000	£9,850	£2,000	£960
19	Helensburgh Savoy Musical Theatre Club	£600	£780	£12,450	£1,000	£440
20	Helensburgh Tree Conservation Trust	n/a	£3,255	£2,160	£1,080	£757.39
21	Project 81 Youth and Community Enterprise Ltd	n/a	£3,984	£7,332	£3,666	£2,346.24
22	Rhu and Shandon Community Council	New	New	£12,000	£4,000	£3,420
23	Rosneath Peninsula Highland Gathering *	£4,000	£3,000	£16,400	£3,000	£1,680

Ref No	Organisation	Grant 15/16	Grant 16/17	Total Project Cost	Amount Requested	Recommendation 2017
24	Welcome In	New	New	£15,734.12	£3,977.44	£3,977.47
		<b>Total available to spend</b>				<b>£28,375</b>
		<b>Total recommended</b>				<b>£28,375</b>

*\*Events and Festivals*

### 3.0 DETAIL

Ref No	Organisation	Rationale for grant allocation
1	Argyll & Bute Youth Forum	Towards event costs of running the AB Awards to showcase young people's contribution to the area and overcome negative portrayals of young people.
2	Argyll & Bute TSI (Helensburgh Office)	Towards delivery of a 5 day Fire Reach course with Scottish Fire and Rescue, which will also include employability skills and support into volunteering roles.
3	Arrochar and Tarbet Senior Citizens Welfare Committee	To assist with the costs associated with organising two social gatherings (a summer outing and an afternoon tea) for around 50 senior citizens living in Arrochar, Tarbet, Succoth and Ardlui.
4	Arrochar, Tarbet and Ardlui Community Council	Towards reprinting a local history booklet for the edification and interest of visitors and local people and contribute to visitor growth.
5	Bicentenary Pipe Band Championships	Contribution towards the overall costs associated with running the Bicentenary Pipe Band Championships in Helensburgh.
6	Cove and Kilcreggan Lunch Club	To support the Club to organise a summer outing, Christmas shopping trip and Christmas Party for 13 very isolated elderly people, plus continue to provide a weekly opportunity (during term-time) for a hot meal and socialising at Cove Burgh Hall.
7	Cove and Kilcreggan Youth Café	Towards youth workers salary to continue youth activities and support in Cove for 4 months.
8	Dumbarton and District Branch – MS Society	A contribution towards the cost associated with running the branch's fortnightly drop-in at the Templeton Annex at the Civic Centre in Helensburgh. The drop-in provides an opportunity for people to socialise, take part in an exercise class and listen to guest speakers.
9	Friends of the Victoria Hall	Contribution towards the cost of delivering a more inclusive Christmas lights switch on and Santa Parade in 2017 in Helensburgh, including an open top bus for young people with mobility issues.
10	Helensburgh and District Access Trust	To help pay for the training and qualifications for 2 volunteers in the skills necessary to drive a wheeled dumper and for the hire of motorised equipment over 2 weeks to undertake essential repairs to the Three Lochs Way.

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11	Helensburgh and District Branch of Enable	To provide short breaks for adults with learning disabilities and expand the volunteer base and users of the existing Tuesday Group.
12	Helensburgh and District Royal British Legion Scotland	To help cover costs associated with the hire of the Victoria Halls, Hermitage Primary School grounds and other expenses associated with the delivery of the Remembrance Parade in November.
13	Helensburgh and Lomond Autism	To provide independent living skills training in life skills, fire safety and personal safety to both parents and children.
14	Helensburgh and Lomond Carers SCIO	To support the Carer's befriending service for adults. The service allows carers to have some time to take a break and look after their own health and wellbeing.
15	Helensburgh and Lomond Foodbank	To assist with costs associated with the storage of food and insurance.
16	Helensburgh and Lomond Highland Games	To hold the Helensburgh Highland Games on the 3rd June 2017 with the grant funding going towards a variety of infrastructure costs and media promotion.
17	Helensburgh Community Council	To assist the Community Council to undertake a feasibility study and the practicalities involved in establishing an information centre for Helensburgh for the benefit of visitors and the local community.
18	Helensburgh Music Society	A contribution towards the 2017-18 season of five concerts at the Victoria Halls.
19	Helensburgh Savoy Musical Theatre Club	To put on the musical production of Sister Act in November 2017.
20	Helensburgh Tree Conservation Trust	To support the replacement of old, diseased or vandalised trees and purchase of metal tree guards to protect trees from vandalism.
21	Project 81 Youth and Community Enterprise Ltd	A contribution towards youth drop-in sessions and employment of a minimum of 1 young person on a sessional basis, plus a contribution towards the Café n Play community activity for parents/guardians and the under 5s.
22	Rhu and Shandon Community Council	A contribution towards professional fees for a Conservation Area Appraisal (CAA) for the designated conservation village of Rhu. The Community Council has been liaising closely with the Council's Design & Conservation Officer and she has supplied a Scope of Works and a Template for the CAA. The CC has also consulted with the Council's Head of Governance & Law and Head of Planning & Regulatory Services for guidance. They have been advised that the CAA is an appropriate use of CC funds and that a CAA submitted by the CC in accordance with the supplied national guidelines would be considered for adoption by Argyll & Bute Council.
23	Rosneath Peninsula Highland Gathering	A contribution towards the organisation and delivery of the highland games in Rosneath. If poor weather disrupts the event some elements of it will be held indoors.

24	Welcome In	A contribution towards the cost of running a Recovery Café on a weekly basis for people in recovery from drug alcohol addiction, Mental Health Issues, bereavement and Social Isolation. The aim of the Project is to provide a safe place to meet, to have a bowl of soup and to have professionals on hand from Adult learning, .Alcohol and Drugs Partnership the NHS and Third Sector Partnership for support if needed.
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#### **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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