

MONITORING OF GRANTS TO THE THIRD SECTOR 2016/17

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report highlights the positive outcomes for communities in Bute and Cowal through the allocation of the Council's Third Sector Grant funding in 2016/17.
- 1.2 A total of £39,170 was awarded to 32 organisations in 2016/17. Organisations have up to three months from the end of the Project to complete and return the project monitoring reports.
- 1.3 A total of £1,078.98 is due to be returned. This amount will be made available for allocation in the financial year 2018/19. Applications open autumn 2017.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

Members are asked to:

- 2.1 Note the positive contribution of the grants to community projects, detailed in section 3 and the attached table.
- 2.2 Note the return of unspent funds in 3.4 of the report.
- 2.3 Agree the carry forward of the fund allocated to the Touring Network as detailed in 3.5.

3. DETAILS

- 3.1 The grants distributed to community organisations supported a total of 8,637 people to participate in a variety of projects encompassing sports, music, mental health, festivals and woodworking.
- 3.2 The attached table summarises information received from individual projects.
- 3.3 31 grant recipients have submitted an end of project monitoring form.
- 3.4 We expect a return of unspent funds totalling £1,078.98. This will be distributed in the 2018/19 round of grant funding; applications open autumn 2017. The return is from Argyll District Scouting, Argyll Nordic Walkers and Strachur Friendship Group who were unable to spend their full allocation of funds within 2016/17.

3.5 The Touring Network has requested that members extend their allocation of £1,200 into 2017/18. Due to exceptional circumstances out with the control of the group, regarding the performer and the venue, the activity is now to be held in November 2017.

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 Bute and Cowal area 2016/17 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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No	Organisation	Project funded	Total Projected Costs	Actual Costs	Match funding	Award	Comments	Beneficiaries		
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1	Ardentinny Community Trust Ltd	Materials for restoring pathways and creating parking suitable for the disabled.	£25,000	£9,000	£17,500	£1,000	Has enabled more visitors with disabilities and organisations to visit the garden.	55	77	17-24 (22) 25-64 (60) 65+ (50)
2	Ardentinny Village Hall	Feasibility study of work required to upgrade Ardentinny Village Hall to ensure sustainability of the facility as a Hub for the village.	£3,870	£3,870	£1,935	£1,935	The feasibility study has shown that the project was viable and enabled the group to move to the next step of the hall regeneration by seeking a structural survey.	Not broken down		25-64 (20) 65+ (80)
3	Argyll & the Isles Coastal and Countryside Trust	Cost of monitoring and evaluating the "Branching Out" Mental Health Programmes in Bute Forest and Kilfinan Forest.	£7,180	£9,526	£77,718	£1,795	The Branching Out programmes were delivered as planned and 66 hours were spent monitoring and evaluation them. The programme allowed people with moderate to severe mental health issues to leave the house, meet new people and learn something new	18	18	17-24 (2) 25-64 (32) 65+ (2)
4	Argyll District Scouting	Costs of a weekend of scouting activities for young people.	£4,265	£1,124	£0	£388	The aims of the project were met but with greatly reduced numbers, however the leaders gained ideas and experience from the meeting. £184.98 to be returned as grant funding was based on a total project costs across	29	12	5-9 (27) 10-16 (3) 25-64 (10) 65+ (1)

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							three administrative areas.			
5	Argyll Nordic Walkers	Continued professional development training for volunteer trainers.	£7,530	£360	£180	£700	Enabled 6 volunteer instructors to renew their instructor qualification with BNW through CPD training (£520 to be returned)	23	39	0-4 (8) 5-9 (17) 10-16 (5) 25-64 (26) 65+ (6)
6	Beachwatch Bute	Increase the number of storage benches for use by the public in key locations throughout the island.	£6,000	£5,998	£0	£2,500	The storage benches are being well used by many individuals and families and all equipment has been returned after use.	165	165	0-4 (20) 5-9 (50) 10-16 (50) 17-24 (10) 25-64 (100) 65+ (100)
7	Bullwood Nature Trail	Costs of a small flat providing office and workshop facilities for volunteers of the Bullwood Nature Trail Project	£2,828	£2,924	£5,386	£760	Due to the grant funding, the relief from the main financial pressure of monthly rent payments meant that money could be allocated to woodland and photography activities.	29	16	5-9 (14) 10-16 (13) 17-24 (10) 25-64 (8)
8	Bute Agricultural Society	Costs of annual agricultural show and ploughing match	£10,796	£10,015	£0	£430	Successful show despite the deterioration in the weather with surprisingly good gate receipts	500	500	5-9 (50) 10-16 (200) 17-24 (200) 25-64 (500) 65+ (50)

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9	Bute Bowling Association	Cost of promoting and publicising the Annual Bute Bowling tournament	£2644	£2,510	£750	£500	Successful tournament with all four main competitions completed, poor weather curtailed the younger bowlers competitions due to safety concerns	60	40	Not break down
10	ButeFest	Improving and expanding the annual ButeFest to include a covered family area for Pre-5's, a Teen Zone, Arts and Craft Zone, and a Scot's Corner.	£8,500	£7,499	£2,300	£3,000	Ticket sales for non-locals has increased, more families are attending the festival and some of the arts and crafts created will be donated back into the local community.	Over 1500 in attendance across all age ranges		
11	Cowal Baton Twirlers	Towards travel and hall hire for the group	£8,001	£4,256	£3706	£550	The aims of the project were met with hall hires paid, fees kept down for individual classes and competitions attended, with some athletes qualifying for the national championships in London	0	20	0-4 (2) 5-9 (7) 10-16 (11)
12	Cowal Community Care Forum	towards salary and on costs of a communication and engagement officer to allow consultation with the community on the reshaping of	£8,000	£1,200	£0	£600	Funded 100 hours of Development Worker which enabled support including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> attending Communications & Engagement Sub group Health and Social Care Locality Planning Group; supporting the Co-chair of the Locality Planning Group; and, 	The population of Cowal		

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		health and social care at a local level					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> helping organisations with ICF bids. 			
13	Cowal Fiddle Workshop	Fees and expenses of a professional teacher who will also act as a mentor to in-house tutors.	£3,075	£3,075	£0	£200	Have seen an increase in membership price and a reduction in membership attributed to this. Tuition continued and playing continues to improve.	200	200	5-9 (8) 10-16 (6) 25-64 (190) 65+ (196)
14	Cowal Music Club	Costs of hiring artistes to perform at six classical and modern chamber music concerts in Cowal.	£5,400	£5,427	£2,800	£600	The six concerts were performed to audiences of about 70 people. Travelling by Tuba also ran workshops for all of the children of Kilmodan, Tighnabruich and Kirn Primary Schools	100	300	5-11 (c270)
15	Cowal Walking Festival Association	Cost of publicity and promotional materials for the annual walking festival	£2,087	£2,479	£900	£750	The number of participants at Cowalfest doubled and came from all over the UK.	Approximately 2000 attended the festival		
16	Creative Words in Cowal	Programme of community activities and events that respond directly to the interests identified through	£2,500	£3,770	£2,770	£1,000	A comprehensive programme took place during the Dunoon Book Festival providing opportunities for all ages and interests.	295	362	0-4 (30) 5-9 (44) 10-16 (32) 17-24 (84) 25-64 (280) 65+ (187)

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		the Dunoon mini-book festival and the larger three day Book festival.								
17	Dunoon Baptist Church	Salary and costs for a Youth and Community Worker.	£34,500	£24,720	£18,000	£3,000	The Gateway project has engaged with more young people and services than expected within the first year and has exceeded all initial planned targets within its own service.	140	60	10-16 (140) 17-24 (30) 25-64 (20) 65+ (10)
18	Dunoon Link Club	Funding training courses and activities to improve the life-skills and opportunities of vulnerable individuals.	£8,060			£3,000	End of Project Monitoring Report has not been received. We have been informed that Dunoon Link Club closed on 16 June 2017.			
19	Dunoon Men's Shed	Purchase of materials and start-up costs for the Dunoon Men's Shed	£13,920	£10,260	£8,260	£2,000	The group has grown from 32 members to 82, receiving lots of referrals and has hosted Age Scotland's Men's Shed conference for the west of Scotland.	84	2	25-64 (2) 65+ (84)
20	Innellan Bowling and Tennis Club	Purchase of a tennis pro machine to improve the skills of particularly junior members.	£1,360	£1,360	£0	£680	Juniors and also adults have been able to improve their skills.	12	13	5-9 (6) 10-16 (14) 17-24 (1) 25-64 (4)

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21	Isle of Bute Trust	Transportation costs of an ambulance shelter to the Isle of Bute	£14,640	£16,392	£7,696	£1,000	The shelter was erected in late Nov 16, and handed over to Bute Community Council on 16 Dec 2016.	Estimate 144 people a year.		
22	Kilfinan Community Forest Company	Cost of delivering a programme of Spring and Summer monthly woodland workshops.	£4,000	£4,031	£5431	£1,000	79 people learned new skills in the Forest setting and 5 young people gained valuable training and experience.	Not broken down		5-9 (3) 10-16 (6) 25-64 (65) 65+ (10)
23	Kirn Gala	Costs towards the running of the annual Kirn Gala	£3,000	£1,361	£0	£300	A successful gala allowing 43 local charities to showcase their work in the community, as well as local unknown and upcoming talent from within the local schools	1500	1500	0-4 (200) 5-9 (500) 10-16 (300) 17-24 (500) 25-64 (1000) 65+ (500)
24	Kyles Marketing Group	Purchase of equipment to allow chip timing at the annual 10k Kyles Road Race	£5,590	£1269	£0	£650	Successful event with 376 registrations prior to the event and a further 15 sign ups on the day	196	195	17-24 (39) 25-64 (352)
25	Lochgoilhead Fiddle Workshop	Tutoring costs to teach children of school age to learn to play the fiddle "by ear"	£3,619	£3,004	£1,284	£1,000	Junior fiddle classes are now established with a professional tutor for 2 hours per week over a 36 week period. 2 children also attended a workshop in Glasgow	1	5	5-9 (3) 10-16 (3)

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26	MacMillan Cancer Support	Refurbishment of the Palliative Care Wards in the Victoria Hospital	£18,100	£11,922	£10,422	£1,000	Works are complete and awaiting furnishings being supplied, the estimated opening of the area is July 2017	Information not given		
27	Sandbank Senior Citizens Club	Running costs of the club and social outings and activities	£3,300	£2,827	£400	£800	Membership has increased with regular entertainment, coach trips and a panto trip a computer class will also begin before the end of the season	10	91	25-64 (23) 65+ (78)
28	Strachur and District Piping Association	Costs of a week's Piping Summer School,	£7,880	£6,892	£3892	£3,000	Successful week long piping and drumming school was delivered culminating in a concert.	39	27	5-9 (20) 10-16 (46)
29	Strachur Friendship Group	Provision of a programme of weekly strength and balance exercise and falls prevention training	£1,164	£418	£0	£582	The group was unable to obtain the training necessary and only located a suitable trainer in the tenth month of the project (£374 returned) However Lunch Club members benefitted from the excercises provided.	2	9	65+ (11)
30	Tee in the Port	Funding Tee in the Port event and cost of moving and staging the event within the village of Port Bannatyne	£9,000	£5,850	£0	£2,400	Due to the horrendous weather the festival had to be moved but the programme was completed with only one band pulling out	Not broken down		17-24 (50) 25-64 (150)

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31	The Touring Network	Costs of running a supported programme of cultural events in Bute and Cowal	£7,100			£1,200	Requested extension until end November 2017 to hold activity due to exceptional circumstances with the availability of the performance artist and venues.			
32	United Church of Bute Pass It On Project	Purchase of household goods for vulnerable families and young people starting out	£2,670	£1,786	£0	£850	On average 3 to 4 packs per month are provided and are well received by the organisations that request them.	No information given, as they are an intermediary organisation.		