

MONITORING OF GRANTS TO THE THIRD SECTOR 2016/17

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report highlights the positive outcomes for communities in Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands (MAKI) through the allocation of the Council's Third Sector Grant funding in 2016/17.
- 1.2 A total of £32,830 was awarded to 37 organisations in 2016/17. Organisations have up to three months from the end of their project to complete and return project monitoring reports.
- 1.3 A total of £1,160 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 consider and provide any comment on:

- 2.1 The positive contribution of the grants to community projects, detailed in section 3 and the attached table.
- 2.2 The return of unspent funds in 3.4 of the report.

3. DETAILS

- 3.1 The grants distributed to community organisations supported a total of 4,964 people across the MAKI area to participate in a variety of projects encompassing sports, drama, mental health and woodworking.
- 3.2 The attached table summarises information received from individual projects.
- 3.3 All grant recipients have completed and returned a monitoring form.
- 3.4 We expect a return of unspent funds totalling £1,160. This will be distributed in the 2018/19 round of grant funding; applications open autumn 2017. The return is from Argyll District Scouting, Coisir Og Dhailriada, Heads Up, Shopper Aide and Templar Arts and Leisure Centre who, due to varying reasons, were unable to spend all of their funds within 2016/17.

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 & the Islands 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	3rd Argyll (1st Islay) Scout Group	The cost of materials and equipment for Scout Camp weekend on Islay March 2017.	£2,160	£642	n/a	£300	65 children registered across the island meeting on a Monday night. Full programme of events delivered and materials purchased.	65 children aged between 5 and 14 years		
2	An Communn Gaidhealach Maer Ile	The cost of a sessional worker to support the organisation and the successful delivery of the Islay Mod in June.	£5,430	£4,194	£5,858	£750	A very successful provincial Mod was held in June 2016. 50 competitions were entered by around 170 adults and children including visitors from the mainland.	30	140	5-9 (50) 10-16 (30) 17-24 (10) 25-64 (40) 65+ (40)
3	Argyll & the Isles Coastal and Countryside Trust	The cost of the monitoring and evaluating the "Branching Out" Mental Health Programme at Blarbluie Woodland, Mid Argyll.	£7,180	£9,526	£77,718	£1,795	Five 12-week Branching Out programmes were delivered in Bute, Cowal, Mid-Argyll and Oban up to March 2017. Altogether 67 people were referred via Community Mental Health and addictions teams. 36 participants successfully completed their programmes up to March 2017.	18	18	17-24 (2) 25-64 (32) 65+ (2)

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4	Argyll District Scouting	The costs of an activity weekend for young people.	£4,265	£1,124.28	n/a	£300	Attendance was much lower than hoped for. However, it brought cubs from all over Argyll together. The young people learned new skills, made new friends, had fun and achieved badges towards the top award – Chief Scouts Silver Award. £144 to be returned as grant funding was based on a total project costs across three administrative areas.	29	12	5-9 (27) 10-16 (3) 25-64 (10) 65+ (1)
5	Argyll Drama Festival	Hiring of the festival venue and the cost of engaging an adjudicator.	£1,652	£1,585	£230	£360	Drama festival was held in April 2016 – three evenings of one act plays.	No information given		
6	Blarbuie Woodland Enterprise Ltd	Cost of milling equipment and associated set-up and training cost in order to increase sustainability of the woodland project and to teach trainees new skills.	£776.80	£709.65	£399.65	£310	Trainees are now able to assist with a variety of milling operations. Milling is a process by which we can produce wooden planks of precise length and thickness. We now make and supply high quality garden benches, raised bed kits and provide untreated wood for the construction of bird and bat boxes. These products will prove to be a valuable source of unreserved income.	12		17-24(3) 25-64 (8) 65+ (1)

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7	Bowmore Lunch Bunch	The running cost of the club and social activities	£3,695	£3,673.9	£650	£650	For the majority of our members this is the only time that they go out in the week and for residents of the care home, Mondays are eagerly anticipated as they get to leave the home and interact with peers from the community.	12	21	25-64 (3) 65+ (30)
8	Campbeltown Lawn Tennis Club	Extending tennis coaching to children and young people in the holidays.	£540	£504.39	£234.39	£270	The fund provided additional tennis coaching sessions for 16 primary pupils, 8 secondary pupils and league competitions.	18	6	5-9 (5) 10-16 (19)
9	Cantilena Festival on Islay	Professional fees and costs for performers to attend the annual classical Cantilena Festival on Islay.	£20,215	£20,505	n/a	£1,025	We presented 6 chamber music concerts in venues across the island. Concerts were played to full or nearly full capacity audiences made up of residents and visitors to the island.	420	575	0-4 (5) 5-9 (300) 10-16 (120) 17-24 (40) 25-64 (310) 65+ (220)
10	Coisir Og Dhailriada	The cost of supporting young people with travel and accommodation to allow them to compete in the local Mods.	£2,829	£754	£6,500	£770	Unable to attend the MOD in Stornoway £393 to be returned.	0	12	10-16 (6) 17-24 (6)

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11	Craignish Community Company	Purchase of land to create a children's play area.	£60,000	£61,739	£54,839	£2,400	The aim of the project to purchase a piece of land to be used by the community for recreational purposes was achieved.	No information given		
12	Craignish Village Hall	A programme of arts activities, workshops and performances as part of the 10th Anniversary programme.	£10,528	£7,987	£5,268.34	£1,960	We anticipated that 765 people would benefit from this grant through attendance at shows, workshop participation and exhibition viewing. For the period of the grant we had: 81 people attending workshops & 744 people attending the two exhibitions during the Festival.(assuming 60 people attended both workshops & exhibitions).	765 across all age groups		
13	Dunaverty Hall	Creating a new gardening group at Dunaverty Hall that will landscape the hall and increase the skills of the participants.	£2,750	£3,261.74	£1,761.74	£1,500	The main aims of the project were to improve the surroundings of the new hall, and introduce people into gardening if they are not already familiar with it, and to get the local school children also involved.	No information given		
14	Ford Village Hall	Training in the use of a new defibrillator for the community.	£2,000	£1,925.03	n/a	£700	We held two training sessions in our village hall – one in the afternoon and one in the evening. 22 attended.	No information given		

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15	Heads Up	The purchase of arts and sports materials to support activities aimed at improving the mental health of participants of a new peer led mental health support group.	£1,540	£743	£10,000	£560	Heads Up has now been functional for over a year and has a core number of participants, 40 – 50 places per month. The group has become very cohesive and has achieved a main aim of helping with social inclusion, £188 to be returned.	No information given		
16	Heart of Argyll Tourist Alliance	To support and equip a number of interactive guided walks from Barnluasgan in Knapdale for the community and visitors	£1,221	£1,220.86	£611	£610	Full programme of local guided walks and events run from April to October 2016 that attracted 182 adults and 142 children. These included beaver, bird, fungi, wild flower and bat walks, treasure hunts and pond dipping.	165	159	0-4 (15) 5-9 (46) 10-16 (81) 17-24 (24) 25-64 (106) 65+ (52)
17	Islay and Jura Community Enterprises	The provision of Aquacare warm water therapy sessions and transport for people with long-term conditions.	£25,559	£26,634	£26,634	£505	Two sessions of Aquacare therapy were delivered on a weekly basis in the swimming pool of the Mactaggart Leisure Centre. 58 people with disabilities & long term conditions registered with the project with 572 visits recorded.	27	31	10-16 (4) 17-24 (5) 25-64 (12) 65+ (37)

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18	Isle of Gigha Music Festival Organising Committee	The costs of delivering the annual folk music festival on Gigha.	£13,375	£12,195	n/a	£2,400	We have a strong relationship with Kintyre traditional musicians but are also recognised nationally as a great festival for bands to play – including top headline acts. We get a lot of positive feedback.	No information given		
19	Kintyre Link Club	The cost of creating a permanent photographic exhibition in Campbeltown Hospital undertaken by mental health service users.	£1,603	£1,583	£800	£700	The idea was to give the members of the Link Club a memorable experience and provide photos for the Island Centre in the Campbeltown Hospital. 12 people who suffer from poor mental health enjoyed a trip to Sanda, Davaar and Arran taking in excess of 800 photos! We managed to reduce isolation, build on friendships and provide a memorable day.	25-64 (12) gender unspecified		
20	Kintyre Six Circle Group	Transport costs to support members of the group to maintain contact with each other and transport for two special summer activities.	£1,790	£1,392	n/a	£675	The group successfully supported a young woman with profound behaviour difficulties over the year where other agencies had not been able to deliver a suitable group based service. The group continues to support the most marginalised people.	10	8	5-9 (2) 10-16 (3) 17-24 (4) 25-64(9) 65+ (2)

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21	Lochgilphead Armed Forces Day	The delivery costs of the Lochgilphead Armed Forces Day on 25th June 2016.	£2,635	£1,390	n/a	£690	Raised awareness of our Armed Forces and raised funds for Local Armed Forces Charities within Argyll & Bute Catchment area & 'signpost' towards Armed Forces related supporting organisations.	150	75	0-4 (25) 5-9 (25) 10-16 (35) 17-24 (50) 25-64 (125) 65+ (75)
22	Mid Argyll Arts Association	The costs of an animation workshop for young people as part of the Lantern Parade activities in Lochgilphead.	£3,250	£4,553	£1,600	£1,000	We succeeded in bringing 2 Jazz bands to Lochgilphead on Bonfire night. Twisted Toons worked with the children to provide animations for the performance.	39	39	10-16 (18) 25-64 (30) 65+ (30)
23	Mid Argyll Athletic Club	The costs of holding a sports day in Lochgilphead in September 2016.	£780	£878	n/a	£390	Provided competition for young people between 5-16 years. Approximately 30% of competitors were from rural areas.	60	80	5-9 (60) 10-16 (60) 17-24 (3) 25-64 (15) 65+ (2)
24	Mid Argyll Chamber of Commerce	The costs of a community engagement project in relation to the Mid Argyll Initiative.	£6,433	£6,495	£5,000	£1,000	The funding enabled the MAi steering group to recruit new members and appoint Trustees and finalise the process required to establish the organisation as a SCIO and register with OSCR.	20	10	25-64 (28) 65+ (2)
25	Mid Argyll Community Enterprises Ltd	The cost of providing Music and Movement classes.	£6,105	£5,107	n/a	£1,650	We have seen an average of 16-24 people per week. We have had referrals from GPs and Physios - for many this is their only source of regular exercise.	7	17	25-64 (14) 65+ (10)

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26	Mid Argyll Music Festival	The costs associated with running the Mid Argyll Music Festival.	£9,000	£7,970.97	n/a	£2,000	There were 530 entries to the festival over a broad spectrum of ages, though the majority was below 16 years of age.	170	380	5-9 (107) 10-16 (193) 17-24 (178) 25-64 (50) 65+ (2)
27	Mid Argyll Rowing Club	The upgrade and purchase of new equipment allows coastal rowing from May to November.	£786	£1,212.05	£1,510	£386	The provision of a new set of oars has allowed us to have both skiffs on the water at the same time - this allows ten people to get out and row. In addition the new life jackets allow us to provide appropriate safety equipment to new members.	12	12	10-16 (6) 17-24 (1) 25-64 (10) 65+ (3)
28	Mid Argyll Youth Development Service	The purchase of equipment for Friday and Saturday youth club activities in Ardrishaig.	£9,188	£9,188	£8,308	£880	We were successful in opening and running Youth Services in the Ardrishaig area on weekends. During the course of the project we saw around 55 individual children and young people.	17	23	5-9 (15) 10-16 (25)
29	Mid Argyll Youth Forum	A programme of summer activities for young people in the Mid Argyll area.	£3,670	£2,397	£950	£255	The summer programme had 42 young people through the doors. Again social work made good use of the activities as did the young carers group. We did a lot of activities in Mid Argyll and we had 6 trips to Glasgow and Clydebank which was a huge cost in fuel and mini bus hire.	20	22	10-16 (35) 17-24 (7)

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30	Multiple Sclerosis Centre, Mid Argyll	Vouchers for therapeutic sessions for people with long term conditions.	£7,890	£2,060	£2,190	£560	We were able to fund therapies for 13 people - who had never received any form of alternative therapies before and were living in isolated, rural areas.	No information given		
31	PACT MAK	The costs of providing a programme of activities for vulnerable members of the community.	£2,025	£1,621	£920	£750	The aims of the project were met, in the main. The group were able to extend their activities to include some more challenging and more fun, enabling members to go to new places and experience new situations in the company of others.	7	17	25-64 (24)
32	Port Ellen Playing Fields Association	The costs associated with holding the annual sports day.	£1,875	£1,900	£1,475	£360	Turn out was low due to rain, however attendees enjoyed watching the pipers and the dancing.	150	150	0-4 (20) 5-9 (50) 10-16 (50) 17-24 (50) 25-64 (50) 65+ (80)
33	Scottish Women's Rural Institute	The costs associated with holding the Argyll SWRI Federation annual show.	£3,254	£2,593	£1,000	£627	The federation show attracted people from all over Argyll in competition and friendship.	10	250	5-9 (4) 10-16 (8) 17-24 (32) 25-64 (85) 65+ (131)

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34	Shopper Aide	The provision of purposeful and supported meetings for older men in and around the village of Southend.	£4,420	£1,294	£1,800	£832	The first few meetings of the Old Pals was very successful with local carers helping to deliver the men to the hall (6 people). One wheelchair bound client enjoyed each week as this was the only time he was out of the house. £185 to be returned.	6	3	65+ (9)
35	South Kintyre Development Trust	Creating a Town Enhancement Group that will regularly create and tidy floral displays in the town.	£5,500	£5,861.88	£2,400	£1,500	This project brought the community together and created a welcoming environment by enhancing the local area with floral displays. It involved people of all ages and promoted intergenerational working.	15	14	10-16 (1) 17-24 (6) 25-64 (16) 65+ (6)
36	South Kintyre Senior Citizens Committee	The cost of providing Christmas vouchers to senior citizens in the South Kintyre area.	£2,520	£1,860	£2,048	£410	Helped the elderly over Christmas. 234 vouchers were issued.	95	219	65+ (314)

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37	Templar Arts and Leisure Centre	The costs of an arts project for people with dementia and their carers which will culminate in audio-visual work for the Luminare festival.	£12,000	£1,500	£500	£1,000	The created work with people with dementia focused on individual project guidance and support, partly in 1:1 sessions. Photography is always very important for people to work with their memories, create an order and to tell their life story to relatives and friends. £250 to be returned.	10	38	17-24 (6) 25-64 (12) 65+ (30)