

**MONITORING OF GRANTS TO THE THIRD SECTOR 2016/17**

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**1. SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report highlights the positive outcomes for communities in Oban Lorn & the Isles through the allocation of the Council's Third Sector Grant funding in 2016/17.
- 1.2 A total of £34,601 was awarded to 27 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 £4,892.93 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 Agree the return of unspent funds in 3.4 of the report carried forward to 2018/19.

**3. DETAILS**

- 3.1 The grants distributed to community organisations supported a total of 6,964 people participating in a variety of projects encompassing sports, music, mental health and alternative therapies.
- 3.2 The attached table summarises information received from individual projects.
- 3.3 25 grant recipients have completed and returned a monitoring form. One organisation did not complete the monitoring form as they have been disbanded, another has been granted a project extension.
- 3.4 We expect a return of unspent funds totalling £4,892.93. This will be distributed in the 2018/19 round of grant funding; applications open autumn 2017. The return is from Argyll District Scouting, Atlantis Leisure, Mull Safe and Sound, and Tiree Community Development Trust who were unable to spend their funds within 2016/17.

- 3.5 Early in 2016/17 we were notified that Mull Safe and Sound did not require £1000 of their grant funding, this was subsequently allocated as part of the 2017/18 funding.

#### **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 Oban, Lorn & the Isles 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		
								M	F	Age
1	A'Bhuain Tìree Homecoming	Running costs for the 'Homecoming' on Tìree 2016	£16,400	£20,084	£12,540	£2,460	The aim of the project was to have a Homecoming event on Tìree for the diaspora. This was achieved with between 300 and 350 people attending the week-long event.	120	220	10-16 (6) 17-24 (59) 25-64 (105) 65+ (170)
2	Argyll District Scouting	The costs of an activity weekend for young people	£4,265	£1,124.28	n/a	£388	Attendance was much lower than hoped for; however the children gained ideas and experience & feel positive about the outcome. £184.98 to be returned as grant funding was based on a total project cost across three administrative areas.	29	12	5-9 (27) 10-16 (3) 25-64 (10) 65+ (1)
3	Atlantis Leisure	The costs of a weekend event to promote the opening of the new all year round tennis facility.	£1,400			£598	Unable to spend the money within the timeframe of the award contract due to constraints out with control of organisation. £598 to be returned.			
4	Coisir Ghaidlig Tigh an Uillt / Taynuilt Gaelic Choir	Transport costs for members of the Choir to attend the National MOD in Stornaway	£1,242	£800	n/a	£240	The funding enabled the whole choir to travel together to Ullapool & have a choir practice before the event.	11	14	25-64 (22) 65+ (4)
5	Commun Ciuil an Obain / Oban Gaelic Choir	Production of CD and travel costs for member to attend the Verona Festival	£21,900			£4,000	Project granted an extension.	n/a		

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6	Comunn Eadraich Lios Mor / The Lismore Historical Society	Towards the costs of an open day to inform the wider community of project developments	£5,600	£6,350	£5,830	£500	The Community Dig involved 20 volunteers, from the island and the mainland, including holiday visitors. 100 people attended the Open Day and a total of 150 people paid visits over the week.  The reports of the Community Archaeological Dig have been formally reported on the Historical Society website <a href="http://www.lismoregaelicheritagecentre.org">www.lismoregaelicheritagecentre.org</a>	150 attendees plus 20 volunteers. A preponderance of 65+ amongst the island individuals and of 25-64 (mostly 30s) with around 20% of children amongst the holiday visitors. Of the 20 volunteer archaeologists, 60% female nearly all 65+		
7	Comunn Gaidhealach Mhuile / Isle of Mull Junior Mod Club	Travel costs to attend the National Mod in Stornoway	£9,707			£1,000	Mull Junior Mod Club have disbanded, so EPMR not expected. They fed back that they spent the funds.	n/a		
8	Crossroads North Argyll	The purchase of simple mobility aids in order to provide safe transport for members of the community to access community activities and appointments	£821	£786.74	£500	£370	Equipment has enabled staff to safely move clients with increasing frailty and decreasing mobility in and out of cars. Activities include taking clients to weekly social club which included group outings. Taking clients to appointments- hospital various out patients departments, opticians, therapists, hairdressers etc.	6	13	25-64 (3) 65+ (16)
9	Friends of Oban Community Playpark	The insurance costs for the community craft events April - October 2016	£900	£929	£679	£250	We had 1000 children contributing to the project, 300+ new 'likes' on Facebook. 88% of 100 survey respondents agreed that they enjoyed the installation.	520	520	0-4 (300) 5-9 (600) 10-16 (100) 25-64 (40)

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10	Girlguiding Oban	The purchase of equipment and small items for the Hall	£1,000	£323	£500	£167	The renewal of crockery has benefitted the 'Soup Group' as well as the Guides.	15	140	5-9 (60) 10-16 (20) 25-64 (30) 65+ (45)
11	Highlands and Islands Music and Dance Festival	The cost of running the Annual Music and Dance festival	£37,500	£37,983.52	£10,185	£1,200	1000+ participants in piping, highland dancing, singing, accordion, piano & fiddle competitions. Well supported & increased local support.	n/a	n/a	0-4 (125) 5-9 (350) 10-16 (275) 17-24 (200) 25-64 (50)
12	Hope 2 Oban	Developing and expanding activities and sessions for Oban High School pupils and to fund transition visits with island primary schools and mainland feeder schools.	£12,000	£10,100	£8,100	£2,000	Conversation café: We were able to host a total of 5 events. Fifteen young people engaged. Topics discussed included LGBT, elections, social media and what does the future look like. Island visits: All 5 feeder schools from the islands were visited as part of the transition trips. Zoooom!: Meeting on a weekly basis. 19 young people attending. Also trips to places such as Glasgow Science Centre and Skye.	n/a	n/a	10-16 (172) 17-24 (61) 25-64 (60)
13	Lochnell Football Club	The purchase of freestanding goals and equipment	£3,500	£2,125.30	£1,750	£1,312	Membership grew from 42 to almost 80 & the equipment helped us cater for the larger numbers.	49	30	5-9 (44) 10-16 (23) 25-64 (19)
14	MacDougall of Dunollie	The cost of producing a new 28 page coloured and bound heritage	£6,300	£6,961	n/a	£1,000	The process played into our community engagement programme perfectly - stimulating interest, ideas and new projects as well as providing us with a fabulous	No info given		

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		guidebook					resource for our visitors.			
15	Mod Ionadach Mhuile	The costs associated with running the local Mod	£7,090	£6,869.86	n/a	£1,000	We had a very successful Mod, with children from every school in Mull and Iona taking part, as well as Kilchoan, Lochaline and Strontian. Ages ranged from just turned 3, to 80+. The adult solo own choice competition had 21 entries, and we had a total of 12 adult choirs. The town was very busy for the two days, and must have brought economic benefit to businesses in the town.	200	250	0-4 (40) 5-9 (52) 10-16 (73) 17-24 (30) 25-64 (165) 65+ (90)
16	Mull and Iona Schools Pipers	Assist with the purchase of uniforms for the Band.	£5,564	£5,315	£1,500	£2,000	Purchasing Uniforms for the high school pipe band has helped promote the pipe band to other school children and has encouraged new learners to take up piping and Drumming. It has made the school pipe band more visible to the public and has also enabled the band to take part in competitions.	20	10	10-16 (30)
17	Mull Safe and Sound	The start-up and running costs	£6,000	£2,102.1	£4,248	£2,161	Some of the volunteers have taken the skills gained into the wider community, giving talks on mental health, volunteering in local care homes & charity shops. £109.95 returned, and £1000 of the grant award not drawn down in 2016/17.	6	14	25-64 (12) 65+ (8)

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18	North Argyll Carers Centre	Provision of complimentary therapies for carers	£4,700	£8,700	n/a	£1,175	We delivered 430 therapies & 224 counselling appointments including reiki, deep tissue massage, shiatsu, Indian head massage and counselling lasting approx. 1 hour.	196	458	24-64 (393) 65+ (261)
19	Oban Communities Trust	Equipment/resources and marketing for the map/trail resource project	£3,460	£3,545.46	£1,600	£1,600	This is a resource for new families to the area to find the places that they can enjoy for free. We have had very positive response to the content and the use from parents and children's workers.	n/a	n/a	0-4 (150) 5-9 (300)
20	Oban Sea Cadets	Purchase of uniforms and instructional aides	£2,197.70	£1,940		£1,099	We have exceeded the aim of Junior Cadet unit start-up and had to increase our numbers very quickly due to high demand.	n/a	n/a	10-16 (25)
21	Oban Winter Festival	Running costs for the Annual Oban Winter Festival	£19,000	£20,832	£14,700	£1,500	The Festival met the aims of the project with 21,000 attending events over 10 days. St Andrews day events were well attended with high media coverage, Visit Scotland marketed the Haggis Festival which is now a national event and the inaugural Clotie Dumpling competition will also be national this year.	No info returned		
22	Oban Youth Café	Equipment, resources and staffing costs for S2/S3 group	£3,025	£2,975	£2,525	£500	Young people have learnt new skills and have started try new things on a regular basis. There is a 22-mile distance range within this group of friends so the group is a good middle ground place for them to hang out.	20	6	10-16 (26)

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23	Port of Oban Cruise Group	Purchasing of Vinyl images and banners for the MacQueens Charitable Trust trailer	£805	£751.43	£500	£305	We hope the meet and greet service will in due time lead to an increase in the number of visiting cruise ships to the town. This will deliver a significant economic benefit for the town.	No info given		
24	Sound Waves (Mull Music Makers)	The costs of starting up and running a new youth fiddle club on Mull	£3,960	£3,456	£1,856	£1,600	The 'fiddle club' has been hugely popular and is really helping those unable to get regular lessons to stay motivated and to practise at home. 50 children participated in the project (20% of primary population)	n/a	n/a	5-9 (35) 10-16 (15) 25-64 (60) 65+ (20)
25	Tiree Community Development Trust	Purchase of land for adventure play area	£18,000			£4,000	Project did not go ahead. £4,000 to be returned.	n/a		
26	Tiree Music Festival	Running costs for the three-day Tiree Music Festival 2016	£9,910	£9,910	£3,000	£1,176	The 2016 event accommodated the 2,000 guests with more than adequate 35 portaloos, located within the various campsites and arena site. We also introduced a VIP camping section within 2016, allowing members of the public to pay for use of the luxury toilet and shower units.	1000	1000	0-4 (100) 5-9 (100) 10-16 (100) 17-24 (800) 25-64 (700) 65+ (200)
27	Western Isles Yacht Club	The purchase of sails, trolleys and safety equipment	£4,000	£2,006.58	n/a	£1,000	The new trolleys allowed the cadets to take the boats to the water's edge and launch the boats safely and were a great success.	11	6	10-16 (17)