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CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S UNIT

24 APRIL 2019

SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES FUND 2019/20

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to decide on the distribution of the Supporting Communities Fund (SCF) Grants for 2019/2020.
- 1.2 The total Supporting Communities Fund budget made available by the Council for allocation in Bute & Cowal for 2019/20 is £27,060.
- 1.3 It is recommended that 17 organisations listed in section 4.0 are awarded funding from the Supporting Communities Fund budget totalling £27,060

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2.0 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 The report details recommendations for the award of the Supporting Communities Fund to Third Sector organisations for Bute & Cowal.
- 2.2 Applications are considered once a year. 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.
- 2.3 The total Supporting Communities Fund budget made available by the Council for allocation in Bute & Cowal for 2019/20 is £24,500. In addition, there is a carry forward from the financial period 2017/18 of £2,560 from returned grant funding making a total amount available for allocation of £27,060.
- 2.4 28 applications have been received, 3 of which are for Events and Festivals. 14 are new applicants.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 It is recommended that 17 organisations listed below are awarded funding from the Supporting Communities Fund budget totalling £27,060.
- 3.2 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).

4.0 DETAIL

- 4.1 The applicants are listed in alphabetical order in Table 1 below. The applicants recommended for award of funding are indicated by the recommended award shown. Unsuccessful applicants are marked 'no award'.
- 4.2 28 eligible applications were received in Bute & Cowal. The process of scoring applications against criteria remains the same as in previous years of the fund.
- 4.3 Applicants can receive full funding of their project up to a maximum of £2,500. It may be the case that some projects have an element of reliance upon other funds. Delivery of any project funded will be monitored in the same way as previous years and so any spend not incurred will be returned.
- 4.4 Information on resources and training available to support organisations looking for alternative funding will be given to groups which are not recommended for an award.

Table 1 – Grant Recommendations

Ref No	Organisation	Grant 18/19	Total Project Cost	Amount Requested	Recommendation 2019
1	1st Rothesay Boys Brigade	n/a	£2,688.70	£2,256.70	£1,757
2	ACT - Argyll & the Isles Coast & Countryside Trust	n/a	£2,912.53	£2,460	£2,000
3	Argyll Arts Collective	n/a	£9,250	£2,500	£2,000
4	Bute Community Forest	n/a	£3,879.28	£2,500	£2,000
5	Bute Shinty Club	£1,750	£2,930	£1,830	£1,830
6	ButeFest 19 *	n/a	£3,850	£2,350	£2,000
7	Cairndow Community Council	n/a	£3,685	£2,185	£1173.50
8	Civil Rights First	n/a	£3606.35	£2,500	No award
9	Colintraive and Glendaruel Community Council	n/a	£1,700	£1,500	£1,500
10	Cowal Cinema Club	n/a	£2,973	£2,193	£1,911
11	Dunoon Baptist Church Gateway Project	n/a	£27,479.58	£2,500	£2,000
12	Friends of Riverbank Bird Hide	n/a	£2,500	£2,500	No award
13	Inspiring Innellan	n/a	£2,500	£2,500	No award
14	Isle of Bute Resilience Team	n/a	£2,720	£2,500	£2,000
15	Kilfinan Community Forest	£2,500	£3,000	£2,500	No award
16	Kirn Gala *	£2,500	£2,700	£1,500	No award

Ref No	Organisation	Grant 18/19	Total Project Cost	Amount Requested	Recommendation 2019
17	Kirn Primary School Parent Council	n/a	£815.36	£715.36	£715
18	Lochgoil Community Trust	n/a	£9,900	£2,500	No award
19	Lochgoilhead Bowling Club	n/a	£2,470	£1,865	No award
20	PA23 BID Ltd (Dunoon Presents) *	n/a	£7,800	£2,500	£2,000
21	Project Trust	n/a	£5,328.80	£2,224.80	No award
22	Rothesay & District Pipe Band	n/a	£3,870	£2,500	£2,000
23	Sandbank Community Council	n/a	£7,961.30	£2,500	No award
24	Sandbank Senior Citizens Club	n/a	£4,535	£2,035	No award
25	Starter Pack Plus	£763	£1,270	£670	£500
26	Strachur and District Piping Association	n/a	£5,464	£1,500	£1173.50
27	Strachur Memorial Hall	£2,380	£2,880	£2,500	No award
28	The United Church of Bute - Pass It On Project	n/a	£1,208.50	£1,000	£500
		Total Available			£27,060
	*Events and Festivals	Total Recommended			£27,060

4.5 Rationale for each application is shown in the table 2 below.

Table 2 – Rationale for Grant Allocation

Ref	Organisation	Rationale for Grant Allocation
1	1st Rothesay Boys Brigade	Towards costs of coaching and travel to allow the young people to have the opportunity to develop an interest in a variety of adventure activities and sports skills both locally and off island The 'raise the bar' project is designed to help push the boundaries on everything the group do. By offering a wide variety of high quality experiences, the hope is this will encourage the young people to keep coming to the group and encourage an interest in healthy activities for life. For more information see: https://boys-brigade.org.uk/bb-gazette/raise-bar-taking-challenges/
2	ACT - Argyll & the Isles	Towards costs of delivering a" moving on " programme of events In

	Coast & Countryside Trust	Bute and Kilfinan Community Forests for those who have successfully completed the "Branching Out Project. https://www.act-now.org.uk/branching-out Referrals come from the Community Mental Health Team and five sessions will be delivered in each forest by fully trained Branching Out group leaders who are already known to the participants, offering continued support. The main aim of the project is to improve physical and mental wellbeing for people suffering from mental illness.
3	Argyll Arts Collective	Towards costs of bringing theatre shows and workshops to village halls and schools in the local area. The main aim of AAC is to reduce social isolation by providing opportunities for small rural communities to work together through shared experience to see performances or to take part in Workshops. For more information see: https://www.argyllartscollective.com/news
4	Bute Community Forest	Towards cost of small tools, transport, advertising and catering for six community events to take place in the forest from May 2019. Projects include a Fungi Foray, tree identification, woodcraft activities aimed to engage with the community and to encourage families to get out and about in the forest. For more information see: https://www.facebook.com/pg/ButeCommunityForest/posts/
5	Bute Shinty Club	Bute Shinty Club – Ladies Section are looking for help with costs towards travelling off island to compete in the Ladies Shinty Development League and for training equipment. For more information see : https://www.facebook.com/Bute-Ladies-Shinty-396311234203852/
6	ButeFest 19	Costs towards materials for volunteer pre festival workshops and Arts and Craft Workshops during the festival and decoration of the family Arts and Craft area. For more information see http://www.butefest.co.uk/
7	Cairndow Community Council	Cairndow Community Council are looking for help with costs towards preparatory and survey work essential to submitting a full planning application for a pontoon. The group are working to improve marine tourism and to provide safe access to the water.
9	Colintraive and Glendaruel Community Council	Towards costs of printing and distributing a quarterly Newsletter working in partnership with local schools and community groups. The aim is to reduce isolation and loneliness by helping the community feel connected by providing information on local services and social events.
10	Cowal Cinema Club	The Cowal Cinema Club has already delivered a successful pilot project of the Friendly Film Club, targeted at the elderly and those suffering from dementia. The group are now looking for help with costs to deliver a project, running 13 dementia friendly events, showing films, offering refreshments and good company, working in partnership with the Dunoon Burgh Hall. For more information see: https://en-gb.facebook.com/cowalcinemaclub/posts/1969476793358055

11	Dunoon Baptist Church Gateway Project	Towards costs for a Youth Worker to deliver projects targeted at the youth of Dunoon and Cowal, working in partnership with schools, Police Scotland, Argyll and Bute Youth Services, Young Carers and the Help Project .For more information: https://www.facebook.com/gatewaydunoon/videos/1235008796647466/
14	Isle of Bute Resilience Team	Towards costs for the group to attend training courses in First Aid and manual handling to build capacity of the group and its volunteers to help the frontline emergency services when required in times of crisis.
17	Kirn Primary School Parent Council	Towards cost of small tools and equipment to create an outdoor classroom for the children and adults to learn about healthy eating, gardening and the environment. The group have already acquired a polytunnel and hope to expand the project to lunch club and after school and involve older people in the project.
20	PA23 BID Ltd (Dunoon Presents)	Towards costs of venue hire, accommodation and travel expenses for speakers and marketing costs for a two day #DigiFestDunoon event. The group will be working in partnership with local schools, Argyll College, businesses and community groups to help deliver the event. The entry will be free to the event making it accessible to all.
22	Rothesay & District Pipe Band	Towards costs of a Piping and Drumming Tutor to teach additional lessons from September 2019 to March 2020. The Youth Pipe Band were recently crowned debut champions at the Scottish Schools Pipe Band Championships in Livingston this year. For more information see https://www.buteman.co.uk/news/bute-pupils-wins-national-pipe-band-event-1-4888033
25	Starter Pack Plus	To provide recycled and new small electrical appliances to individuals and families who have secured accommodation following a time of homelessness or unsettled life to allow them to start again in a new home. The volunteers make up and deliver the packs throughout Dunoon and Cowal.
26	Strachur and District Piping Association	The grant would be used to help part fund mini bus costs and tutor expenses for the week long piping summer school to take place in July 2019. The summer school is targeted at children aged 10-17 and all abilities (those already taking lessons with various organisations in the area, as well as beginners). Tutor fees, mini bus hire and venue costs for a week long piping summer school. For more information see https://www.facebook.com/StrachurandDistrictPipingAssociation
28	United Church of Bute - Pass It On Project	Costs towards buying duvets, kettles, pillows etc. for people setting up a new home due to various circumstances. Referrals come from Social Work, Women's Aid, and Council's homeless officer.

5.0 CONCLUSION

- 5.1 The grant application and assessment process has been completed as set out within the application pack and within the guidance.
- 5.2 The recommendations made fully allocate the funding available for financial year 2019/2020.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Policy: None
- 6.2 Financial: As per area budget allocation
- 6.3 Legal: None
- 6.4 HR: None
- 6.5 Fairer Scotland Duty: The Supporting Communities Fund contributes to tackling poverty, reducing inequality and building a fairer and more inclusive Scotland
 - 6.5.1 Equalities - protected characteristics: Consistent with the Equal Opportunities policy of Argyll & Bute Council
 - 6.5.2 Socio-economic Duty: None known
 - 6.5.3 Islands: 6 of the projects are island based.
- 6.6 Risk: Monitoring of the process will minimise any risk to the Council.
- 6.7 Customer Service: None

7.0 APPENDICES

- 7.1 Table 3 No Grant Recommendation

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Appendix 1

Table 3 – No Grant Recommendation

Ref	Organisation	Not Recommended for Grant Allocation
8	Civil Rights First	Towards cost of adviser, travel, communication and advertising for a service to provide the community with benefit and money advice in Bute and Cowal. The group would like to gather evidence of the gap in services in this area in order to apply for further funding for the project.
12	Friends of Riverbank Bird Hide	The group would like to rejuvenate an old Bird Hide in Kilmun which is in a state of disrepair. The Hide is situated by the entrance to the River Eck. They are looking for help with costs for ground works, demolition of current hide, and legal cost of transfer of ownership. Also to create a path and disabled parking to make the Hide more accessible.
13	Inspiring Innellan	The group are planning to create a nature trail stretching approx.2.5 miles from the Dunoon to Toward boundaries with Innellan. They are looking for help with costs of having information boards made and erected and marketing costs for the trail.
15	Kilfinan Community Forest	Towards costs for material to run a series of workshops involving mental health volunteers, Tighnabruaich Primary School, and local arts groups to design and create as sculpture path in Kilfinan Community
16	Kirn Gala	Towards costs for insurance, road closure and marketing for the annual Kirn Gala. The Kirn Gala is a friendly family event showcasing local charities, entertainers and businesses
18	Lochgoil Community Trust	The group are planning to create a park and gardens to provide a multi-use community space for the benefit of the residents and visitors. The grant would be used towards purchasing Bark Chipping, plants, seeds and fertilizer. .
19	Lochgoilhead Bowling Club	Towards cost of materials to maintain the Bowling Green. The Green and Clubhouse are used regularly by community groups and the aim of the group is to keep the green maintained to a high quality to encourage new memberships
21	Project Trust	Towards costs of a Global Citizenship festival including volunteer expenses, travel, printing of resources and staff costs. Event to be held in Oban.
23	Sandbank Community Council	Towards cost of Preparation of ground and security of site for inclusive/senior outdoor exercise area at Ardnadam Car Park.
24	Sandbank Senior Citizens Club	The grant would be used towards costs of hire of the Hall, transport, outings and a 25th anniversary function. The group have recently introduced a healthy eating and exercise programme which has been very popular with the members.
27	Strachur Memorial Hall	Towards cost of labour, gravel, hire of digger and fencing to create a memorial Garden adjacent to Strachur Memorial Hall. Strachur Community Council were presented with a WW1 carved memorial plaque and the group would like to fix this to gable wall of the Hall overlooking the garden.

