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Area Committee

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3rd March 2020

SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES FUND 2020/21

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 2020/2021.
- 1.2 The total Supporting Communities Fund budget made available by the Council for allocation in Bute and Cowal for 2020/21 is £26,429.
- 1.3 It is recommended that 15 applicants are awarded funding from the Supporting Communities Fund budget totalling £26,429.

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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 and Cowal.
- 2.2 The total Supporting Communities Fund budget made available by the Council for allocation in Bute and Cowal for 2020/21 is £22,500. In addition, there is a carry forward from the financial period 2018/19 of £3,929 from returned grant funding making a total amount available for allocation of £26,429.
- 2.3 Applicants could apply for a total of £2,500. The total amount applied for, from 22 eligible applications, is £40,598.67. The total fund available is £26,429.
- 2.4 Applications are scored against criteria set out in the guidance which includes reduced scoring for repeat applicants and requirements to evidence impact on issues including social and rural isolation. (<https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/council-and-government/third-sector-grants>)

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 It is recommended that 15 applications are awarded funding from the Supporting Communities Fund budget totalling £26,429. These are listed with an award recommendation in Table 1 within 4.0 of the report.

4.0 DETAIL

- 4.1 23 applications were received in Bute and Cowal. 22 eligible applications were taken forward for scoring, in total these requested £40,598.67 of funding. Eligible applications to the fund are listed in alphabetical order, by applicant name, in Table 1.
- 4.2 All eligible applications provided satisfactory essential information on governance and finance to be eligible for scoring. The scoring is based on a set of criteria outlined in the guidance to the Fund and made available on the council's website. (<https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/council-and-government/third-sector-grants>)
- 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.
- 4.4 15 of the 22 eligible applications did not apply to the fund in the previous year.
- 4.5 15 applications are recommended to be awarded funding from the total available of £26,429. The applications recommended for award of funding are indicated by the award amount shown in column 'Award 2020/21' of Table 1. Details of these projects are in Table 2.
- 4.6 Unsuccessful applicants are marked 'no award'. Information on resources and training available to support organisations looking for alternative funding will be provided to applicants which are not recommended for an award.
- 4.7 Delivery of any project funded will be subject to end of project monitoring. The results of this, showing the impact of the project and any funds to be returned, are brought to Area Committee in autumn 2021.

Table 1 – Supporting Communities Fund Recommendations of Award 2020/21

Ref No	Organisation	Grant 2019/20?	Total Project Cost	Amount Requested	Award 2020 / 21
1	1st Rothesay Boys Brigade	£1757.00	£1,192.00	£1,192.00	£1,192.00
2	26th Argyll (Sandbank) Scout Group	n/a	£2,716.90	£2,200.00	£1,874.00
3	Achievement Bute	n/a	£5160.00	£2,400.00	£2,400.00
4	Bute Advice Centre	n/a	£3,500.00	£2,500.00	£2,130.00
5	Bute Community Forest	£1,000.00	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	No Award
6	Bute Shinty Club and Amateur Athletic Club SCIO	£1,830.00	£2,500.00	£1,750.00	No Award
7	ButeFest 2020*	£2,000.00	£7,500.00	£2,480.00	No Award
8	Cowal Police Charitable Trust	n/a	£1,413.00	£1,263.00	£1,263.00
9	Dunoon Argyll Pipe Band	n/a	£2,030.00	£2,030.00	No Award

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10	Dunoon Burgh Hall	n/a	£2,500.00	£2,500.00	£2,500.00
11	Dunoon Jazz Festival Community Trust*	n/a	£12,800.00	£2,500.00	£2,500.00
12	Dunoon Presents	£2000.00	£1,390.00	£1,390.00	No Award
13	Friends of Glenan Wood	n/a	£3,3640.99	£2,390.99	£2,391.00
14	Historic Kilmun	n/a	£33,380.00	£2,500.00	No Award
15	Kilmun Community Council / Shore Sweepers	n/a	£1,326.00	£1,126.00	£662.00
16	Kingarth & Kilchattan Bay Improvements	n/a	£1,689.00	£1,439.00	£1,439.00
17	Lochgoil Community Trust	n/a	£2,700.00	£1,731.00	£1,531.00
18	Rothesay Primary School Parent Council	n/a	£1,080.00	£1,080.00	£920.00
19	St Andrews Primary Parent Council	n/a	£1,096.68	£946.68	£947.00
20	Starter Pack Plus	£500.00	£1,102.91	£500.00	No Award
21	The Meeting Place	n/a	£13,080.00	£2,280.00	£2,280.00
22	Toward Sailing Club	n/a	£55,669.00	£2,400.00	£2,400.00
		Total Available			£26,429.00
	* Events & Festivals	Total Recommended			£26,429.00

Table 2 – Supporting Communities Fund Recommendation

Ref	Organisation	Application Detail
1	1st Rothesay Boys Brigade	Towards costs of a Bute Club's camping weekend. taking place in late Summer. This outdoor activity weekend will take place over two days and include 30 young people, 5-14 years of age plus leaders from the Boy's Brigade, Scouts and newly formed Girl's Club. Funds will be used towards Bush craft instruction, Sailing activities, and catering costs. The younger members will have a chance to try some age appropriate activities and will go home at the end of the day. https://www.facebook.com/Rothesayboysbrigade/
2	26th Argyll (Sandbank) Scout Group	Towards costs of travel and accommodation for 30 young people to attend an outdoor activity weekend at Lochgoilhead Scout Centre. The group will have the chance to meet and interact with other young people and groups building social skills and confidence. https://www.scouts.scot/centres/lochgoilhead/
3	Achievement Bute	Towards costs of running eight fully inclusive Heritage Hunter events for young People, working together with Brandanaii Archaeology, Bute Community Forest, Bute Museum and Mount Stuart Trust. Events will take place during Summer, October, Christmas and February School

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		Holidays. The funds will be used towards transport and facilitating the events. http://www.achievementbute.org.uk/
4	Bute Advice Centre	Towards salary costs for a Welfare Rights Officer to support families of children with disabilities to look at financial and other support. This project will include families living on Bute and Cowal.
8	Cowal Police Charitable Trust	Towards costs of running the Annual Cowal Police 5-a-side football Tournament in June 2020. Funds will be used towards hire of Dunoon Stadium, accommodation for volunteer referees and insurance costs. https://www.facebook.com/dunoonpolicefives/
10	Dunoon Burgh Hall	This project's overall aim is to establish a Youth Arts Advisory Panel, as an exemplar pilot-model for the area. The funds will be used to run a programme that aims to develop confidence, leadership, creative and employability skills of young people living in Dunoon and Cowal. https://www.facebook.com/dunoonburghhall/
11	Dunoon Jazz Festival Community Trust	Towards costs of digital marketing, design and support and advertising and event promotion, to attract as many people as possible to come and enjoy the Dunoon Jazz Festival in September 2020. The costs are also going towards facilitating free taster events leading up to the Festival.
13	Friends of Glenan Wood	Towards cost of PPE equipment, small tools for Volunteers working on the Management Project of the Community owned Glenan Wood. The group also are planning to host educational activities for schools and guided walks for the community. https://www.glenanwood.org.uk/
15	Kilmun Community Council / Shore Sweepers	Towards costs of tools and equipment for maintenance of the Shore gardens and materials for painting the Victorian Milestones. The Shore Sweepers look after a 12 mile stretch along the Shore Communities and work closely with local schools. https://www.facebook.com/shoresweepersandKCC
16	Kingarth & Kilchattan Bay Improvement Committee	Towards costs of preparation of ground to create a wildflower meadow at the Kilchattan Bay Community Orchard. Funds will be used to purchase small tools and equipment, seeds, and labour. https://www.facebook.com/kingarthkilchattan.bayorchard
17	Lochgoil Community Trust	Towards costs of materials, plants and shrubs to complete a Wildlife Garden to attract various Wildlife habitats. The plan is to create flower beds to attract pollinators, A moon garden for moths, toad houses, bug garden, stumpery and composting area.

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		http://lochgoilhead.info/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/community-garden-plan.pdf
18	Rothesay Primary School Parent Council	Costs of running after school family sessions to learn British Sign Language. These sessions will be aimed at children and families from the three cluster Primary Schools .The plan is this would be a P7 transition project ran by Parent Council members helped by a BSL tutor.
19	St Andrews Primary Parent Council	Towards costs of small tools and equipment required to run an after school pilot project for the young people to learn and produce a school magazine with the support of Bute Island Radio. The aim is the magazine would be pre-recorded and aired on Bute Island Radio, once a month.
21	The Meeting Place	The Meeting Place is a new charity offering peer support to people with all types of mental well-being issues or other recovery issues. The group are looking for funds towards the costs of facilitating complimentary therapy sessions once a week and music therapy sessions fortnightly. https://meetingplacedunoon.co.uk/
22	Toward Sailing Club	Cost of specialised training for 4 members to operate a sub lift 12t submersible travel hoist. One third of income to the club comes from lifting boats from water and storing during the winter months. The previous lifting mechanism at Ardyne Point is no longer available to the Club. This will ensure the long term viability of the Club and help to subsidise memberships for the Younger Members. http://www.towardsc.org.uk/

5.0 CONCLUSION

- 5.1 The Supporting Communities Fund application and assessment process has been completed as set out within existing guidance to the fund.
- 5.2 The recommendations made fully allocate the funding available for financial year 2020/2021.
- 5.3 Due to the high demand from community groups to the Supporting Communities Fund, and the reduction of funds available through Council budget savings over the past 4 years, it is expected that the Community Planning Manager will review the fund and bring recommendations to a future Policy and Resources Committee meeting.

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: 9 of the applicant projects are island based. 6 of these are recommended for funding.

6.6. Risk: Monitoring of the process will minimise any risk to the Council.

6.7 Customer Service: None

7.0 Appendices

None.

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