
ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL

BUTE AND COWAL AREA
COMMITTEE

COMMUNITY PLANNING &
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

1st December 2020

MONITORING OF SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES FUND 2019/20

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide monitoring information on the funds distributed to community organisations through the council's Supporting Communities Fund 2019/20.
- 1.2 **19** constituted, not-for-profit community organisations were awarded funding for community projects. Organisations were required to spend their funding within the **2019/20** financial year and to submit an End of Project Monitoring Report.
- 1.3 The Council's Supporting Communities Fund provided up to 100% of eligible project costs, with organisations able to apply for up to a maximum of **£2,500**.
- 1.4 Members are asked to consider the contents of the report showing a summary of the information supplied by organisations in their end of project monitoring reports.

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2.0 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 This report highlights the positive outcomes for the communities in Bute & Cowal through the allocation of the Council's Supporting Communities Fund in **2019/20**.
- 2.2 A total of **£27,060** was awarded to **19** organisations in **2019/20**. Organisations had up to two months from the end of the project to complete and return an End of Project Monitoring Report.
- 2.3 A total of **£733** is due to be returned. The amount can be made available for allocation in the financial year **2021/22**.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Bute & Cowal Area Committee:

- 3.1 Note the positive contribution of the funds to the community, detailed in paragraph 4.1 and the attached table.
- 3.2 Agree that the unspent funds of **£733** in paragraph 4.4 of the report be carried forward to be included in funds available for dispersal in **2021/22**.

4.0 DETAIL

- 4.1 The grants distributed to community organisations supported a total of **2,605** people to participate in a variety of themed projects including; outdoor activities, sports, music and mental health. Highlights include:

- Development of Ladies Shinty on Bute. Increasing membership allowed two teams to join and play in the Ladies Shinty Development League. Bute Ladies Shinty section also provided coaches and equipment to the local secondary and primary schools and also facilitated sessions with preschool children.
- Strachur Piping Summer School allowed 42 young people to increase their competence and ability in piping. This built confidence & self-esteem through an end of week concert, continued and built community culture and pride. Brought together different generations and passed on skills and experience.
- Monthly screenings of Dementia Friendly Cinema of appropriate films for dementia sufferers and their carers, attracting 200 people in total.

4.2 Further information received from individual projects is in the attached table.

4.4 We anticipate the return of unspent funds of **£733** from **PA23 BID Dunoon**. This can be made available for distribution in the **2021/22** round of grant funding.

No	Organisation	Project funded	Total Projected Costs	Actual Costs	Award	Comments	Beneficiaries			
							M	F	Age	
1.	1st Rothesay Boys Brigade	Costs for trips to try skiing, rock climbing, skateboarding and an activity morning	£1,896.40	£1,968.20	£1,757.00	The off-island activities at Glasgow Ski Centre, Ravenscraig Activity Centre and Glasgow Climbing Centre were a huge success with the boys definitely being inspired and pushed beyond their usual comfort zone.	18		5-9 10-16	10 8
2.	ACT - Argyll & the Isles Coast & Countryside Trust	Moving On sessions for mental health	£2,912.53	£1,950.61	£2,000.00	ACT delivered 2 sessions on Bute at Bute Community Forest and 2 sessions in Cowal at Kilfinan Community Forest. Activities included green wood working, shelter building, camp fire cooking and conservation tasks.	5	6	25-64	11
3.	Argyll Arts Collective	Venue Hire, Fees for visiting companies, admin and marketing costs and licenses' for a series of productions in local village halls	£9,250.00	£5,169.98	£2,000.00	Argyll Arts Collective provided an array of live performances that were suitable across the board for all ages to enjoy and at an affordable price, including visual arts, music, dance, theatre, poetry and films of interest.	140	160	0-4 5-9 10-16 17-24 25-64 65+	5 30 20 75 150 20
4.	Bute Community Forest	Support 6 forest projects and the purchase of small tools to enable tree planting,	£3,879.28	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	The events allowed new and returning community residents to spend time in and enjoy the Community Forest, and to learn about the natural environment. The Fungi Foray was the second time this event has been run, reaching new audiences.	37	52	0-4 5-9 10-16 17-24 25-64 65+	4 15 9 1 39 21

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		Woodcraft activities				Aside from the events, volunteer days were held, utilising the equipment purchased via the project, including important drainage works at the Moss Wood site.				
5.	Bute Shinty Club	Equipment & uniforms	£2,930.00	£2,435.00	£1,830.00	Bute Shinty Club developed the female side of the club and purchased all the equipment for training and matches, we hired the 3g pitch for 10 evening sessions which were completed. Bute Ladies Shinty provided coaches and equipment to the local secondary and primary schools and we have also taken sessions with preschool children.		50	0-4 5-9 10-16 17-24 25-64	10 8 10 10 12
6.	ButeFest 19	Marquee Hire, art & craft workshops, facilitators and materials to decorate the site	£3,850.00	£3,850.00	£2,000.00	The festival went ahead as planned with around 1500 crew, volunteers & festival goers. The funding we received meant there were a variety of workshops & activities in the Arts & craft workshop marquee for festival goers to enjoy. These ranged from green woodworking, tie-dye T-shirts, felting, drumming, yoga & mindfulness and much more.	660	540	0-4 5-9 10-16 17-24 25-64 65+	25 25 150 150 800 50
7.	Cairndow Community Council	Dive Survey and application for Marine Licence	£3,685.00	£2,325.00	£1,173.50	Marine licence was granted in September 2019 and all the required surveys, charts and drawings were completed towards the establishment of a new pontoon. The new Pontoon Project will be taken forward by the Cairndow Recreation and Hall				

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8.	Colintraive and Glendaruel Community Council	Printing and Volunteer Costs	£1,700.00	£1,550.00	£1,500.00	Colintraive and Glendaruel Community Council produced 4 quarterly full colour newsletters which were delivered to every household, local businesses and some businesses and tourist venues out with ColGlen. The newsletter contained a map with tourist destinations and businesses marked on it – this was very useful for holiday makers. There was a diary which allowed the community to know about the various events taking place. There were articles on a whole variety of topics from health, farming, school news etc.			Unknown	
9.	Cowal Cinema Club	Cost of 13 Film Screening licences, venue rental marketing	£2,973.00	£2,271.00	£1,911.00	Cowal Cinema Club delivered monthly screenings of appropriate films for dementia sufferers and their carers. We advertised with relevant organisations, care homes, printed materials and in the local newspaper to extend our reach.	30	170	65+	200
10.	Dunoon Baptist Church Gateway Project	Staffing costs for a youth and community worker	£27,481.17	£26,102.63	£2,000.00	The Gateway project has had a tremendous impact on the young people of Dunoon. It has given them a trusted adult that they feel comfortable in talking to and expressing issues without fear of judgement. It has given them a safe space	208	160	10-16 17-24	341 27

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						to freely express who they are and make friends.			
11.	Friends of Riverbank Bird Hide	Cost of ground works, demolition of current hide, legal cost of transfer of ownership	£2,500.00	£1,662.00	£500.00	Friends of Riverbank Hide completed the legal transfer of the hide to the SCIO and it is now registered in our name. With regards to the works, they have just managed to do the initial groundworks to install two disabled parking spaces and make a path suitable for wheelchair access... Work has stopped due to Covid19.			Information not given.
12.	Inspiring Innellan	10 A2 size information boards for a nature trail and marketing costs	£2,500.00	£750.00	£500.00	Project complete: more complex than envisaged to put signs together. Covid pandemic meant a shortage of materials and manpower to construct signs.			Information not given.
13.	Isle of Bute Resilience Team	Cost of Manual Handling and Full First Aid Course	£2,000.00	£2,047.31	£2,000.00	The funding enabled Isle of Bute Resilience Team to take on first aid duties at local cycling events, Highland Games and other local gatherings. They were also able to assist local organisations in the setting up of events due to manual handling training.	12	8	17-24 2 25-64 17 65+ 1
14.	Kirn Primary School Parent Council	Watering cans, wheelbarrows, water butt, hand tools for school eco garden	£815.36	£715.36	£715.00	The children seemed to relish the opportunity to learn outdoors and took real pride in looking after their plants.			5-9 145 10-16 140

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15.	PA23 BID Ltd (Dunoon Presents)	Hire of venue, consultancy fees, accommodation, travel, marketing costs for a two day event #DigiFestDunoon	£7,800.00	£1267.10	£2,000.00	It allowed young people of ages approx. 8 to 15yrs old to experience hands on involvement over and above the content within the school curriculum. They mixed with and were mentored by, well known Scottish digital animation expert Craig Steele in how to make digital animation films (Return of £733 requested)	50	40	5-9 10-16	50 80
16.	Rothesay & District Pipe Band	Costs of tutors for piping and drumming, chanters, drum sticks and pads	£3,870.00	£3,870.00	£2,000.00	Rothesay and District Pipe Band were able to run a series of evening classes in piping and drumming for local young people. An additional cohort of 49 young people were able to receive lessons each week as result of the fund. The sessions allowed young people to develop both musical and other interpersonal skills.	28	21	5-9 10-16 17-24	4 41 4
17.	Starter Pack Plus	Purchase small electrical appliances, pillows and duvets, insurance and travel costs	£1,270.00	£1,203.36	£500.00	Over the period Starter Pack Plus were able to provide starter packs to vulnerable individuals and families who had been allocated a tenancy following a period of unsettlement. Referrals came from the Council's homeless department, Carrgom, Social work, Mental Health, HELP and Woman's Aid. We had less referrals than normal and so we were able to add some wellbeing products to the packs which we felt were needed for folk and also some cleaning materials.	8	8	17-24 25-64	2 14

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18.	Strachur and District Piping Association	Tutor fees, mini bus hire and venue costs for a week long piping summer school	£5,464.00	£6,918.57	£1,173.50	High quality piping tuition was provided as part of a weeklong summer school, which was accessible and beneficial for increasing the competence and ability of 42 kids in piping. Built confidence & self-esteem through an end of week concert. Continued and built community culture and pride. Brought together different generations and passed on skills and experience.	29	22	10-16	42
									17-24	2
									25-64	5
									65+	2
19.	The United Church of Bute - Pass It On Project	Duvets, toasters, kettles, dishes etc. to be distributed as starter packs for vulnerable people.	£1,208.50	£640.95	£500.00	The packs provided necessities for vulnerable people setting up new tenancies. The grant enabled United Church of Bute Pass it on project to provide packs for all referrals.			Information not given.	

5.0 CONCLUSION

5.1 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. One development suggestion, was for the Community Development Team to maintain supportive contact to ensure requirements of grant conditions are focused on. This will be considered for future. Thanks are noted for the support received from staff and elected members.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Policy: None

6.2 Financial: The report sets out the expenditure from the Bute & Cowal area 2019/20 budget for the allocation of Supporting Communities Fund.

6.3 Legal: None

6.4 HR: None

6.5 Fairer Scotland Duty / Equalities: Compliant with policy

6.6 Risk: None

6.7 Customer Service: None

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