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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

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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 through the council's Supporting Communities Fund in 2019/20.
- 1.2 17 constituted, not-for-profit community organisations were awarded funding for community projects at the Area Committee meeting on 24 April 2019. 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 in 2019/20 provided up to 100% of eligible project costs, with organisations able to apply for up to £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.
- 1.5 Members are asked to note the return of £323.09 and consider whether this should be carried forward to be included in funds available for dispersal in Helensburgh and Lomond in 2021/22.

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2.0 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 This report highlights the positive outcomes for communities in Helensburgh and Lomond through the allocation of the Council's Supporting Communities Fund in 2019/20.
- 2.2 A total of £30,320.70 was awarded to 17 organisations in 2019/20. Organisations had up to two months from the end of their project, to complete and return an End of Project Monitoring Report.
- 2.3 A total of £323.09 has been returned. This amount can be made available for allocation in the financial year 2021/22.
- 2.4 Two groups asked for an extension due to the Covid-19 pandemic affecting the ability of the projects to be completed, these were granted an extension until end of November 2020. End of project reports will be completed as soon as possible following this and will be noted in the next Monitoring of Supporting Communities Fund report.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Helensburgh & Lomond Area Committee:

- 3.1 Note the positive contribution of the funds to communities in Helensburgh and Lomond, detailed in paragraph 4.1 and the attached table.
- 3.2 Agree that the unspent funds of £323.09, detailed 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 funding distributed enabled communities across Helensburgh and Lomond to participate in a variety of projects with focuses including; mental and physical health, outdoor activities, combating loneliness and intergenerational participation. Highlights include:
- A festival highlighting local history, and enabling families and children to learn about arts and culture.
 - Cooking demonstrations and a recipe book for foodbank clients to promote cooking fun and nutritious family meals.
 - Peer support activities, social events and volunteering opportunities for veterans to help tackle loneliness, isolation and mental health issues.
- 4.2 The attached table summarises information received from individual projects.
- 4.3 15 of the 17 projects awarded funding submitted an end of project monitoring report. Two groups have asked for an extension until end of November 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic affecting their ability to complete their projects.
- 4.4 There is a return of unspent funds totalling £323.09 from Project Trust and Route 81. This can be distributed in the 2021/22 round of grant funding.
- Project Trust requested funding for costs towards a global citizenship festival. Partial funding was also awarded from Oban Lorn and the Isles Area Committee. The cost of travel to the event was less than anticipated and the underspent funds of £182.48 have been returned to Helensburgh & Lomond.
 - Route 81 Youth Project requested funding to deliver a Friday Footprint environmental awareness project. This included participation in the 'Every Can Counts' initiative as well as the delivery of peer led sessions with young people and community beach cleans. Due to Covid-19, the community event scheduled for March 2019 was unable to go ahead as planned. The unspent funds of £140.61 are to be returned.

No	Organisation	Project Funded	Total Projected Cost	Award	Council's Supporting Communities Fund Award	Comments	Total Number of Beneficiaries in reported categories		
							M	F	Age
1	ACT – Argyll & the Isles Coast & Countryside Trust	Moving On sessions for mental health	£2,912.53	£2,500	£2,523.87	The 5 planned outdoor sessions took place, with staff facilitating activities such as green wood working and gardening. Participants cooked and shared a communal meal each day.	7	2	25-64: 9
2	Arrochar and Tarbet Community Development Trust - Generation Communities	Venue Hire, transport, activities, equipment for a health/fitness walking group	£2,000	£2,000	£2,000	The aims of intergenerational project were achieved through regular meetings and activities such as musical sessions, and cinema visits. Many of the group were also supported to join the local walking group, giving them the opportunity to interact with the wider community.	16	15	0-4: 2 5-9: 10 10-16: 4 25-64: 3 65+: 12
3	Cove and Kilcraggan Community Council	Enhance area, through plants, maps/leaflets and improved on-line presence	£1,150	£1,150	£1,162.99	4 half barrel wood planters were purchased and filled with plants. Maps and leaflets have been produced and are waiting for Covid-19 measures to be lifted to be appreciated by visitors. Approval was given to create a mobile app for visitors using WordPress.	Not Given		Not Given
4	Cove and Kilcraggan Lunch Club	Running costs	£3,557.34	£1,554.70	£3,112.96	The lunch club took place weekly during the school term providing a social event for the members to look forward to, including trips out and a Christmas dinner.	Not Given		Not Given
5	Cove Burgh Hall	Speaker fee, workshops, marketing and music	£2,200	£1,800	£2,237	The festival provided opportunities for children, young people, families and residents to access culture and arts.	Not Given		Not Given

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		performances				Samba lessons, developing a logo and magic workshops took place. Audiences learnt about local history through a documentary film about Hamish MacInnes and the making of the film with a Q&A with the director.			
6	ENABLE Scotland (Leading The Way)	Food Hygiene training, writing tutor, pots and pans and top soil, seeds etc for kitchen garden/lunch club and writing course	£2,498.04	£2,468	£2,468	10 members completed REHIS food hygiene training. The development of the allotment has allowed the fruit and vegetables grown to be used in meals for lunches, and the Bothy Book Volume 1 has been published by members of the creative writing group.	22	21	25-64: 38 65+: 5
7	Gareloch Riding for the Disabled Association	Upkeep of one horse	£2,316.20	£2,316	£2,401.33	Livery and upkeep of one horse were supported which allowed all sessions to go ahead. This enabled younger riders to have consistent, regular lessons which increased their rate of improvement.	4	2	0-4: 1 5-9: 5
8	Garelochhead Senior Citizens	Hire of hall, insurance, Christmas lunch and bus trip or theatre outing and speakers expenses.	£800	£500		An extension until end of November 2020 has been requested due to the Covid-19 pandemic.			
9	Garelochhead Station Trust	Office space rent and costs, transport costs for social and educational activities for a drop-in facility for partners and	£3,495	£2,245	£5,895	Office space has enabled those seeking information and advice easy access to resources. The volunteering opportunities created, including driving the minibus and serving veterans at the brunch club, has contributed greatly to	Not Given		25-64: 20 65+: 68

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		veterans to access information.				the wellbeing of the members. The funding also helped members to take part in the Lochgilphead Armed Forces day celebrations, visit the Garden for Heroes in Dunfermline and host a 1940's tea dance in partnership with the Police Youth Volunteers.			
10	Grey Matters	Cost of 5 excursions for up to 52 seniors and costs for Christmas party for 100	£3,740	£1,018.50	£2,098	Older people from all over the area were able to take part in activities that tackled loneliness and isolation. Events took place on a weekend or during a holiday period offering older people something to look forward to when many services stop.	53	89	25-64: 10 65+: 132
11	Helensburgh and Lomond Foodbank	Soup makers, kitchen utensils and cupboard for storage for Meal in a bag project	£2,354	£1,018.50	£1,018.50	A cooking demonstration was delivered in collaboration with the plot to pot project. A recipe book called Tin Can Cook was used with a few changes to ensure thought was given to gas/electricity costs. Ingredients were bagged with a recipe for meals for 2-3 people. Feedback from clients was positive with queries received about future recipes,	30	20	10-16: 1 17-24: 2 25-64: 45 65+: 2
12	Helensburgh Savoy	Towards cost of staging the group's main production, including hire of hall, costumes, insurance and staff costs	£16,100	£2,500	£18,162	744 Adults and 168 children attended the show. The cast reported benefits from being part of a community activity, learning and developing new skills in music, singing, choreographed dance, using technical sound equipment and	18	33	10-16: 5 17-24: 13 25-64: 25 65+: 8

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						operating as backstage crew.			
13	Loch Long Jetty Association	Print costs for a booklet of Loch Long history, and life buoyancy aids and life ring	£1,901.14	£1,900	1,901.59	A 64 page educational information booklet about Loch long has been produced. Safety equipment was purchased to allow for school visits, as well as litter picking equipment.	40	40	5-9: 40 10-16: 20 25-64: 10 65+: 10
14	Project Trust	Costs of a Global Citizenship festival including volunteer expenses, travel, printing of resources and staff costs	£5,328.80	£248	£2,041.52	Children from 17 primary schools across Argyll & Bute received three 45 minute workshops delivered by Global Citizenship Ambassadors. As this was an Argyll and Bute wide project, funding was also received from Oban Lorn and the Isles Area Committee. As the festival took place in Oban and only one school from Helensburgh and Lomond participated, funds are being returned to Helensburgh and Lomond. Unspent funds of £182.48 have been returned.	51	63	5-9: 30 10-16: 56 17-24: 5 25-64: 23
15	Rosneath Peninsula Highland Gathering	Towards cost of staging the highland games, insurance, medals, trophies, PA, toilets and advertising,	£14,250	£2,500	£15,052.81	The highland games took place with various events, there was an increase in local community members competing and volunteering. The piping and dancing convener reported an increase in young people becoming members of the pipe band and local dancing school.	Not Given		0-4: 50 5-9: 80 10-16: 150 17-24: 80 25-64: 150 65+: 200
16	Route 81 Youth Project	Staff costs and materials for 28	£4,887.34	£2,477	£2,336.39	The Footprint Friday environmental awareness project was successfully	21	24	0-4: 1 10-16: 21

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		week Footprint Friday project				delivered. This included participation in the 'Every Can Counts' initiative as well as 34 peer led sessions with the young people and 2 community beach cleans. Due to Covid-19, the planned community event scheduled for March 2019 was unable to go ahead. Unspent funds of £140.61 to be returned.			17-24: 4 25-64: 15 65+: 4
17	Welcome In	Extend activities offered by the group, purchase of gardening tools, membership to National Trust and cost of a monthly local trip for 5 people to teach budgeting skills	£2,125	£2,125		An extension until end of November 2020 has been requested due to the Covid-19 pandemic.			

Key

	Report in and award fully spent
	Report pending or Report in and money to be returned
	Report outstanding or Award has not been spent at all

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. 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 Helensburgh & Lomond Area 2019/20 budget for the allocation of the 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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