

# ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL

## OBAN, LORN AND THE ISLES AREA COMMITTEE

6 October 2010

### GRANTS TO THE THIRD SECTOR 2010/11

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#### 1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report details the recommendation for awards of Third Sector Grants to Oban, Lorn and the Isles organisations that have applied for funding. The organisations have been assessed in line with the Council's criteria.
- 1.2 The total Third Sector Grant budget made available by the Council for allocation in Oban, Lorn and the Isles is £47,000, including £15,000 ring-fenced for Events and Festivals.
- 1.3 The total allocated to date is £11,002 including £6,212 for Events and Festivals.
- 1.4 Continued for consideration from the area committee meeting on the 11 August are grant applications received from Appin Community Sport and Leisure Association and West Highland Yachting Joint Regatta.

#### 2. RECOMMENDATION

To approve the recommendations outlined in the report. If agreed the funding remaining for the Third Sector is £22,035 and Events and Festivals £900.

##### Third Sector

	<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Grant Awarded 2009/10</u>	<u>Amount Requested 2010/11</u>	<u>Total Project Costs</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>
2.1	Coisie Ceann An Tuirc (Argyll Male Voice Choir)	£180	£175	£350	£175
2.2	Soroba Community Enterprise	£0	£10,000	£21,981	£0
2.3	Appin Community Sports and Leisure Association	£0	£5,000	£120,000	*£5,000 continued from previous meeting
		<b>Total Recommended</b>			<b>£5,175</b>
		<b>Balance carried forward</b>			<b>£27,210</b>
		<b>Balance for Third Sector</b>			<b>£22,035</b>

## Events and Festivals

	<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Grant Awarded 2009/10</u>	<u>Amount Requested 2010/11</u>	<u>Total Project Costs</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>
2.4	SWRI Taynuilt Branch	£0	£350	£540	£230
2.5	West Highland Yachting Week, Joint Regatta Committee	£2,500	£7,000	£53,000	*£3,500 (continued from previous meeting )
2.6	Oban Forward	£0	£2,670	£2670	£0
2.7	Mull Rally 2010	£0	£5,699	£80,732	£4158
		<b>Total Recommended</b>			<b>£7,888</b>
		<b>Balance Carried Forward</b>			<b>£8,788</b>
		<b>Balance for Events and Festivals</b>			<b>£900</b>

## 3. DETAIL

### Third Sector

	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Rationale for grant allocation</b>
3.1	Coisie Ceann An Tuirc (Argyll Male Voice Choir)	The organisation is seeking funding for Gaelic and Music Workshop expenses and mobile recording expenses.
3.2	Soroba Community Enterprise	This Soroba Community Centre plays a key role in the local community and provides meeting space and activities for a range of community members. Assistance is sought for core running costs eg lighting, heating, insurance, accounting and auditing, telephone and staff wages. The organisation is securing small pockets of funding with no clear income generation plans. At present the organisation has funding until Christmas. Recommend that the organisation seeks advice on sustainability and comes back at a later date.
3.3	Appin Community Sports and Leisure Association	To build a multi-use sports facility in Appin for the benefit of all sections of the community. The recommendation is that the group is supported once they have confirmation of support from the other funding applications, as the bulk of the funding required has not been secured. It is recommended that the group seeks written support from Argyll & Bute Council for their facilities project, perhaps through Leisure Services, and that their project is reflected as a priority in the new facilities strategy which is being developed by the Council. This would add weight to their other funding applications <i>*Presented at Area Committee meeting on the 11 August and decision taken to continue for further consideration.</i>

## Events and Festivals

	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Rationale for grant allocation</b>
3.4	SWRI Taynuilt Branch	The SWRI plays a key part in rural community life and an event to celebrate its contribution to the local community and the achievements of the volunteers who have run the Taynuilt branch for 90 years is appropriate. The funding is a contribution to the hall rental, soft drinks and costs associated with inviting and accommodating guests from Edinburgh Headquarters and the Argyll Federation.
3.5	West Highland Yachting Week, Joint Regatta Committee	The grant has been requested to assist with the running costs of the event. Due to the loss of its main sponsor, Tennants, the event has relied on other forms of support and sponsorship to make up for this. The organising committee is proactively seeking future sponsorship and is

		confident, in the coming years when the economic climate improves, this will be secured* <i>Presented at Area Committee meeting on the 11 August and decision taken to continue for further consideration.</i>
3.6	Oban Forward	The funding is for a Christmas Reindeer Parade in Oban and includes cost of reindeer hire, road closure and first aid. The grant requested is 100% of the project costs, but only 50% of project costs can be funded. Please note: we have been unable to carry out a financial assessment as financial details have not been provided. It is recommended not to fund at this stage. It is understood that this organisation is dissolving in which case the application would be withdrawn.
3.7	Mull Rally 2010	The Mull Rally Group was previously organised by the 2300 Club and it is hoped that the Mull Car Club will take on the role next year. This application has been a late submission as the group initially hoped to meet all costs themselves. They now find themselves with a 7% shortfall. The recommendation is subject to a successful financial check.

#### 4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1 All organisations have been contacted and grant applications assessed. Applications for funding over £2000 (with the exception of 3.6 and 3.7 above) have been forwarded to the Finance Section of Community Services and have been approved. Recommendations are in line with the financial assessment to ensure that resources available from this grant budget are disbursed in a manner that will deliver optimum support to Third Sector organisations in Oban, Lorn and the Isles.

#### 5. IMPLICATIONS

*Policy: None*

*Finance: The report sets out the allocation from the Oban, Lorn and the Isles Third Sector Grants budget.*

*Personnel: None*

*Legal: None*

*Equal Opportunities: The recommendations are consistent with the Council's equal opportunities policies*

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