

***GRANTS TO THIRD SECTOR 2010/11***

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**1. SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report details recommendations for the award of Third Sector Grants (including Events and Festivals) to Third Sector organisations in Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Isles.
- 1.2 The Executive agreed to the proposal that applications would be considered twice-yearly in April and again in August. This is intended to avoid allocation of the full budget at one meeting and enable activities held later in the year to be funded.
- 1.3 The total Third Sector Grant budget made available by the Council for allocation in Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Isles for 2011/12 is £35,000. A total of £30,435 was awarded to 27 organisations in April. The Committee is asked to consider the remaining allocation of £4,565
- 1.4 Members are asked to note the large number of applicants competing for the very limited funds available. Please also note that, with the exception of one, applicants have not applied for funding in the preceding two financial years. Also, four of the applicants are from the Islands, two from Mid Argyll and five are from Kintyre.
- 1.5 One application was received from the Lochgilphead Phoenix Project after the closing date and is therefore ineligible. The Group was seeking a £234 contribution towards the cost of an angling competition, auditing fee and planning application fee for a community noticeboard in Lochgilphead. The MAKI Community Development Officer will assist the Project to seek funding elsewhere.

**2. RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 It is recommended that the organisations listed below are awarded funding totalling £4,565 from grants to the Third Sector.

<b>Ref</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Grant Awarded 2010/11</b>	<b>Amount Requested 2011/12</b>	<b>Total Project Costs</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
2.1	Islay & Jura Community Enterprises Ltd	£1,000	£1,500	£25,012	£900
2.2	Mid Argyll Link Club	£0	£700	£1,400	£350
2.3	Blarbuie Woodland Enterprise	£0	£1,100	£2,200	£550
2.4	Kintyre/Campbeltown Rugby Club	£0	£210	£420	£0
2.5	Islay Children and Families Association	£0	£62,500	£125,266	£0
2.6	Islay and Jura Youth Wind Band	£0	£2,750	£5,500	£750
2.7	Kintyre Link Club	£0	£325	£625	£165

2.8	Machrihanish Dunes Sound of Kintyre Pipe Band	£0	£3,027	£28,527	£750
2.9	Kintyre Youth Cafe	£0	£2,000	£8,700	£0
2.10	Kintyre Cultural Forum	£0	£2,000	£29,350	£600
2.11	Bowmore Hall Committee	£0	£1,000	£5,000	£500
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>£1,000</b>	<b>£77,112</b>	<b>£232,000</b>	
		<b>Total Recommended</b>			<b>£4,565</b>
		<b>Balance</b>			<b>£0</b>

### 3. DETAIL

	Organisation	Rationale for grant allocation
3.1	Islay & Jura Community Enterprises Ltd	To help fund the Aquacare warm water therapy service for disabled children and adults, specifically the costs associated with hiring a physiotherapist. The Aquacare service will not run unless it is fully funded. Islay and Jura has a disproportionately high number of disabled people and this is an excellent opportunity for carers to get respite and socialise with each other.
3.2	Mid Argyll Link Club	To fund social events and an outing to the theatre at Christmas. Mid Argyll Link Club is a well established group that provides support and a safe environment for more than 50 people in the community suffering mental ill health.
3.3	Blarbuie Woodland Enterprise	Training for six walk leaders as part of a Health Walks Programme. The walks programme will target users of mental health services and people with health issues and a range of disabilities. The Group is well established and activities include the maintenance and enhancement of Blarbuie Wood, plus activities such as craft work, construction, plant propagation, arts, health walks, research and publishing.
3.4	Kintyre/Campbeltown Rugby Club	This Group was re-established six months ago. The Sports Development Officer has advised that new groups are eligible for a 100% grant from 2014 Scottish Rugby. This information has been forwarded to the applicant and he has taken the decision to apply for the alternative grant.
3.5	Islay Children and Families Association	Following a series of public consultations, a better resourced swing park was identified as a need in the area. The Association was established one year ago and is at an early stage in its fundraising activities. To date, a very small percentage of the total cost of the project has been raised. The Association needs to evidence a broader range of fundraising activities and it would be inadvisable to allocate TSG funds at this stage.
3.6	Islay and Jura Youth Wind Band	To assist with the Band's travel expenses from the islands to attend the Mid Argyll Music Festival in Lochgilphead in March 2012. The Band has been extraordinarily successful in attracting new members and has grown from 14 children to nearly 60 in just 7 years.
3.7	Kintyre Link Club	The Kintyre Link Club is a well established group supporting 25 members of the community suffering mental ill health. The group has been struggling in the last year but has turned a corner and is now actively fundraising for outings, including a trip to the theatre at Christmas.
3.8	Machrihanish Dunes Sound of Kintyre Pipe Band	The Band was formed just over two years ago to allow musicians in the local area to develop their talent. Many of the members are former members of the Kintyre Schools Juvenile Pipe Band. The Band has participated in various Championships throughout 2010 and reached 8 <sup>th</sup> in their grade at the Cowal Championships. The Band believes new drums would boost their performance and they have planned programme

		of events in 2011, including attendance at the European Pipe Band Championship in Belfast and the Festival Interceltique de Lorient, Brittany, France.
3.9	Kintyre Youth Cafe	The social enterprise Cafe is still at the development stage. Until premises have been identified for the Youth Cafe it would be premature to award funding at this stage.
3.10	Kintyre Cultural Forum	The Forum is seeking funding for running costs and an audience development package. The group is well established and has accessed significant amounts of funding in the past, including a successful Leader bid. To continue to support and encourage cultural activities in Kintyre, the group wishes to promote events through a bi-monthly free newsletter for local people and tourists. Lack of funding prevented production of the newsletter last year which led to poor ticket sales resulting in the cancellation of one performance. Recommend funding towards the costs of newsletters.
3.11	Bowmore Hall Committee	To help towards the cost of bringing the Singing Kettle to Islay. Children on Islay are less likely to have the opportunity to attend professional performances without leaving the island. Although the Committee has significant funds in reserve, these are needed for general building works and maintenance. This funding would help to enhance the children's arts education.

#### 4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1 All organisations have been contacted and grant applications assessed. Applications for funding of £2,000 and above have been forwarded to the Finance Section of Community Services and some are awaiting approval. Some recommendations are therefore pending a successful outcome of the financial assessment.
- 4.2 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 Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Isles.

#### 5. IMPLICATIONS

*Policy: None*

*Finance: The report sets out the expenditure from the (insert committee) budget for the allocation of Third Sector Grants.*

*Personnel: None*

*Legal: None*

*Equal Opportunities: The grant allocation is consistent with the Equal Opportunities policy of Argyll and Bute Council.*

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