

Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council

To: Leisure & Development Committee

**Social Inclusion Grant Programme - Recommendations
for grant awards**

13th October 2015

For Decision

Report to Committee

Linkage to Interim Corporate Plan	
Strategic Themes	Health & Wellbeing Cohesive Community
Lead Officer	Julie Welsh – Head of Service – Community and Culture Louise Scullion – Community Services Manager
Cost: (If applicable)	£20,153

The purpose of this report is to recommend grant awards to be made through the Social Inclusion Grant Programme for 2015-16.

Background

At the Council meeting on 26th May, Elected Members agreed to reallocate underspend from the Community Development Support Grant to a Social Inclusion Grant Programme, which had been proposed in the Community Development Strategy but which had to be omitted due to lack of funds.

The purpose of the Social Inclusion Grant Programme is to provide small grants to local community and voluntary organisations that are involved in activities that encourage people within their community, particularly those that are socially excluded, to participate in social and recreational activities.

Social Inclusion is about involving everyone within a community and making sure that everyone has the opportunity to participate in society. People can feel excluded or isolated for a number of reasons e.g. older people, people on low incomes, people living in isolated rural areas, people with a disability.

Detail

The Social Inclusion Grant Programme was opened on 12th August and an Information Worksop was held on 27th August for interested applicants. 39 grant applications were received by the closing date of 21st September.

Community Development Officers came together to assess the grant applications and the assessment scores and proposed grant awards are detailed in Annex A. Two of the applications were considered ineligible for the reasons detailed in the table. 5 applications were referred for consideration in the Social Inclusion Grant Programme from the Building a United Community Fund as they were deemed not eligible for that grant programme but appropriate to be considered in the Social Inclusion Grant Programme.

The eligible applications underwent an assessment process as follows:

Stage 1 Assessment

Stage 1 applications were scored against the following Stage 1 Assessment Criteria:

1. Main objectives of organisation.
2. Constitution/ governing document in place.
3. Registered Charity /Status of Charity Commission NI registration.
4. Evidence provided of proper and timely accounting records.
5. Board or management committee - AGM details, range of skills/ expertise.
6. Up to date insurance certification.
7. Minutes from the latest Annual General Meeting and Annual Report.

Stage 2 Assessment:

Applications were then scored against the following Stage 2 Assessment Criteria:

1. Range and quality of project activities (weighted x2).
2. Number and type of beneficiaries (weighted x 2).
3. Area deprivation score (weighted x 2).
4. Extent project promotes and addresses social inclusion (weighted x 3).
5. Value for money.
6. Match funding/fundraising.

Applications were awarded a score of up to 25% in Stage 1 and up to 75% in Stage 2. Applicants were required to attain a combined score of at least 65% in order to be eligible for a funding award.

The total amount of grant funding recommended to be allocated through the Social Inclusion Grant Programme is 42 grants at a total of £20,153.

An event for recipients of all the Community Grants awarded in 2015-16 will also be organised in order to acknowledge and celebrate the voluntary activity carried out by these local organisations.

Recommendation

To approve and award Social Inclusion Grants to 42 applicant groups of up to £20,153 as listed in Annex A.

Annex A

Causeway Coasts and Glens

Borough Council

Social Inclusion Grant 2015-16

Proposed Grant Awards

Name of Organisation	District Electoral Area	Score (%)	Proposed Grant to be awarded (£)
Ballybogey Over 50's Club	Ballymoney	75.13	500
Ballymoney Mini Rugby FC	Ballymoney	65.51	500
Ballymoney Ornithological Association	Ballymoney	68.92	500
BRG Lint Dam Allotments Group	Ballymoney	72.73	500
Cloughmills Cultural & Historical Society	Ballymoney	65.23	500
Glengad Threshing and Vintage Club	Ballymoney	65.59	500
North Antrim Cultural & Musical Society	Ballymoney	67.75	500
N Ireland Fife Fancy Canary Club	Ballymoney	66.07	500
Japanese Cultural Centre	Ballymoney	65.51	500
Rasharkin Community Association	Ballymoney	76.79	340
Tapp Friens Community Group	Ballymoney	65.48	500
The Open Door	Ballymoney	82.27	500
Dungiven Regeneration Club	Benbradagh	73.86	500
Glack Community Association	Benbradagh	72.51	500
Glenshane Care Association	Benbradagh	85.48	500
Hands that Talk	Bendradagh	85.68	500
Faughanvale Community Project	Limavady	83.45	500
Friends of Moving on Up	Limavady	69.45	500
Beautiful Minds	Limavady	73.21	493
Bush Valley Amateur Radio Society	Limavady	65.66	500
Age Concern Causeway	Coleraine	76.63	465
Asian Over 50 Club	Coleraine	71.16	425
Causeway Hospital Radio	Coleraine	77.31	500
Causeway U3A	Coleraine	78.87	500
Coleraine Borough 50+ Forum	Coleraine	73.25	189
Coleraine Ulster Scots Regeneration Group	Coleraine	85	500
Crafts with Love	Coleraine	80.91	500
Riding for the Disabled – Coleraine Group	Coleraine	82.93	500
Windyhall 50+ Club	Coleraine	65.07	398
Zomba Action Project	Coleraine	77.5	500
Big Telly Theatre Company	Causeway	78.73	500
Bushmills & District Community Association	Causeway	71.23	500
Derrykeighan & District Community Assoc	Causeway	69.84	500
Kilraughts Friendship Club	Causeway	70.97	350
Armoy Over 55 Club	The Glens	86.37	500
Bushvale Friendship Group	The Glens	72.63	500
Glens Social Club	The Glens	78.04	500
Glens Youth Centre	The Glens	70.43	500
Loughgiel Mums n' Tots	The Glens	80.03	493
Marconi Radio Group	The Glens	66.82	500

Rathlin Development & Community Assoc	The Glens	72.34	500
Solas Moyle	The Glens	82.27	500
TOTAL			£20,153

The following applications were deemed to be ineligible:

Evolve Wrestling Club	Limavady	Not eligible as per Guidance Notes: considered to be responsibility of another statutory organisation or Council fund – will be referred to Limavady Sports Council
Glenshane Community Development Ltd	Benbradagh	Not eligible as per Guidance Notes - already received a Community Development Support Grant so can't receive Social Inclusion Grant