

Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council

To: Council

Community Festival Fund Grant Recommendations

26th May 2015

For Decision

Report to Council

Linkage to Interim Corporate Plan	
Strategic Themes	Transition and Transformation Prosperity Health & Wellbeing Cohesive Community
Lead Officer	Richard Baker - Director of Leisure & Development Louise Scullion – Community Services Manager
Cost: (If applicable)	£76,384

The purpose of this report is to recommend grant awards to be made through the Community Festivals Fund Grant Programme for community festivals taking place between 1st July 2015 and 31st March 2016.

Background

Community Development Officers came together to assess the grant applications received to the Community Festivals Fund, the closing date of which was 1st May. Council agreed at the Leisure & Development Committee on 14th April that due to the timeframe for assessment of a substantial volume of applications, and to facilitate implementation of projects within the communities' timeframe, applications would be presented directly to the full May Council meeting rather than initially being presented to the Leisure & Development Committee.

Three levels of grant are available through the Community Festivals Fund:

- i. **£500** maximum for one day community fun day events programmed to be of at least 5 hours duration and anticipated to attract less than 5,000 participants.
- ii. **£1,500** maximum for festival events lasting 2 consecutive days or more and anticipated to attract less than 5,000 participants.
- iii. **£5,000** maximum for festivals lasting 3 consecutive days or more and anticipated to attract at least 5,000 participants.

The budget available for Community Festivals Fund in 2015-16 is **£76,384**.

49 completed applications were received and 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 with submission of annual accounts and bank statements for the last quarter:
5. Board or management committee - Officers in place, elected at AGM, range of skills and expertise.
6. Up to date insurance certification.
7. Minutes from the latest Annual General Meeting and submission of Annual Report.

Stage 2 Assessment:

Applications were scored against the following Stage 2 Assessment Criteria:

1. Demonstration of need and demand & ability of the applicant group to effectively deliver.
2. Attract visitors to the area.
3. Financial viability.
4. Have strong community participation.
5. Promote social inclusion and improve community relations.
6. Contribute to community regeneration.
7. Provide opportunities for people to improve skills or receive training.
8. Provide opportunities for development.

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. A summary of the applications received, the assessment scores and the recommended amounts of funding is attached at Annex A.

The total amount of grant funding recommended to be allocated through the Community Festivals Fund for festivals taking place between 1st July 2015 and 31st March 2016 is **£65,670**.

Grant awards totalling £2,812 have already been awarded to 2 Community Festivals taking place in the first quarter of 2015-16. If the amount of funding recommended to be awarded in this report is approved a budget of **£7,902** would remain.

DCAL provides part funding for the Community Festivals Fund; one of the requirements of the Letter of Offer from DCAL in the incoming year is that training will be provided for festival organisers. A training needs analysis was carried out by officers during the assessment of applications. Priority areas for training support to festival organisers are creative programme development as well as governance and health and safety training. It is therefore proposed that the unallocated budget of £7,902 is used to provide a training programme for festival organisers.

Recommendation

Recommendation 1: Community Festivals Fund Grants of £65,670 are awarded as per table in Annex A.

Recommendation 2: Unallocated budget of £ 7,902 is used to develop and run a training programme for festival organisers based on the training needs analysis that was carried out through the grant assessment process.

Annex A

Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council
COMMUNITY FESTIVALS FUND 2015-16Summary of applications and proposed grants to be awarded

	Name of Organisation	Name & Location of Festival	Dates of Festival	District Electoral Area	Maximum Eligible Amount applied for (£)	Score (%)	Proposed Grant to be awarded (£)
1	Apprentice Boys of Derry Campsie Club, Rasharkin	Family Fun Weekend Finvoy	3th & 4 th July	Ballymoney	1,275	67.38	1,275
2	Ballymaconnelly Renewal Group	5th Ballymaconnelly Festival Rasharkin	4 th – 18 th July	Ballymoney	1,200	67.96	1,200
3	Ballymoney Ornithological Association	Ballymoney Ornithological Association 9th Annual Open Show Ballymoney	6 th & 7 th Nov	Ballymoney	Not eligible – primarily competitive event – not a range of activities		0
4	Cloughmills Community Action Team	Food Festival Cloughmills	22 nd & 23 rd August	Ballymoney	1,500	85.24	1,500
5	Dervock & District Community Association	KK McArthur Festival of Running Dervock	17 th & 18 th Jul	Ballymoney	1,500	77.86	1,500
6	Dunaghy Flute Band	Dunaghy Flute Band Community Festival Ballymoney	20 th – 22 nd July	Ballymoney	1,500	74.76	1,500
7	Finvoy Rural Educational & Cultural Society	Cultural Awareness Event Finvoy	4 th & 5 th Sept	Ballymoney	500	65.95	500
8	Glebe Rangers Football Club	The July Community Festival Glebeside, Ballymoney	9 th – 11 th July	Ballymoney	5,000	79.29	5,000
9	Killyrammer & District Community Association	Community Week Killyrammer, Ballymoney	tbc July	Ballymoney	1,200	67.39	1,200
10	Kingdom of Dalriada Ulster Scots Society	Kingdom of Dalriada Ulster Scots Festival Ballymoney	1 st – 4 th July	Ballymoney	5,000	84.53	5,000
11	North Antrim Bands Forum	Bringing Ballymoney Together for Christmas Ballymoney	27 th & 28 th November	Ballymoney	1,500	80.71	1,500

12	Northern Ireland Fife Fancy Canary Club	Northern Ireland Fife Fancy Canary Club Annual Show Ballymoney	21 st Nov	Ballymoney	Not eligible – primarily competitive event – not a range of activities		0
13	Rasharkin Residents Association	Rasharkin Residents Association Annual Fun Day Rasharkin	13 th July	Ballymoney	500	65.00	500
14	The Open Door	Children’s Festival of Crafts Ballymoney	22 nd Aug	Ballymoney	Not eligible – doesn’t have a range of activities and not open to all - specifically for a confined age group		0
15	Moneydig Rural Network Group	Gig in the Dig Moneydig, Garvagh	3 th & 4 th July	Bann	1,500	78.33	1,500
16	Glack Community Association	Glack Community Fun Day Glack	12 th July	Benbradagh	427.50	69.25	427.50
17	Gortnahey Community Association	Fun in Drum Gortnahey	11 th & 12 th July	Benbradagh	1,500	68.33	1,500
18	Greysteel Community Enterprises	North West & Roe Valley Community Festival Greysteel	23 rd – 25 th July	Benbradagh	1,500	69.52	1,500
19	O’Connors GAC Glack	Craic in Glack Glack	10 th & 11 th July	Benbradagh	500	70.71	500
20	Big Telly Theatre Company	Big Sunday Weekend Portstewart	26 th & 27 th Sept	Causeway Coast	1,500	78.80	1,500
21	Bushmills Community Association	Bushmills Summer Festival Bushmills	14 th July	Causeway Coast	500	75.46	500
22	Bushmills Residents & Environmental Forum	Bushmills Big Weekend Bushmills	10 th & 11 th July	Causeway Coast	1,500	67.86	1,500
23	Glenmanus Residents Association	Summer Fun Day Portrush	8 th August	Causeway Coast	487.50	70.71	487.50
24	Juniper Hill Caravan Occupiers Association	Family Fun Day and Children’s Disco Portstewart	24 th & 25 th July	Causeway Coast	500	73.57	500
25	NI Potato Festival	NI Potato Festival 2015 Giants Causeway, Bushmills	3 rd – 5 th Oct	Causeway Coast	*Also applied to Tourism Events Fund – application to CFF withdrawn		0
26	Portballintrae Residents Association	10th Annual Halloween Festival Portballintrae	29 th & 30 th Oct	Causeway Coast	1,500	84.29	1,500

27	Portstewart Community Festival	Red Sails Festival Portstewart	19 th – 25 th July	Causeway Coast	4,965	90.00	4,965
28	1 st Coleraine Scout Group	Come and Try in the 'Rock' Castlerock	12 th Sept	Coleraine	500	68.69	500
29	Building Ballysally Together	Ballysally Community Festival Ballysally, Coleraine	5 th & 11 th July	Coleraine	1,500	65.99	1,500
30	Coleraine Festival Committee	Coleraine Twelfth Festival of Culture Coleraine	4 th – 11 th July (excl 5 th July)	Coleraine	3,710	84.29	3,710
31	Killowen Community Association	Summertime Fun Killowen, Coleraine	29 th July	Coleraine	487.50	70.95	487.50
32	Millburn Community Association	Millburn Community Festival Millburn, Coleraine	10 th & 11 th July	Coleraine	1,500	80.83	1,500
33	Riding for the Disabled	RDA 4th Coleraine 40th Anniversary Celebration Festival Coleraine	1 st & 2 nd August	Coleraine	1,500	75.96	1,500
34	Somerset Residents Association	4th of July Community Festival Churchlands, Coleraine	2 nd & 4 th July	Coleraine	1,462.50	65.84	1,462.50
35	Windyhall Community Association	Windyhall Community Festival Windyhall, Coleraine	4 th & 9 th – 11 th July	Coleraine	1,312.50	72.62	1,312.50
36	Hope Limavady	Hope Summer Camp Family Fun Day Limavady	9 th Aug	Limavady	500	71.43	500
37	Moving on Up	Friends of Moving on Up Community Engagement Event Limavady	tbc end Jul/start Aug	Limavady	500	66.19	500
38	Roe Valley Residents Association	Roe Valley Residents Community Fun Day Limavady	11 th July	Limavady	500	81.66	500

39	Ballycastle United Youth Academy	St Patricks Day Community Football Festival Ballycastle	17 th March 2016	The Glens	322.50	66.19	322.50
40	Cairns Residents Group	Cairns Halloween Event Cushendall	31 st October	The Glens	262.50	75.55	262.50
41	Corrymeela Peace Centre	Aperture Ballycastle	31 st July – 2 nd Aug	The Glens	1,500	82.86	1,500
42	Cushendall Sailing & Boating Club	Red Bay Sea & Sail Weekend Cushendall	1 & 2 Aug	The Glens	1,000	73.37	1,000
43	Cushendun GAC	Cushendun Festival Week Cushendun	11 – 19 July	The Glens	1,500	71.07	1,500
44	Friends of Glenariffe	Glenariffe Marquee 2015 Glenariffe	11 – 12 July	The Glens	1,500	82.03	1,500
45	Glenariff Improvement Group	A Glens Christmas Waterfoot	4 th – 6 th December	The Glens	1,162.50	69.76	1,162.50
46	Heart of the Glens Festival Committee	Heart of the Glens Festival Cushendall	1-9 August	The Glens	5,000	92.14	5,000
47	Loughgiel Community Association	Loughgiel Summer Fun Days	29 th & 30 th July	The Glens	982.50	82.86	982.50
48	Marconi Radio Group	The Marconi Festival Weekend Ballycastle	1&2 August	The Glens	1,500	65.00	1,500
49	Waterfoot Residents Association	Big Lunch & Fun Day Waterfoot	19 th July	The Glens	412.50	65.21	412.50