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**ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL**

**Helensburgh & Lomond**

**Area Committee**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S UNIT**

**17<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

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## **SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES FUND 2021/22**

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### **1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to decide on the allocation of the council's Supporting Communities Fund (SCF) for Helensburgh & Lomond.
- 1.2 The total Supporting Communities Fund budget made available by the Council for allocation in Helensburgh & Lomond for distribution in 2021/22 is £22,823.09.
- 1.3 It is recommended that 11 applicants are awarded funding.
- 1.4 Applicants awarded funds from the council's Supporting Communities Fund have 18 months in which to spend the funds.

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## **2.0 INTRODUCTION**

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### **3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

3.1 Members are asked to agree that 11

**Table 1 – Supporting Communities Fund Recommendations of Award 2021/22**

<b>Ref No</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Grant 20/21</b>	<b>Total Project Cost</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>Award 2021/2</b>
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Ref	Organisation	Application Detail
15	Plastic Free Helensburgh	To deliver a series of activities, events and training as part of Climate Change week and COP20. This will include leading litter picks and beach cleans in conjunction with Helensburgh Community Council. Costs are requested for purchase of litter picking equipment, hire of venue and refreshments for events, training for the committee and a zoom subscription.
16	Rosneath Community Garden	To expand the community garden to increase the number of growing plots and improve access for children and people with disabilities. Costs are requested to purchase small tools, materials for raised beds and support volunteer training.
17	Visiting Friends	To hold a series of coffee mornings targeting adults at risk of loneliness and social isolation. This is project focuses on rebuilding social confidence following the pandemic and will be delivered in conjunction with Grey Matters Active Ageing, Jean's Bothy and Garelochhead Station Trust. Funds are requested for hall hire, travel, refreshments and promotion.

## 5.0 CONCLUSION

- 5.1 The Supporting Communities Fund application and assessment process has been completed as set out within the guidance.
- 5.2 The recommendations made fully allocate the funding available for financial year 2021/2022.

## 6.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Policy: n/a
- 6.2 Financial: Recommendations in the report are limited to the budget allocation available in 2021/22 for the Supporting Communities Fund in Helensburgh & Lomond.
- 6.3 Legal: Applications are initially assessed to ensure that groups are constituted with managed accounts.
- 6.4 HR: n/a
- 6.5 Fairer Scotland Duty: The Supporting Communities Fund supports community groups in tackling poverty, reducing inequality and building a fairer and more inclusive Scotland.

### 6.5.1 Equalities - protected characteristics:

9	Grey Matters Active Ageing	To extend and grow the Creative Arts Programme developed to support members during the pandemic. Costs are requested to support art, knitting, pottery and craft activities.
13	Helensburgh Tree Conservation Trust	To undertake a major planting of trees to mark the queens platinum jubilee and 20 <sup>th</sup>