

KILGALLIOCH WINDFARM COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND

Our First Two Years 2017-2019



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FOREWORD

Welcome to our first impact report. I'm delighted to outline our development and achievements in the first two years of the Kilgallioch Community Benefit Company; and in turn showcase the many and diverse community groups that have been funded. Their work is where the real impact of community benefit happens, and we are pleased to have supported so many; over 2018 and 2019, 100 grant awards totalling £620,350 were made through the Kilgallioch Community Fund; while a further £1,024,920 was distributed to the 'primary' communities of New Luce, Old Luce, Kirkcowan and Barrhill for projects serving their respective communities.

We will first provide a short background to the Kilgallioch Windfarm Community Benefit Fund which gives some details about the process undertaken by ScottishPower Renewables (SPR) to develop arrangements for distribution of community benefit funding from its Kilgallioch Windfarm, and which led to the establishment of Kilgallioch Community Benefit Company Ltd.

We then provide a brief company overview before turning to the detail of grant awards made through the Kilgallioch Community Fund.

There are no other community led funds of this scale or arrangement covering the same geography in Scotland and we are proud of the projects supported by the Kilgallioch Windfarm Community Benefit Fund to date. The main body of the report is therefore quite rightly focused on the groups and organisations working to improve quality of life for local people, supported by the Fund. The awards information has been presented showing how these fit with our Fund priority aims and each section provides an outline on why this aim is important to us.

We can provide only a snapshot in a report such as this, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the voluntary groups supported, small and large, that deliver much needed and valued services.



Neale McQuistin
Chair, Kilgallioch Community Benefit Company



BACKGROUND TO THE KILGALLIOCH COMMUNITY BENEFIT COMPANY

Before the Kilgallioch Windfarm was built

In early 2013, ScottishPower Renewables (SPR) received consent from the Scottish Government to construct the Kilgallioch Windfarm, on the border between South Ayrshire and Dumfries and Galloway. Community benefits packages associated with onshore windfarms will often include a voluntary annual payment linked to an agreed amount per installed megawatt; and as a common pre-existing recognised community body, Community Councils are often involved in establishing community benefit arrangements.

In late 2013 SPR engaged the services of independent consultants Community Enterprise in Scotland (CEIS). CEIS carried out consultation and engagement with local communities, including Community Councils and a wide range of other stakeholders.

Formation of Kilgallioch Community Benefit Company

During 2015-2017 when the windfarm was being constructed, a volunteer led steering group of representatives from the four 'primary communities' was established to agree with SPR the detailed arrangements for administration of the ongoing annual community benefit contribution over the operating lifetime of the windfarm.

The steering group tendered for independent professional support to help it establish arrangements and engaged Foundation Scotland, an independent grant-making charity with significant expertise in community benefit fund administration and governance. The work culminated in Kilgallioch Community Benefit Company Ltd (KCBC) being registered with Companies House on 9th August 2017.

KCBC's objects are 'to provide community benefits in the area of benefit... by receiving, administering and distributing the community benefit sums provided by ScottishPower Renewables (UK) Limited in relation to the Kilgallioch Wind Farm in accordance with the community benefit agreement'.

From the outset, the steering group recognised the interconnectedness of local communities right across Wigtownshire and South Carrick in Ayrshire; therefore the area of benefit is defined by the boundaries of the following Community Councils:

Dumfries & Galloway: Cairnryan, Castle Kennedy, Cree Valley, Garlieston, Isle of Whithorn, Kirkcolm, Kirkcowan, Kirkmabreck, Kirkmaiden, Leswalt, Lochans, New Luce, Ochtreure and Belmont, Old Luce, Port William, Portpatrick, Royal Burgh of Wigtown and District, Sorbie, Stoneykirk, Stranraer, The Royal Burgh of Whithorn and District

South Ayrshire: Ballantrae, Barr, Barrhill, Colmonell and Lendalfoot, Dailly, Girvan and District, Pinwherry and Pinmore.

It was agreed the 'primary communities' would play a central role in KCBC's governance and that 60% of the annual community benefit income received by ScottishPower Renewables' Kilgallioch Windfarm would be distributed directly to four designated primary community organisations in New Luce, Old Luce, Kirkcowan and Barrhill. The remaining 40%, a sum of around £12 million over 25 years, would be available to all communities in the wider area of benefit.

KCBC's Articles allow for up to 44 members and a Board of 12 directors. Four of these directors are nominated by the community councils of each primary community and four are elected from each of the primary communities by the membership at the AGM. A further four members/directors are appointed from the wider area of benefit. An open recruitment process for these first wider area directorships took place in early 2018 and the first full Board of 12 Directors was in place by May 2018.

Company Finances

The community benefit contribution for Kilgallioch Windfarm is £5,000 per megawatt and the final constructed capacity of the wind farm is 239MW. This meant that the community benefit payments will equate to approximately £1.2m per year, index linked; a total of £30m over the 25 year lifetime of the wind farm.

SPR agreed that during the 30 month construction period, three Community Council areas located along local transport routes (Cree Valley in Dumfries & Galloway and Girvan & District and Pinwherry & Pinmore in South Ayrshire) would be eligible to a share of the Community Benefit Fund payments, along with the four Community Council areas identified above, and that these funds would be deducted from the first main payment, which would be made once



the site was operational. This arrangement pre-dates the formation of the Kilgallioch Community Benefit Company and therefore these funds do not feature in this KCBC report, however the remaining balance of this 'construction fund' forms the £475,000 used to make Kilgallioch Community Fund awards in 2018.

A summary of our annual accounts for our first two years of operation is provided below. The full independently inspected versions are available for download from our website at www.kilgallioch.co.uk/about-us.

Income	2018	2019
ScottishPower Renewables	£475,000.00	£1,233,198.00
Bank Interest	£0	£6.00
Total income	£475,000.00	£1,233,204.00
Expenditure		
Barrhill Community Interest Company	£71,250.00	£184,980.00
Old Luce Community Council	£71,250.00	£184,980.00
Kirkcowan Community Development Trust	£71,250.00	£184,980.00
New Luce Community Trust Ltd.	£71,250.00	£184,980.00
Grant funding to community groups (see p.11 for full details of all awards and funded groups)	£227,784.00	£392,566.00
Company support costs, including professional services (insurance, Companies House, Foundation Scotland) marketing costs (website costs, design and print) and Board expenses.	£25,201.00	£22,119.00
Governance costs (accountancy)	£0	£552.00
Total Expenditure	£537,985.00	£1,155,157.00
Surplus / (Deficit)	(£62,985.00)	£78,047.00
Restricted Funds (balance carried forward at year end)	(£62,985.00)	£15,062.00

KILGALLIOCH COMMUNITY FUND GRANT-MAKING

Developing Community Fund Priorities

As noted above, 40% of the Kilgallioch Windfarm Community Benefit Fund is used to benefit the wider area of South Carrick and Wigtownshire. This wider area community fund is known as the 'Kilgallioch Community Fund'. To guide the Board with its Kilgallioch Community Fund decision making, a fund strategy was developed. A company launch event held in Stranraer in January 2018 welcomed over 50 representatives from across the area of benefit, and provided an opportunity to consult on priorities for their communities.

This conversation, along with consultation with existing local funders, analysis of local community plans and SPR's requirements, helped shape Kilgallioch Community Benefit Company's funding priorities. These reflect shared heritage and environment, commonalities around remoteness and rurality, population trends and the shared desire to tackle inequalities, poverty and disadvantage.

Working with Foundation Scotland, the Board developed the Community Fund strategy, criteria and grant-making process; the Community Fund opened to applications in 2018 – the final step in establishing the community benefit arrangements for Kilgallioch Windfarm.

In line with our funding strategy, the overall purpose of the Kilgallioch Community Fund is to support positive change by investing in a wide range of community-led activity in the Fund area that is strategic, positive and creative and helps deliver a legacy of lasting impact. This report covers years one and two of our grantmaking and gives an early snapshot of the impact the funding is already having in our communities. As the Fund matures, we expect to see this impact deepen and broaden, leaving a substantial legacy in the areas of benefit.

We knew that the opening of the Community Fund in 2018 was widely anticipated by groups and organisations locally, and demand was likely to be high. So in recognition of this, we offered a single funding round in 2018, with the intention of distributing all of the funds available that year. We also set a cap on the maximum award of £10,000, in order to ensure that more groups could be funded. In our second year, with more funds available, we took the decision to also open the fund to larger grants over £10,000, as well as

continuing to fund projects applying for under £10,000. Within its broad purpose, the Fund will support charitable activity that addresses the following strategic aims, which were developed to meet local need, in consultation with our communities:

1. Engage and empower young people, increase employment opportunities for young people and/or attract young families to the area
2. Reduce poverty and disadvantage
3. Improve connectivity, including transport, access to services and opportunities
4. Improve quality of life, health and well-being
5. Build capacity for local groups and promote community spirit
6. Build sustainable community assets, including capital assets
7. Promote, protect and celebrate natural and cultural heritage

A detailed list of all awards made under each strategic aim follows below.

Types of Award

As well as considering fit with strategic aims, the Fund also looks at whether organisations can demonstrate community engagement and consultation, match funding, local procurement of goods and services, sustainability, building community capacity and partnership working.

The Company aspires to be a responsible funder but also one that is able to be flexible and supportive, both of applicants' needs and community aspirations. In addition to addressing the strategic aims of the Fund, an important aspect of our grant-making (and one which distinguishes us from many other types of funder) is the sheer range of types of award we are able to make under one programme, all in the pursuit of being responsive to community needs.

From small equipment grants to large capital regeneration awards, Kilgallioch Community Fund can demonstrate a wide variety of grant-making where an understanding of local context is vital; this illustrates the value of a locally resident Board of Directors.

What follows is a selection of case studies illustrating some of the different types of award made by the Fund:





Developmental Funding Unlocks Doors

This case study demonstrates the value of an initial developmental award, both in terms of the progression of a project and also what it can facilitate, such as unlocking key professional advice, creating a high quality, high confidence proposal and leveraging other funds in a competitive environment.

Case Study: Glentroll and Bargrennan Community Trust

Award: £10,000 (2018) and £50,000 (2019)

Following the closure of the village primary school in 2010, Glentroll and Bargrennan Community Trust had entered into a rental agreement with Dumfries & Galloway Council for the building. The Trust operated it as a craft centre, village hall and community hub while developing plans for community ownership.

An award of £10,000 from Kilgallioch Community Fund in 2018 leveraged a match award from the Scottish Land Fund which enabled the Trust to develop their plans. This grant meant the Trust was able to bring in expert professional support to develop a business plan and carry out related feasibility and structural studies.

The vision developed for the community centre was that Glentroll will become a destination, offering accommodation, workshops, outdoor activities and a range of learning opportunities. The building is intended to provide a social space for locals, a place of care for a largely older local population, a place to support the arts, and to celebrate the outdoors, as well as offering accommodation for visitors which will generate income to ensure the building is sustainable. The refurbished building is also intended to be attractive, energy efficient, easy to maintain and 'future-proofed' to minimise the long-term financial burden on the community.

The detailed visioning and business planning process instilled confidence and enabled the community asset transfer of the school. Later in 2018, a successful Stage 2 Scottish Land Fund bid gave the Trust £40,000 to support acquisition cost, further development costs, legal fees and design fees. The Trust appointed a design team, and obtained estimates for the capital renovation, which was over £875,000.

The scale of the required funds could have been off-putting for such a small community, but with the energy of the Trust's membership and the confidence inspired by their professional support, the Trust began a cost reduction exercise and started to fundraise, including securing a second award from the Kilgallioch Community Fund - this time for £50,000.

The KCBC Board was impressed by the energy and commitment of the group, the vision for the school building and the thoroughness of the development process. The Board also recognised that match funds would take time to secure, and agreed to ringfence the award for a set period. Many capital funders like to be the last piece in the jigsaw, or to commit funds only once 50% of the project costs have been secured; however with its local focus, Kilgallioch recognised the importance of being the first foot in the door and the significance that an early award would have in signalling confidence in the project to other potential funders.

By February 2020, the Trust had reached a major milestone with a £400,000 award from the Scottish Government's highly competitive Capital Regeneration Fund for communities, followed in June by further significant awards from the National Lottery and Robertson Trust, taking the Trust to a secured sum of £756,000. Work is ongoing to secure the final necessary funds, but the future looks bright for community space in Glentroll & Bargrennan.



Small is Beautiful

Kilgallioch Community Fund has supported a number of smaller grants, frequently for small grassroots organisations, often as a matched contribution to costs where a group has been actively fundraising within the community, or to purchase equipment for activities. This case study demonstrates the power of a small grant, and that a project with great impact in the community doesn't need to be high cost.

Case Study: W.O.M.A.N.S. (Women Of Minnigaff And Newton Stewart)

Award: £893 (2018)

W.O.M.A.N.S. (Women Of Minnigaff And Newton Stewart) is a voluntary group formed in 2017 by volunteers who wanted to contribute to civic pride in Newton Stewart by taking care of the town's flower beds and planters, tackling overgrown areas and doing litter-picks.

The Board recognised W.O.M.A.N.S. as an ambitious newly-formed group, already making a tangible impact with their contribution to community spirit and for whom a modest award would make a significant difference.

W.O.M.A.N.S. was awarded £893 from the Kilgallioch Fund which enabled them to purchase gardening and grounds maintenance equipment, including watering cans, tools, gloves and high-vis vests which are kept in an easy accessible central storage unit for any member to use. The group used the new equipment for maintenance and watering of local planters, creation of 62 hanging baskets and carrying out 'tidy up' work around public areas.

W.O.M.A.N.S. now has over 20 local members and is entirely community led; it successfully uses social media to engage with over 500 people in the local community, so that people can see what the group has achieved, but also to flag up new areas that need a tidy up, which the group then tackles. Alongside the practical work they now do, the group provides opportunities for members to meet, connect and develop friendships and circles of support - the value of which is priceless.

Context is everything

On first reading, many of the Fund's grants may seem to be about a simple refurbishment or the purchase of a piece of equipment, where the wider community benefit is not always immediately apparent. However, dig deeper and the story is often broader, more complex and more nuanced. Fixing a bowling club's floor is often not just about making sure people can go on playing bowls; the clubhouse might be the only public space that community has to socialise or celebrate in, and it might host other community groups to deliver their activities too. The power of a robust assessment process and locally informed decision making is evident here. The case study below demonstrates how the purchase of a single piece of equipment and some volunteer training created benefits significantly beyond the immediate safety need being met.

Case Study: Wigtown Bay Sailing Club

Awards: £4,600 (2018) & £1,200 (2019)

Wigtown Bay Sailing Club (WBSC) was established in 1954 and remains a community-based group, with around 70 members, the majority of whom are from the Isle of Whithorn and surrounds. Membership is open to anyone regardless of whether they have experience. The Club provides access to kayaks, boats and canoes, as well as support and training. WBSC also has Royal Yacht Association accreditation to deliver training in sailing and with powerboats. In addition to membership opportunities, free access to activities is offered to the whole community in the Easter and summer holidays.



In 2017 the Club needed a new engine for its safety boat, which is essential for running activities on the water with anyone who is not trained - this includes all the Club's activity days with local children. The safety boat is also used for the wider community by local volunteers, who use it to help anyone experiencing a problem in the water. The engine's unreliability caused the Club to cancel planned sail and kayak days as no safety boat cover could be provided, and the boat was taken out of service.

A grant of £4,600 from the Kilgallioch Community Fund in 2018 enabled the Club to buy a new engine. Local volunteers got together, cleaned and painted the rib and put the safety boat back into use. The grant also paid for six places on a powerboat safety training course. This increased the number of local people able to drive the boat properly and assist in safety boat cover. The newly operational safety boat and volunteer team enabled 70 members and 35 juniors to take part in sailing courses and activity days during the summer of 2018. The Club anticipates that the safety boat will be used for the next 15-20 years and long term it will both increase local access to sailing and sea based activities and act as a community safety resource for all.

However, the story doesn't end there. Due to the Club's successes in 2018 and the visibility of young people learning in the Bay, there was increased demand from young people who wanted to try sailing for the first time. Club members had also noted young people saying there was nothing to do in the area; feedback

from parents and other community members indicated that the Club's activities were helping, through the engagement of young people with its activities. A further award of £1,200 from Kilgallioch Community Fund in 2019 enabled the Club to engage a freelance Royal Yacht Association (RYA) instructor. Supported by volunteer instructors, the Club was able to run RYA level 1 sailing courses and 1 & 2 star kayak courses.

The courses were all well attended by children 9 to 16 years old, all local to the Machars area. The Club also ran activity days for those not ready to take part in courses, and these were fully booked with 16 children aged 7 and upwards on each day. The Club invited other groups from the area and were pleased to host an under 13 girls football team from Stranraer and a swimming club from Newton Stewart, offering a great team building day on the water, with many trying watersports for the first time. Overall, around 70 young people benefited.

Club Treasurer Gary Pilling said:
“Funding for small clubs can be a lifeline for clubs like ours and the benefits to the community locally are priceless.”



Funding by Strategic Aim

A detailed list of all awards under each strategic aim follows below, along with a selection of case studies giving an indication of the types and scope of the funded projects and the impact they are having in the area of benefit. A map showing all our awards can also be accessed on the Kilgallioch Community Fund website.

The vast majority of projects were assessed as fitting more than one of the strategic aims above and this was a strength of many applications - but for clarity of presentation, the primary aim being supported is used to index the awards below.

Overall, 100 awards were made totalling £620,350 and which helped leverage a further £6,674,229 of funds from other sources into our communities:

Aim	No of awards	Total awarded	% of overall 2 year total	Total leverage
1. Engage and empower young people, increase employment opportunities for young people and/or attract young families to the area	12	£56,371	9%	£41,764
2. Reduce poverty and disadvantage	8	£35,692	6%	£60,558
3. Improve connectivity, including transport, access to services and opportunities	12	£34,699	6%	£221,677
4. Improve quality of life, health and well-being	16	£70,090	11%	£223,043
5. Build capacity for local groups and promote community spirit	16	£63,272	10%	£262,692
6. Build sustainable community assets, including capital assets	19	£210,257	34%	£5,388,822
7. Promote, protect and celebrate natural and cultural heritage	17	£149,969	24%	£475,673
	100	£620,350		£6,674,229

**100 awards
 £620,350
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 £1: £10.75**

AIM ONE

Engage and empower young people, increase employment opportunities for young people and/or attract young families to the area

Between 2016 and 2026, the overall population of Dumfries & Galloway and South Ayrshire is set to decline by around 1%, in contrast with 75% of the rest of Scotland which is projected to have population increases. Within this locally declining population, the number of residents aged 75 or over is set to increase by around 30%, and the number of residents aged under 24 is set to decline by around 10%.

This is partly a result of declining birth rate, but also a result of out-migration of young people. For example, of 852 young people aged between 10 and 25 living in Mid Galloway & Wigtown West surveyed by Dumfries & Galloway Council in 2018, 75% indicated their intention to leave in the future for study, travel or work. They also indicated employment was the main issue affecting them. In this context, the Fund wanted to support initiatives that will provide opportunities for young people and encourage them to stay.

12 awards totalling £56,371 supporting this aim were made over 2018-2019.

Drummore Parent Council	To replace play equipment in the school playground.	£9,666
Euan's Playspace Trust	To enhance Euan's Playspace and contribute to the costs of maintenance.	£15,000
Girvan Community Sport Hub	To fund a six-month employability pilot project seeking to identify, recruit, train and support six young people into employment in the South Carrick area.	£6,720*
Learners 2gether	To create a mud kitchen, sensory play area, sandpit and growing garden at Whithorn Primary School Nursery.	£1,698
Millennium FC	To contribute to the costs of hiring playing pitches in Stranraer and the surrounding area.	£2,000
Newton Stewart Initiative	To organise and run the Newton Stewart Flight Club for young people in the area.	£1,141
RHET Dumfries and Galloway Countryside Initiative	To contribute to the costs of two Food & Farming Days for pupils at Douglas Ewart High School and Stranraer Academy.	£1,000
Sandhead Primary Parent Council	To replace play equipment in the school playground.	£7,000
Stair Park Community Garden Centre	To contribute to the costs of employing a workshop technician.	£5,326
Stranraer RNLI Park Fest	To contribute to the cost of marquee hire for the Stranraer RNLI Park Fest.	£1,000
Stranraer YMCA	To fund staff costs for 2 part-time play rangers.	£9,360
Wigtown Bay Sailing Club	To provide free accredited training to 40 young people.	£1,200

*£4740 underspend returned to the fund

STRANRAER YMCA

Award £9,360 (2019)

Stranraer YMCA runs projects that provide a variety of indoor and outdoor activities for children up to 16 years. This includes the Little Movers nursery; Play Rangers (free supervised outdoor play) for 5-12 years; the Kids' Space Youth Group for 8 - 11 years; and Youth Group for 12 years and up. The charity works closely with local primary and secondary schools in the area to provide after school clubs; sporting activities; mini play ranger training programmes; transition days for P7s; work experience placements; and volunteering opportunities for Secondary pupils. Local partners that it works with include Apex; Quarriers; Police Scotland; D&G Active Schools; D&G Leisure and Sport; Community Learning and Development; Community Wardens; and Housing Associations.

In general, children that YMCA work with are disadvantaged by the lack of support services and affordable activities in the area, coupled with high levels of family and community deprivation, poor generational life aspirations and low health statistics.

The Play Rangers is an established project started in 2009 that offers weekly outdoor, supervised, free play sessions aimed at children aged 5-13 years old. The service is open access. Since Play Rangers began, the number of children attending had grown ten-fold with 1,750 attendances between April 2017 and April 2018. At one session, during the school holidays, 113 children attended. Stranraer YMCA also wanted sessions to be offered in new locations and attract children from new areas. Requests had been received from local schools, parents, children and police. Currently, there is nothing else like this available to children in Stranraer. While the Play Rangers had been able to call on the support of volunteers to help at sessions with excess numbers, this was not a long term solution to demand, and there was a need to increase the number of sessions.

Stranraer YMCA was awarded £9,360 by Kilgallioch Community Fund in 2019 to employ two new Play Rangers for one year. The project was match funded by Dumfries and Galloway Council (£8,000) and Robertson Trust (£1,360).

With this funding Stranraer YMCA was able to offer outdoor activity 5 days per week, enabling other staff to deliver services at the same time to a different age group. The funding allowed it to work in 5 local parks; Belmont Park, Agnew Park, Stair Park, King George V Park and Sheuchan Park, with weekly sessions for 2 hours at each park. Staff promoted these sessions by visiting the closest primary schools to the park. Staff took a minimal amount of equipment, instead encouraged the children to think of their own games, run around and get muddy, engage in supervised tree climbing, and other activities, which in turn encouraged social interaction with peers and physical fitness. A total of 2,621 children benefitted, including from holiday activities.



Individual Case Study

Julia was a quiet five year old who attended the October holiday programme with her older brother. When she first came along she was very shy and would not talk to anyone. She would often cry if spoken to directly by a member of staff. Her mum indicated that she had started P1 after the summer holidays and that she found it all very overwhelming, and hoped by sending her to the sessions it would increase her confidence. All staff and children worked with Julia to make her feel comfortable and relaxed. Julia attended 4 sessions per week and towards the end of the programme had made a new group of friends, become much more confident, and was even able to stand up and speak in front of all the children and staff in a circle game.

Julia's mum said:

"These sessions are excellent. My husband and I both work and normally our children are at home with granny and are always bored. It is so nice to be able to have something like this to keep the children happy and busy during the holidays. Joe loves all the outdoor activity. My daughter Julia was so shy and lacking in confidence when she started going to YMCA, she now counts down the sleeps until her next session. Thank you so much."

GIRVAN COMMUNITY SPORTS HUB

Award: £6,720 (2018)

Girvan Community Sports Hub was set up from a partnership of Girvan Youth Trust, Girvan Academy and Sports Development South Ayrshire and became an independent organisation in 2017. It works with local partners to build a unified sporting community in Girvan and the surrounding South Carrick villages, connecting people of all ages and abilities with opportunities to increase their participation in sports of all kinds.

A historic lack of local facilities and learning opportunities in and around Girvan has generated an increasing degree of low self-esteem, low educational achievement and low aspiration amongst young people. 40% of young people leave Girvan Academy with no positive onward destination. Girvan Community Sports Hub identified an opportunity to pilot a programme aimed at enabling local young people to access sports-related employment.

The grant funded all of the costs of piloting the programme, including accredited training for the young people, although there was also significant in-kind support provided by local community-run pool and leisure centre The Quay Zone, which mentored the young people.

Working in partnership with The Quay Zone and Employability and Skills South Ayrshire, Girvan Community Sports Hub designed a programme that identified 4 young people to train and support as lifeguards and swimming coaches. All 4 gained a number of qualifications and 2 were ultimately successful in gaining paid jobs at The Quay Zone. Both are now delivering classes themselves.

Bryce (23), had been working on a zero hours contract at a local supermarket. Although he wanted to get into employment in sport, he couldn't afford the training and was feeling very depressed about his future and about living in Girvan.

“The course has been amazing to be a part of. It's enabled me to get into an industry I've been wanting to work in and it would have been extremely hard without the course”.

As well as the direct benefit to the young people, the pilot increased the number of suitably trained lifeguards and coaches locally. This in turn has enabled The Quay Zone to expand some of its services. The pilot has also ignited new interest from other young people, who have seen what is possible and are now interested in getting involved in sport / leisure as a career.

In addition, the pilot enabled Girvan Community Sports Hub to build new partnerships, including with the Department for Work and Pensions, and has led to all the relevant agencies in and around Girvan now taking



a more joined up approach to identifying work, training and placement opportunities for young people.

The project wasn't without its difficulties however. Initial recruitment was challenging, as it took place over the summer, and no young women applied. This resulted in the project having a significant underspend of £4,740 which it returned to the Fund to enable the funds to be redistributed to other projects. The recruitment challenges however did not adversely affect the positive outcomes for those taking part. Girvan Community Sports Hub has also learned a great deal about how to plan and advertise similar opportunities in future, to attract more young people and women in particular.

The local nature of the Kilgallioch Community Fund meant that the Board was aware of the challenges around the pilot, but also the potential benefits, and willing to take a degree of risk. The opportunity to pilot the model has meant that Girvan Community Sports Hub and the other partners now have evidence and experience of what works, which will help ensure future provision is even more successful.

THE SCHEME INCREASED THE NUMBER OF SUITABLY TRAINED LIFEGUARDS AND COACHES LOCALLY, ENABLING THE QUAY ZONE TO EXPAND ITS SERVICES

Age Concern Girvan	To purchase new kitchen equipment and contribute to running and food costs for a lunch club in Girvan.	£3,200
Apex Scotland	To contribute to a fund to offer emergency utility payments to vulnerable adults (over 25) in the Stranraer area.	£1,000
Furniture Project (Stranraer) Limited	To part fund the costs of a new community café.	£9,000
Galloway Thistle Youth Football Club	To offer all club members the opportunity to participate in all training session and match day fixtures free of charge.	£2,000
Home-Start Wigtownshire	To contribute to training, recruiting and supporting Home-Start's volunteers.	£4,625
Hub Dumfries and Galloway	To improve energy efficiency and home heating for the elderly.	£9,899
Park Primary School Parent's Council	To contribute to costs of the Parent Council's school holiday food poverty project.	£4,968
Toskerton Senior Citizens Club	To support the group's running costs for one year and encourage an increase in membership.	£1,000

AIM TWO

Reduce poverty and disadvantage

Many people in our communities are living in poverty. 35% of children in the Girvan & South Carrick ward are living in poverty and parts of Girvan are in the 15% most deprived areas of Scotland. The picture is similar in Wigtownshire, with 15% of people classed as income deprived and parts of Stranraer and Newton Stewart in the top 15% most deprived areas of Scotland. In this context, we wanted to support projects that tackle poverty and disadvantage, and help create new training and employment opportunities for local people.

Over 2018-2019, eight awards totalling £35,692 were made in support of this aim.



THE FURNITURE PROJECT (STRANRAER) LIMITED

(Stranraer) Limited
Award: £9,000 (2019)

The Furniture Project (Stranraer) Limited was established in 1997. It collects unwanted furniture and electrical goods and renovates, repairs and restores items to either sell or donate to families, individuals and groups. It also offers work experience placements to young people and adults facing long-term unemployment. It operates from permanent premises in Stranraer consisting of a community re-use shop, training area, office and warehouse.

In 2017 the Furniture Project ran a Christmas lunch in partnership with a number of other statutory and voluntary organisations. With donated food, it held a meal for 100 people and delivered a further 100 hot meals in the locality. Following on from this, it undertook a survey of people who participated in this event and feedback was that participants were looking for something similar to be delivered on a more permanent basis. In early 2018, it carried out a full evaluation and visited a number of other similar services, including the successful and established Kate's Kitchen in Annan; and this led to the development of the Fed Up café project.

Individual case study:

Betty was referred by the Jobcentre to volunteer on a 12-week programme at the café, in order to help her gain experience and confidence in a customer-facing environment. Her only previous experience had been working in a care home for the elderly. During the twelve weeks, Betty was trained in aspects including Food Allergens, Food Safety Level Two, as well as all areas of hospitality from taking customer orders to dealing with conflicts and unhappy customers. Initially, Betty was very nervous, about engaging with customers in particular. However with encouragement she began to take on more responsibility. After the twelve weeks, Betty decided to stay with the Café as one of its core volunteers. Although she has now successfully found other employment, she still volunteers during her days off as she enjoys it so much. She is now mentoring new volunteers, as well as supervising the café and team to cover holidays.

Betty said:

"The Café has helped me to gain confidence, build my self-esteem up, and keep me busy while I process things in my private life. This has become my coping strategy and the Café and volunteers are what I needed."

The Fed Up Café was launched in late 2018 and operates three days per week from a church hall in Stranraer. It is run by two paid staff, a Chef and a Support worker, supported by volunteers. It provides a free lunch to all in need, through referrals from the Dumfries and Galloway Housing Partnership, Loreburn Housing Association, Citizen's Advice, Women's Aid and statutory services such as the Jobcentre, Social Work and the Community Mental Health Service, and is also available on an open access basis.

The Café provides over 40 meals each day and offers a signposting service to anyone who needs a helping hand through a difficult time. Regular events and initiatives are held, such as holiday packed lunch schemes for children who normally receive free school meals, and around seasonal events such as Christmas and Easter. The café also provides referral based food parcels and take-aways to anyone who is in need. The grant of £9,000 from Kilgallioch Community Fund helped match funding from Dumfries & Galloway Council and The Robertson Trust, which paid for staff and other running costs. The Café is able to offer free meals in part because of its participation in the FareShare scheme, a national initiative which diverts over ordered food supplies for supermarkets from landfill that is no longer saleable but still fresh. Supplies come from local supermarkets including Morrisons, Tesco, and Lidl, with over quarter of a ton of food per week diverted from the waste stream through the Café. A number of small local food businesses including Simpson's Bakery, John Gillespie & Sons, Stranraer Fresh Meats, W.M Fraser Butcher, Lando's, and Barsolus Produce also donate regularly, as do non-food businesses including DGHP, Loreburn Housing, and the Stranraer & Wigtonshire Free Press. The Café also receives frequent small private donations from individuals and informal local groups. For example one man dropped in at Christmas and handed over £100 to one of the volunteers, saying he had needed help in the past and wanted to help others now he was back on his feet. A Knit and Natter group donated £135, from a large blanket they had knitted and raffled off.

In line with the Furniture Project's wider ethos, support is offered to volunteers as well as Café customers. Many volunteers are themselves experiencing various life challenges including unemployment and are provided with support and training to enhance their skills and confidence. The Café operates a weekly coaching session at the Jobcentre, providing unemployed people with guidance on improving their chances for work in hospitality, and hosts referrals for work placements.



PARK PRIMARY

Park Primary School Parent Council
Award: £4,968 (2018)

Park Primary School in Stranraer is in an area ranked as one of the 10% most deprived communities in Scotland overall. Over 25% of children grow up in poverty, compared to 17% in Dumfries & Galloway as a whole. The school has around 335 children overall, with more than half of children in P4 to P7 registered for free school meals.

Park Primary School Parent Council was worried about the level of food deprivation that children in low-income families were suffering when not at school and receiving free meals. Therefore, together with partners in the area (e.g. YMCA, Active Schools), it operated a food poverty project in 2017, opening the school during the summer holidays, and offering food and activities for families in the community. The Parent Council, the crèche, nursery, school and partners all worked to ensure that families who needed food and related support during this period were able to access it. Similar 'holiday hunger' programmes were also run during the Easter and October breaks. The feedback was extremely positive, and demand high, so the Parent Council wanted to repeat the project, but with a wider range of activities.

There is little available locally for primary aged children that is free. Many of the families in the area cannot afford to go away on any sort of holiday or short break, and for many of the children the possibility of a day trip to most destinations is beyond the means of their families. The award of £4,968 from Kilgallioch Community Fund enabled the Parent Council to run the programme again during the 2018 summer holidays, as well as expand the provision to include additional support for parents and fun days out for all families. The programme was called a summer 'holiday camp' to encourage participation and avoid stigmatising anyone joining in.

Families were offered breakfast and lunch, as well as a range of workshops delivered by partners, as well as free outings to the local Ryan leisure Centre. The Camp included a range of sports, drumming, arts and creative opportunities, computer activities, reading, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths), circus skills, dance and cooking classes; combining both structured activities and free play for the children. In addition, parents/carers were helped to access other support available to them, for example through a workshop on universal credit and income maximisation, and sessions with Loreburn Housing Association about tenancies.

The longer term impact of the Camp was about much more than meeting immediate food needs. It also offered a chance for children and their families to come together to make friends and learn new things. Benefits

included the development and maintenance of links with continuous learning outside the normal school routine and an increase in parent' skills to provide a nurturing and stimulating environment for their children.

Based on these successes, Park Primary has since continued to deliver the holiday programme, with continued funding leveraged from Cash for Kids.

Emma Love from the Parent Council said

"We know that families in our school are struggling to feed their children and even where children from struggling families are eating – often because their parents are going without – the nutritional quality of the food can be poor and this has huge impacts on cognitive development, wellbeing and school readiness in the new term. Although hunger and nutrition are at the core of the programme, we wanted it to perform a valuable early intervention role, reducing financial strain on struggling families before they descend into crisis. Like food banks, meal schemes are an indicator of the pressures facing low-income families in the era of austerity. We wanted to ease this for families in our school community and make life a bit better over a stressful time."



AIM THREE

Improve connectivity, including transport, access to services and opportunities

Many of our communities are classed as remote because of their distance from key services. This includes residents of our towns, with many local people required to travel long distances for health services, educational, work or training opportunities and more. Public transport is highly limited, with poor bus services that are not designed around the needs of people travelling for work or leisure. Train stations in Stranraer, Barrhill and Girvan offer more options, but rarely connect well with other onward travel options by bus or train. In this context, we wanted to support projects that bring vital services closer to residents and that improve local connectivity. We also recognised that many of our communities are often far from urban centres, where services and high quality opportunities are often concentrated. Therefore we wanted to ensure we supported projects that bring services to people, and provide people with high quality opportunities of all kinds, regardless of their place of residence.

In 2018-2019, 12 awards were made totalling £34,699 in support of this aim.

Ballantrae Trust	To employ web designers to create a new website for the village of Ballantrae.	£2,000
Creetown Silver Band	To contribute to the cost of purchasing a new trombone for use by the band.	£3,000
Dumfries and Galloway Hard of Hearing Group	To deliver a home visits project to maintain hearing aids for housebound people in Wigtownshire.	£7,600
Girvan Traditional Folk Festival	To support the festival artistic programme as well as the rural transport initiative.	£4,000
Lochans Community Council	To contribute to the costs of installing a defibrillator for community use.	£2,419
Newton Stewart & District Music Club	To contribute to the costs of a programme of music concerts in 2018 and 2019.	£750
Newton Stewart & District Music Club	To contribute to the costs of inviting Opera Bohemia to perform in Newton Stewart in September 2019.	£1,800
Newton Stewart Cinema Limited	To contribute to the costs of purchasing equipment for live streaming of concerts and new stage lights for live shows.	£2,830
Stranraer Brass	To improve the quality of the instruments we currently provide for our senior band.	£2,000
Stranraer Water Sports Association	To contribute to attendance costs for members at four skiff regattas, purchase team kit, and fund cox and umpire training for six association members.	£2,000
Wigtown Bay Sailing Club	To contribute to the costs of a new outboard engine for the group's safety rib, and related powerboat training for club members.	£4,600
Women's Aid Wigtownshire	To contribute to the purchase and distribution of promotional materials for the organisation and its work.	£1,700

DUMFRIES & GALLOWAY HARD OF HEARING GROUP

Award: £7,600 (2018)

Hearing aids need to be maintained every four to six months. If not maintained, people tend to cease wearing them, leading to communication difficulties and eventually to isolation. The Hard of Hearing Group was delivering free drop-in sessions in Stranraer (twice per month), Wigtown (once a month) and Newton Stewart (twice a month), for individuals to have their hearing aid maintained. However it identified many individuals were unable to attend the drop in sessions. Hearing impaired people can find it difficult to access services; this is more prevalent in rural areas, for reasons including lack of access to transport. Once a hearing aid has been supplied and fitted, the NHS does not take responsibility for the care and maintenance of it and many people are unable to carry out this task themselves.

In response, the Group ran a pilot home visiting project from April 2017 to March 2018. There was significant demand for the service, with 60 individuals in Wigtownshire benefitting, however due to a lack of repeat funding the service came to an end. Many who previously benefitted from the project had no other means to maintain their hearing aid and the Group also continued to receive new referrals.

An award of £7,600 from the Kilgallioch Community Fund enabled the group to benefit over 130 people. It recruited 4 new volunteers to help meet the extra demand, bringing its local numbers up to 14. Volunteers were trained up by NHS Audiology, shadowed volunteers at drop-ins, and became expert volunteers within a matter of months. They provided 94 home visits to 49 people.

The Group also visited 57 people who live in Care Homes/residential homes who wouldn't otherwise have been able to attend drop-in sessions. It provided training to 11 care home staff members in basic hearing aid maintenance, to enable them to assist their residents on a daily basis with routine cleaning and maintenance. This training includes knowing when the batteries run out, learning which hearing aid is left and right, and safe storage of hearing aids at night so they don't get lost, and some tips for effective communication.

The Group worked closely with NHS Audiology, which in addition to providing equipment and training, refers patients to the Group for home visits, and the Group has developed a reverse referral pathway for its service users if they need NHS re-assessment. The Group developed a similar relationship with the Sensory Support Social Work Team, who referred their clients to and in turn accepted referrals from the Group; enabling a full needs assessment, provision of other technical aids to communication, and onward referrals to other support organisations or social work departments as necessary.

The Group also works closely with other charities, including Visibility and Alzheimer Scotland, to create and receive home visit referrals.

Service users benefitted from having their hearing aids maintained, which gave them the ability to remain social with friends and family as they can communicate effectively. The alternative would be to wait weeks for an appointment from audiology and then either pay a lot of money for a taxi or rely on family/friends to take them. Family/friends of service users benefitted as they can communicate with their loved one and do not need to take a day off work taking their family member/friend to the hospital. Residents of care homes benefitted from regular volunteer visits as their hearing aids are routinely maintained. This means residents are more social, can hear carers and interact with others. Care Home Staff benefitted from extra training to enable them to be better at their jobs. Their certificate means they can prove they are hearing aid competent, which will help them in future employment.



Individual case study:

Angela is in her early 50s and was referred to the Dumfries & Galloway Hard of Hearing Group by the audiology department as she was unable to attend the usual drop-in session in Wigtown due to poor mobility. Volunteers visited Angela at her home within a week of referral.

Angela complained that the hearing aid mould was hurting her ear and she couldn't hear properly with it. She also said that recently she had been feeling dizzy, and felt it was due to her hearing aid not working properly. She reported she felt so dizzy that she couldn't leave the house without support and had been physically sick on occasion. When asked, she said this was her first use of the service, after having her aid for some time.

The volunteer then looked at the mould and hearing aid, and whilst she was changing the tubes realised Angela had been wearing it upside down this whole time. She then gave her advice on how to fit her aid properly and demonstrated this. Once it was securely in place, she said it felt much more comfortable and she could hear properly out of it. She then stood up and said, "This is absolutely life changing" because she instantly regained her balance and no longer felt dizzy and sick. She was close to tears as it meant she was able to regain her independence and finally leave her house without support."

NEWTON STEWART & DISTRICT MUSIC CLUB

Award: £750 (2018) and £1,800 (2019)

Newton Stewart & District Music Club is a registered charity formed in 1990 to encourage the practice and enjoyment of music. It organises an annual programme of concerts and workshops, bringing high quality music and professional musicians to the relatively remote and rural local communities. The Club keeps ticket prices affordable, in order to ensure concerts are as widely accessible as possible. In keeping with this aim, concerts are free to young people under the age of 26 to encourage youth engagement in music.

The Club pays artists' fees and travel, as well as venue and other costs. Concert costs are rising, and although the Club earns income from ticket sales, in 2017 and 2018 it had to subsidise concerts from its reserves. In 2018, the Club was awarded £750 from the local Kilgallioch Community Fund, which helped to keep the winter 2018 - 2019 season of concerts free to young people and enabled the club to strengthen its financial position. Over 586 people attended the 5 concerts, including 36 young people. Concerts took place at the community run Cinema in Newton Stewart and the County Buildings in Wigtown, helping to reach audiences across a wide geographic area. The grant is

a good example of how a small amount can make a big difference, and help keep music accessible to all. Boosted by this success, the Club went on to apply for a second small award in 2019. For many years the club had hosted a biannual visit by Scottish Opera to Newton Stewart. However, Scottish Opera have now ceased touring, with their last performance in Newton Stewart being held in 2016.

The Club was keen to source an alternative to ensure people in the area could continue to have access to high quality opera, but couldn't afford to cover the fees involved. An award of £1,800 enabled the club to book Opera Bohemia to stage a production of The Merry Widow in September 2019. Opera Bohemia are a relatively young Scottish company formed in 2010, which aim to tour their productions to the more remote areas of Scotland and increase the availability of opera to a wider audience; a great fit with the Club's own aims.

When they applied, the club had hoped to sell 150 tickets at £12 to raise the additional £1,800 towards the project costs; in the event their projection was accurate - they successfully sold 153 tickets which raised all the match funds they required for the performance. Overall, the Club felt the performance was both an enjoyable and successful event.



COMPASS Brain injury Specialists Ltd	To contribute to staff, room hire and travel costs to operate 2 monthly Talking Heads support group sessions in Stranraer and Wigtown over 18 months.	£7,299
Glenluce Bowling Club	To purchase a range of equipment and furniture to enhance the bowling club facility.	£6,410
Machars Partnership for Health	To contribute to the costs of hall fees and facilitator costs for health and well-being activities in the Machars.	£1,635
Newton Stewart Bowling Club	To purchase a new lawnmower and six sets of bowls.	£4,477
Newton Stewart Golf Club	To contribute to the cost of purchasing 2 new electric golf buggies.	£8,000
South Carrick Club Diamonds Fun Fitness & Friendship	To contribute to the cost of delivering fitness classes for older people for one year.	£1,000
Spinal Injuries Scotland	To contribute to the costs of delivering a peer support service to people affected by spinal cord injuries in Dumfries and Galloway.	£1,000
Stranraer & District Old Peoples Welfare Organisation Ltd	To contribute to the purchase of new furniture for the Day Centre.	£1,972
Stranraer Ice Rink Curling Club	To purchase curling equipment for use by players.	£2,400
Stranraer Ice Rink Curling Club	To buy safety equipment, namely protective headbands and grippers.	£4,428
Stranraer Water Sports Association	To contribute to the costs of the SkiffieWorlds 2019 event.	£10,000
Stranraer Wheelchair Curling Club	To purchase specialist cue sticks, a camcorder and tripod for use by curlers with disabilities.	£1,266
Visibility	To contribute towards the delivery of local community hubs and home visits across Wigtownshire.	£10,000
West End Bowling and Recreation Club	To contribute to the costs of purchasing a new lawnmower and winners boards.	£4,000
Wigtown & Bladnoch Golf Club	To purchase a lawnmower and multi-tool for ongoing green maintenance.	£659
Wigtown and Bladnoch Golf Club	To purchase a new mower to maintain the green.	£5,544

AIM FOUR

Improve quality of life, health and well-being

We wanted to recognise the many voluntary groups, often small and local to a single community, that contribute to quality of life for everyone. Health and well-being, and related inequalities, are a challenge too, and so we wanted to support activity that helps improve quality of life, health and well-being for everyone.

Over 2018-2019, 16 awards were made in support of this aim, totalling £70,090.

STRANRAER WHEELCHAIR CURLING CLUB

Award: £1,266 (2018)

Stranraer Wheelchair Curling Club was established in March 2012 and meets weekly at Stranraer Ice Rink, playing inter-Club games whenever the opportunity arises, as well as holding regular 'come-and-try' sessions.

The Club had grown to 10 regular players who had reached a competent level of curling, however the Club was keen to enable them to progress to a more advanced level, allowing them to compete at National or other senior events.

However the Club only had sufficient equipment for a third of their members to train or compete at one time, and had therefore identified a need to purchase additional specialist cue sticks, in order for more members to play together, as well as a tripod and camera in order to record their play and improve their technique.

The award of £1,266 from Kilgallioch Community Fund matched funds already raised by Club members and

their friends and families from quiz and other social nights, and together enabled the Club to purchase the new equipment. The level of fundraising and sponsorship achieved by the group reflects strong community support for their activities. Opportunities to participate in disabled sport are not readily available in the local area and the benefit to individual players is significant, in terms of improving their quality of life.

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Individual case study:

Hugh Nibloe suffers from multiple sclerosis and had struggled with depression, finding it hard to even leave the house following his diagnosis.

Previously a keen rugby player, having represented Stranraer Academy as a youngster and then Wigtownshire RFC before joining the merchant navy, Hugh was no longer able to play rugby after he was diagnosed.

After attending a 'come and try' session at the Club, he discovered a passion for curling and has progressed so much that he has gone on to become a member of the UK wheelchair curling squad.



VISIBILITY SCOTLAND

Award: £10,000 (2019)

Visibility Scotland is a charity supporting children and adults who are blind or partially sighted in the west of Scotland, Lanarkshire, and Dumfries and Galloway. Dumfries and Galloway has an increasing elderly population, and as people age, they are more likely to develop a sensory impairment. According to the 2011 Census, 4,173 people reported living with blindness or partial sight loss in the area and 12,135 people reported living with a hearing impairment Dumfries and Galloway, with the highest percentage being those aged 75 and over. Approximately 20% of those reporting living with sensory loss were resident in Wigtownshire. This equates to 8.8% of the population of Wigtownshire.

Visibility had worked in the region for over seven years and already supported 142 service users in Wigtownshire. It had been holding monthly peer support group meetings in Newton Stewart and Stranraer since 2012. These are primarily social groups where people meet on a monthly basis for a chat and peer support.

After consultations held in 2019, Visibility wanted to develop two new areas of work as result, firstly to establish more local community hubs in Wigtownshire and secondly, to develop a home visiting service, as one of the biggest challenges facing people with sensory loss is the geographical spread of the area. Many cannot drive due to their condition, and poor public transport links can make it difficult to access support.

The award of £10,000 from the Kilgallioch Community Fund, matched with other funding from the Big Lottery and RS MacDonald Trust, supported the delivery of localised drop-in hubs across Wigtownshire. At these sessions, people living with sight and/or hearing loss had the opportunity to get hands on with the latest accessible technology and find out about the range of services available locally. The Hubs were supported by volunteer "Sensory Inspirers" - people who themselves are living with a sensory impairment - crucially giving people the chance to meet and speak with other local people with similar conditions to find out how they use their devices and what they find most useful.

Visibility Scotland now operates Hubs in Stranraer, Newton Stewart and Port William, with plans to extend into Whithorn in 2020. These drops in attracted a total of 55 people. Where people were unable to attend a Hub (due to a number of factors including mobility, other health conditions, rurality and proximity), Visibility Scotland and a volunteer sensory inspirer were able to offer support at home, thanks to the funding from Kilgallioch Community Fund. Over the course of the year, the group visited 46 different people at home equating to more than 100 home visits.

Living with sensory impairment can be very isolating in the busiest of towns and cities, so living remotely and rurally can be even more so. So the opportunity to link up with others living with a similar condition, often in the same town or from neighbouring villages, is tremendously important.



Individual case study:

Moira contacted Visibility Scotland as she hadn't been able to read for a number of years. She was diagnosed with form of inherited macular disease several years ago, but as there is no treatment available, she was discharged from clinical and medical services.

As her condition progressed, reading became impossible without assistive technology and reading historical books is one of her favourite pastimes. Moira thought she would never be able to finish a book on Henry the Eighth she had started. At the Stranraer Hub, Moira was able to try a large electronic magnifier, and to her astonishment, she was able to read without much issue. She promptly purchased her own and quickly finished the book she had started a number of years earlier.

At subsequent Hubs, Moira began discussing the use of tablets with others. She had tried to enlarge her laptop screen, but was unable to manage emails and internet searches. With some helpful advice from Tommy and Ishbel (sensory inspirers) she was enthusiastic enough to borrow a device from Visibility Scotland to try out. Moira has now purchased her own device and continues to benefit from this new knowledge in using technology, as well as the social support the Hub provides.

AIM FIVE

Build capacity for local groups and promote community spirit

Enabling projects and organisations to do more and reach more people is of key importance to our communities; and supporting events and activities that bring people together builds community cohesion, particularly in our remote and rural areas where geographic access to cultural opportunities is not always easy.

Related, the Kilgallioch Community Fund recognises that core funds are vital for charities and community groups to be able deliver their good work; and that often these are the hardest funds to secure. So KCBC takes a considered approach to supporting these kinds of requests, balancing funding core costs against the needs of developing or new projects.

16 awards in support of this aim were made over 2018 and 2019, totalling £63,272.

Boyle Court Library Club	To contribute to the costs of purchasing a folding display board for use at events, plants, shrubs and compost for the garden and to maintain a water cooler.	£1,300
Cairnryan In Bloom	To contribute to the cost of purchasing a motorised water bowser and upgrade planting and maintenance of displays.	£500
Castle Kennedy Bowling Club	To purchase a self-propelled sprayer for green maintenance.	£1,020
Cree Valley Community Council	To contribute to the costs of a new community event at Hogmanay.	£1,700
Creetown Country Ceilidh Festival Group	To contribute to the venue costs of the 2019 Creetown Country Ceilidh Festival, including marquee hire, staging and public toilets.	£5,670
Galloway Action Team	To contribute to salary and running costs for one year.	£7,188
Incredible Edible Stranraer	To contribute to equipment costs.	£950
Isle of Whithorn Community Council	To contribute to the costs of setting up a community garden and growing space.	£1,609
Jolly Good Show	To support the costs of putting on a pantomime in Girvan Academy over three nights in December 2018.	£518
Riverside Centre	To contribute towards staff costs for one year.	£10,000
South West Scotland Community Rail Partnership	To contribute toward the salary costs of the Project Manager role for two years.	£10,000
Stranraer Development Trust	To contribute to the costs of a new Volunteer Co-ordinator.	£9,800
Stranraer Development Trust	To contribute to the costs of employing a project administrator to support the Stranraer Oyster Festival.	£9,194
Stranraer Drama Club	To upgrade the current sound system to a digital one.	£2,000
W.O.M.A.N.S Women Of Minnigaff And Newton Stewart	To purchase gardening equipment and tools.	£893
Wigtownshire Sports Council	To contribute to the costs of running the Sports Personality Awards presentation evening.	£930

GALLOWAY ACTION TEAM

Award: £7,188 (2018)

Galloway Action Team is a Stranraer-based project set up by local people with support from local agencies including the Millennium Centre Stranraer, the Job Centre, Stranraer College, training providers and other third sector agencies. The project provides employment, training, and volunteering opportunities for people experiencing social exclusion of any kind.

Galloway Action Team provides a range of repairs, maintenance and construction projects across Wigtownshire and parts of the Stewartry in western Dumfries & Galloway. Clients include the Council, Dumfries and Galloway Housing Partnership, Loreburn Housing Association, local charities and community groups, the NHS, and private households.

The Team is keen not to compete with local tradespeople and only takes on private jobs considered too small. These jobs are often unpaid and come via referrals from social services. As a charity, it seeks to cover its costs, but does not generally charge community, charity or low-income domestic clients. Instead it seeks 'in kind' payment and actively encourages beneficiaries of a project to get involved in volunteering on its next project, via a time-banking model. This 'pay it forward' approach helps build community capacity and cohesion. The Team also trades in skills and knowledge - for example it created raised beds for Alzheimers Scotland, and in return received Alzheimer awareness training for all the volunteers - very valuable to the Team's work with vulnerable older people.

In 2018, Galloway Action Team was just beginning to find its feet as a new independent group, and needed to cover the Project Manager's salary and other core costs. An unrestricted award of £7,188 for core costs for one year from Kilgallioch Community Fund enabled the Team to secure match funding from the local Wigtownshire Area Committee, and the Common Good Fund. Combined with the Team's own community fundraising, this enabled it to establish itself on a secure footing as a recognised, established local group.

Part of the award was used to provide a young former volunteer's first paid employment, who was able to move on to permanent full-time work with another employer as a result. Another young woman, abandoned by her parents aged 16 and with a related history of drug and alcohol addiction and crime, has been volunteering with the group 5 days a week, building confidence, skills and new healthier daily routines.

In addition to these and the 20 other individuals who benefit from working or volunteering regularly, the Team helped an estimated 200 local people with practical projects. Many of these people were themselves experiencing challenges around poor mental or physical health, low incomes and social exclusion; and benefitted from the social connection with the Team as well as the direct service it provided.

Longer term, GAT intends to pursue commercial contracts with Housing Associations, D&G Council and the NHS, which would enable it to become more self-sufficient and less reliant on grant funding. It is already in discussion with CLD, who are seeking funding to commission GAT to provide practical work placements with pupils identified as underachievers at Stranraer Academy and Douglas Ewart High School in Newton Stewart.



STRANRAER DEVELOPMENT TRUST

Award: £9,194 (2018)

The Stranraer Development Trust is a charity established in 2016. The Trust was set up by a small group of local people to support the regeneration of Stranraer, in response to the Stena Line Ferries relocation out of Stranraer, which risked triggering further decline in local industry and tourism in the town.

The Stranraer Oyster Festival was established in 2017 to promote and celebrate the wild oyster beds in Loch Ryan, one of the last in Scotland. It provides a programme of celebrity chef demonstrations, workshops, cookery classes, musicians, children's entertainers, foraging, oyster shucking Championships and a number of food, drink and craft producers demonstrating and selling. The three day Festival was an immediate success, attracting over 10,000 people, and providing demonstrable positive impact on local business and trading, volunteering opportunities and educational opportunities for young people through activities delivered as part of the festival programme.

The Trust wanted to expand the Festival in 2018. While the Trust had an excellent volunteer team, it was operating with only one part time paid project officer and it recognised that creating an administrative post would not only support the day-to-day communications and administrative tasks associated with the Festival but also increase their capacity beyond this and free up the project officer to start developing other regeneration projects it had in its sights.

The Board recognised that the Trust's application keenly addressed multiple Fund aims, including the promotion and celebration of the natural and cultural heritage of Stranraer; the engagement of young people; tackling disadvantage; and building capacity and community spirit. In addition to this, the project fitted well with the additional criteria, demonstrating significant secured match funding and Consideration of local procurement was very clearly demonstrated with local suppliers promoted through the Festival.

The award of £9,194 from Kilgallioch Community Fund enabled a new part-time post to be established. The Administrator played a crucial role in supporting the 2018 Stranraer Oyster Festival. Tasks included managing stall holder bookings; ensuring licensing and health and safety compliance; supporting the co-ordination, insurance and training of volunteers, including stewards; supporting the implementation of all festival policies & procedures; and administering the Festival finances.

The Festival was a huge success, attended by 14,000 people. It has helped put Stranraer on the map as a destination for visitors, and contributed to local community regeneration; an independent economic study found it helped generate over £1m for the local economy. The Kilgallioch Community Fund award helped ensure the Oyster Festival's ongoing future as a major event in the local calendar but also increased the capacity of the Trust to develop its other regeneration priorities.



AN INDEPENDENT ECONOMIC STUDY FOUND IT HELPED GENERATE OVER £1M FOR THE LOCAL ECONOMY

Ballantrae Rural Initiative Care in the Community	To build 16 bed residential care home and 4 sheltered housing units in Ballantrae.	£50,000
Creetown Football Club	To install a boundary fence around the entire pitch to meet SFA membership regulations.	£10,000
Drummore Bowling Club	To replace flooring, seating and paving at the club.	£2,588
Girvan Youth Football Club	To refurbish and extend the Victory Park Pavilion where training and matches take place. (Development Grant)	£5,000
Glentrool and Bargrennan Community Trust	To contribute to the costs of a project manager to manage an asset transfer of the former Glentrool Primary School and oversee implementation of the business plan.	£10,000
Glentrool and Bargrennan Community Trust	To acquire the former Glentrool Primary School and refurbish it as a multi-use community building.	£50,000
Kirkdale Hall Trustees	To replace two sections of roofing over the toilet and stage area of Carsluith Village Hall.	£5,627
Kirkmaiden Information Centre	To contribute to hall refurbishment including; replacing toilets, stairlift installations, replacing windows and complete refurbishment of the upstairs.	£10,000
Machars Action Ltd.	To upgrade meeting room to provide well equipped facilities for meeting and training.	£6,675
Newton Stewart Initiative	To extend the employment of the project co-ordinator and contribute to the costs of public consultation, an audit of facility use and the production of a business plan.	£12,000
Newton Stewart Museum	To contribute to the cost of repairs and promotional materials.	£4,833
Port William Community Development Trust	To contribute to the costs of extending the community Youth Centre.	£10,000
Port Logan Hall Committee	To contribute to the cost of immediate repairs to Port Logan Village Hall.	£1,000
Sorbie Green Bowling Club	To contribute to the costs of improving the condition of the playing surface.	£1,254
Sorbie Parish Church	To repaint the exterior windows, doors and fascias and fit exterior lighting at Forteviot Hall.	£930
Stoneykirk Community Council	To contribute to the costs of clearing and fencing the former tennis courts at Sandhead for use as a community garden.	£2,000
Stranraer Bowling Club	To level the bowling green surface.	£10,000
Stranraer Happy Hooves RDA Group	To construct a purpose built facility for our RDA activities.	£10,000
Stranraer Millennium Centre Community Trust	To fund the cost of specialist equipment required for a changing places facility in the refurbished Millennium Centre.	£8,350

AIM SIX

Build sustainable community assets, including capital assets

Our local economic and demographic landscape has changed significantly over the last 20 years or so, and many former civic and commercial buildings prominent in our communities have been closed or are facing closure. Additionally, in line with many local authorities, both South Ayrshire Council and Dumfries & Galloway Council are seeking to divest themselves of responsibility for village halls and other public buildings in various ways, including through asset transfer. Yet our communities still need places to meet, and spaces in which to run activities that bring people together and that have the potential to offer new opportunities.

In this context, we wanted to support communities seeking to develop new or existing assets for community use, including land and buildings.

19 awards totalling £210,257 were made in support of this aim during 2018-2019.

PORT WILLIAM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST

Award: £10,000 (2018)

Port William Community Development Trust was established in its current form in 2006 developing from the former Port William Regeneration group.

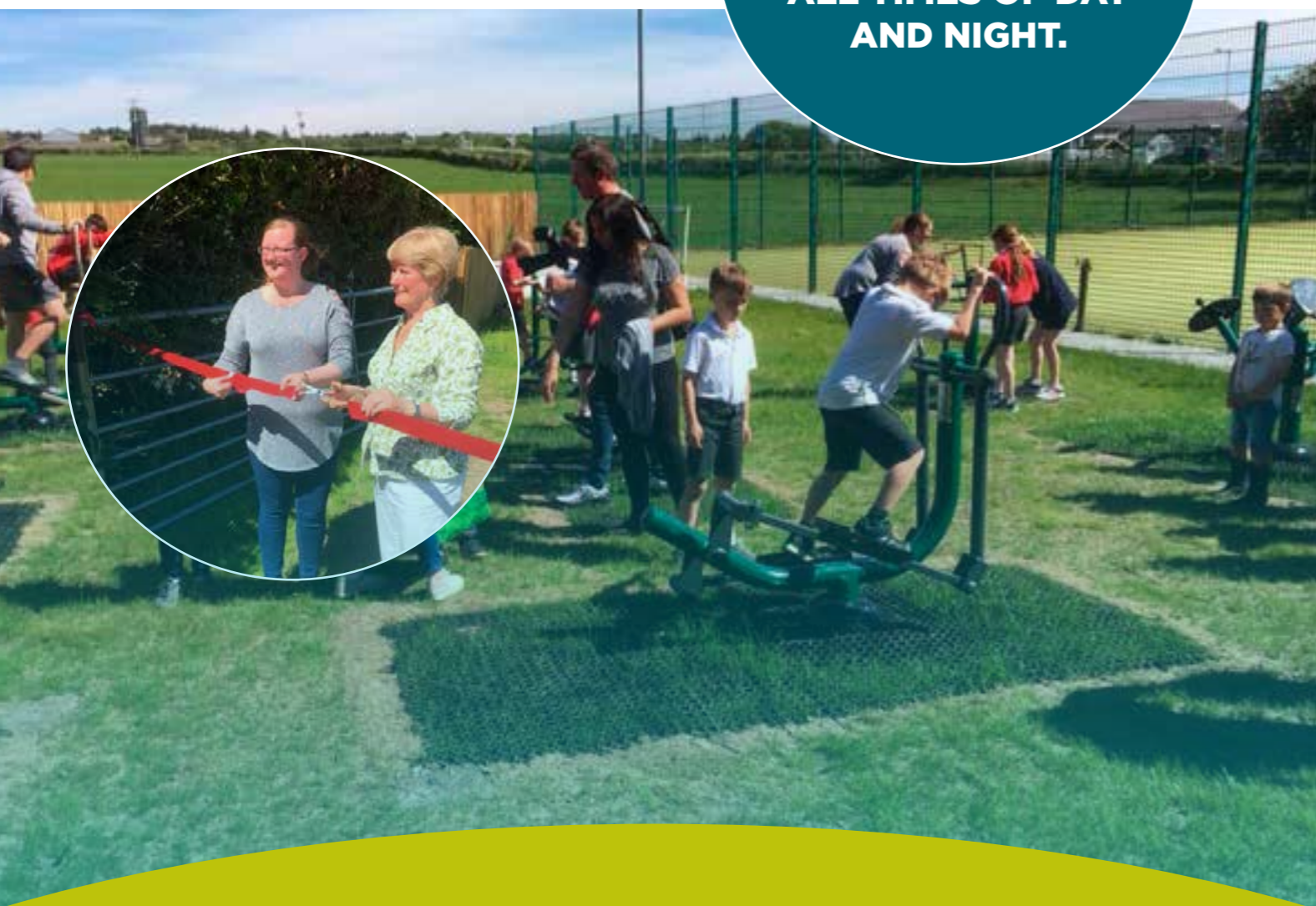
The Trust has a good track record of delivering projects, developing the current youth centre, which opened in November 2006, and the adjacent Multi Use Games Area in early 2007. The Trust has operated a youth group at the centre for the last 14 years and in addition to the weekly youth sessions on Wednesday and Friday the youth centre and MUGA can be hired out to other local groups. Regular groups include the local ladies' netball group and the local 5 a side football team.

The Trust had been getting consistent requests from children and parents to extend the existing youth centre or erect a new building. There were also requests to provide additional outdoor facilities. The youth centre was stretched on a Wednesday evening in particular, with up to 48 children attending this weekly session. Overall there are up to 100 attendances at the youth centre each week.

The Trust recently bought a plot of land adjacent to the youth centre. After consulting with the user groups, the derelict shed was removed and this land developed into an outdoor gym. The youth building was enlarged providing extra space for activities and a larger storage area. To do this work the Trust undertook extensive fundraising and the awards of £10,000 from the Kilgallioch Community Fund, £10,000 from Awards for All, and £5,000 from The Foyle Foundation were matched with £20,226 from Dumfries and Galloway LEADER programme.

The work was completed in the spring of 2019 and a grand opening took place on 23rd May, attended by many members of the local community, who enjoyed trying out the new equipment. The indoor extension and alteration has enabled the weekly youth groups to enjoy more space. The outdoor gym is in regular use by locals and visitors, as the secretary of the Trust, Pauline Watkins notes, "In all weathers and at all times of the day and night".

THE OUTDOOR GYM IS IN USE IN ALL WEATHERS AND AT ALL TIMES OF DAY AND NIGHT.



STRANRAER MILLENNIUM CENTRE COMMUNITY TRUST

Award: £8,350 (2018)

Stranraer Millennium Centre Community Trust (The Millennium Centre) is a social enterprise set up in 1998 to develop a community centre from a former supermarket premises in Stranraer. It has 25 volunteers, 8 staff and supports a base of 174 members, as well as the wider local community, with an estimated 3,000 visits per month.

The Millennium Centre provides a number of activities, including a café, bingo nights, concerts and performances and weekly Zumba classes, archery, youth and music clubs. It is also a venue for weddings and events; is used by the DVLA as a test centre, as well as other organisations providing training; and supports a community radio station.

In 2018, The Millennium Centre was commencing a multi-million pound renovation and extension of the Community Centre into a multi-purpose space, to provide a café, commercial bar, kitchen, recording studio, rehearsal area, studio facility, training space, and lettable office space. Ensuring these new spaces were fully accessible to all was important to the

Millennium Centre and conventional disabled-accessible toilet facilities don't always achieve this. People with profound and multiple learning disabilities, as well as people with other physical disabilities such as spinal injuries, muscular dystrophy and multiple sclerosis often need extra equipment and space to allow them to use the toilets safely and comfortably. The Millennium Centre wanted to create a Changing Places Facility- a nationally recognised standard for facilities of this type.

The Millennium Centre was awarded £8,350 from the Kilgallioch Community Fund, which enabled it to install changing places equipment including a tracking hoist; grab rails; height adjustable wash hand basin; and a hydraulic bench. The work was carried out in early 2019, as part of a wider Lottery-funded refurbishment of the building, which included fit out and tiling of the Changing Places space. The Changing Places facility is now in full use, with users of the Millennium Centre now able to attend more events for longer periods of time.

THANKS TO THE CHANGING PLACES INITIATIVE USERS CAN NOW ATTEND MORE EVENT FOR LONGER PERIODS OF TIME



AIM 7

Promote, protect and celebrate natural and cultural heritage

We have a beautiful local landscape, including the Galloway Forest Park, the Dumfries & Galloway and Southern Ayrshire Biosphere, a Dark Sky park and an outstanding coastline. We also have a long shared history, encompassing pilgrims, poets and pirates. Our area is attracting increasing numbers of holiday-makers because of the range of things to see and do. In this context, we wanted to support projects that increase access to local natural and cultural heritage, and enable local people to enjoy local places and history.

17 awards totalling £149,969 were made in 2018-2019.

Aldouran Wetland Garden SCIO	To purchase and install an outdoor classroom and shelter for use by visiting school groups and volunteers.	£6,800
Ballantrae Trust	To contribute to the costs of the Ballantrae Festival of Food & Drink (BFFD) in 2019.	£5,000
Galloway Forest Astronomical Society	To purchase a portable planetarium for use on visits to schools in the region.	£8,740
Galloway Mountain Rescue Team SCIO	To contribute to the costs of purchasing a new 4x4 rescue vehicle.	£25,000
Galloway Mountain Rescue Team SCIO	To replace 40 safety helmets.	£3,360
Galloway Music Festival	To cover Adjudicators Fees for the 2019 Galloway Music festival.	£2,000
Garlieston Community Council	To commission a map of the village to highlight points of interest and the remaining sections of the Mulberry Harbour.	£1,460
Lochryan Pipe Band	To contribute to the purchase of 40 jackets, waistcoats and sporrans.	£6,500
Newton Stewart Walking Festival	To contribute to the costs of a refreshed 24-page walking guide to Newton Stewart and Cree Valley, and repairing signage on the routes.	£1,967
South Carrick Community Leisure	To contribute to the costs of initial design work for interpretative displays on the geological and bird life of Ailsa Craig.	£1,800
Stranraer Rotary Coastal Path Group	To carry out improvements to the Ayrshire section of the Loch Ryan Coastal Path.	£9,300
Stranraer Rotary Coastal Path Group	To contribute to improvements on the Mull of Galloway trail.	£9,740
The River Cree Hatchery & Habitat Trust	To contribute to the costs of installing a gravity-fed water supply to the hatchery and training the Hatchery Co-ordinator to achieve the Electro-fishing Team leader Qualification.	£9,347
Trad Music Trust	To contribute to costs of an annual music festival and development of a new music centre.	£6,500
Trad Music Trust	To contribute to the running costs of the Vaults Arts Centre. (Development Grant)	£2,900
Whithorn Trust	To install way markers, interpretation information and promote the Whithorn Way pilgrimage route.	£29,555
Wigtown Festival Company	To contribute to the Wigtown Book Festival.	£20,000

WHITHORN TRUST

Award: £29,555 (2019)

The Whithorn Trust was set up in 1986 to explore the archaeology and history of the area, and to examine its role in the evolution of Christianity in Scotland. Whithorn was the location of the earliest Christian community in Scotland, which is associated with St. Ninian and created the first inscribed Christian monument, known as the Latinus stone, around 450AD. The Trust exists primarily to interpret, publicise, research and promote the heritage of Whithorn throughout its 1600 year history, and it also regularly undertakes archaeological digs including most recently the Blackloch Crannog. The Trust operates an on-site visitor centre incorporating an exhibition and audio visual presentations, a separate museum, historic ruins of the Priory, an award-winning reconstruction of a Galloway Iron Age roundhouse, a coffee shop and shop. The Trust seeks to involve local residents in its work as far as possible, including through initiatives targeted at involving local young people in digs and related short film production via 'Dig TV'. The Trust also operates as a Development Trust for Whithorn and has been working with other local groups to establish other community initiatives and facilities in the town.

In line with these combined community and heritage aims, the Trust launched a new walking route in 2018, seeking to re-develop Whithorn as a destination for visitors. Known as The Whithorn Way, the 153 mile route from Glasgow follows the journey taken by medieval pilgrims. The route uses existing pathways, and had already been supported by grants for a new guidebook, the creation of 13 short films that were distributed on social media and to communities on the route on screens for public display, and a new section of footpath at Whithorn, linking it to the historic St Ninian's Cave. Part of the Whithorn Way uses the existing Ayrshire Coastal Path, which has estimated use by around 4,000 people per annum.

The Trust wanted to provide more high-profile publicity and navigational aids for the Whithorn Way, and improve the walker's experience by providing interpretation boards, signage, an app and printed passports, printed maps / publicity leaflets and pilgrim passport stamping facilities from Girvan southwards, which is the most rural section of the route where directions are most needed.

With an award of £29,555, the Trust worked with communities from Girvan, Colmonell, Barrhill, New Luce, Old Luce and Mochrum to agree interpretation relevant to the pilgrimage heritage of their area and also signposting visitors to other local walks, wildlife, points and people of interest, and local facilities which may be of importance to walkers, such as food, drink, taxi/bus transport and accommodation.

Road signs and small off-road disc signs are now erected in Galloway from the Ayrshire border to south

of Whithorn. An app was also created and about 60 businesses have signed up to help "populate" the app tabs for accommodation, cafes, attractions, including Historic Environment Scotland. The Trust also created a suite of 13 A3 leaflets, which fold out to reveal an OS map of the walk, a passport for stamping and an end of walk/pilgrimage certificate. These will be available free of charge to venues.

Communities and businesses throughout the South West have benefitted from increasing footfall and spending by those who walk the route. This includes local artists and artisans who are interested in making branded goods for the Whithorn Way with 3 businesses directly involved.

The involvement of volunteers as walk guides and route mappers helps the Trust to achieve the social impact it aims for in terms of well-being, capacity building and mental health issues. For example, during 2019, volunteers organised walks of parts of the route, which helped the Trust to "recce" any difficult parts and re-route away from roads wherever possible. One of these was a bereavement support group, some of whom had become very socially isolated, and reported how much they enjoyed the company and the physical stimulus it brought.

After receiving an enthusiastic response from VisitScotland and with key infrastructure now in place, the Trust is seeking funding to market the route heavily.

Julia Muir-Watt, Trust Chair said:

"The work which has been done with this grant was a vital building block, which will lead to the launch of the route as a major national trail."



STRANRAER ROTARY COASTAL PATH GROUP

Awards: £9,740 (2018) and £9,300 (2019)

Stranraer Rotary Coastal Path Group was set up in 2007 specifically to create and maintain a coastal path stretching 11 miles from Stranraer to Glen App Church, known as the Loch Ryan Coastal Path.

Following the completion of this, it then developed a further, more ambitious route of 24 miles south from Stranraer to Mull of Galloway. The Mull of Galloway Trail was completed and opened in 2012 and has been recognised as one of Scotland's Great Trails by Scottish National Heritage; it also forms part of the Scottish section of the International Appalachian Trail that runs from Mull all the way to Cape Wrath. Both tourists and local people use the path, with figures from a survey in 2016 estimating that 9,676 people used the route per year.

The Mull of Galloway Trail, inclusive of the Loch Ryan Coastal Path, is maintained solely by volunteers from the group and the wider Stranraer Rotary Club as well as individuals on the Community Payback Scheme.

The Trail is open to all, offering an accessible and enjoyable walk (of varying lengths) to both tourists and members of the local community. The installation of 24 information boards at strategic points along the route provide educational opportunities in local and natural history.

In 2018, the Group had identified three sections of

the Mull of Galloway trail, within the Kirkmaiden and Stoneykirk community council areas, that needed some attention to make them safer and easier to pass. One section, outside the village of Drummore where drivers tend to speed up on exiting a 30 mph limit zone, required walkers to pass along the edge of the A716 without a designated pathway. Further along the path at Longrigg and Dyemill the Group identified a need to renovate two sections of steps and handrails that were worn and becoming a risk, as the areas are steep and there is a risk of accidents.

An award of £9,740 from the Kilgallioch Community Fund enabled this work to be carried out later in 2018, and contributed to an improved and safer walking experience for several hundred people in the first year, with a long-term legacy for many years to come.

The following year, the Group identified improvements were needed in a South Ayrshire section of the path. At March Burn, near Glen App, the path takes a steep drop down to a timber walkway and bridge before rising steeply up the opposite bank to a track. The steps on either side of the burn needed upgrading, and also installation of handrails. In addition the Group wanted to extend the existing walkways and dig a ditch on the high side, to prevent water encroaching on the timbers.

A second Kilgallioch Community Fund award of £9,300 in 2019 enabled this work to be carried out.

The path is an important asset to many residents, offering free access to an outdoor activity that celebrates and promotes the natural and cultural heritage of the area. The improvements to the pathway make it more accessible, safer and more attractive to potential walkers thereby improving health and wellbeing.

IMPROVEMENTS TO THE COASTAL PATH PROVIDE A SAFER, MORE ACCESIBLE ROUTE THEREBY IMPROVING HEALTH AND WELLBEING.

PRIMARY COMMUNITY ACTIVITY

Separate to the wider area of benefit Community Fund, each of the four 'primary communities' receives an annual payment from the fund and reports on how this has been used to the KCBC Board and to ScottishPower Renewables. Below is a summary of related activity by each.

Barrhill Community Interest Company

In 2018, Barrhill Community Interest Company used Kilgallioch Windfarm community benefit monies to implement some of the village's aspirations in its community action plan, including employing a **village handyman** whose role is to oversee the maintenance of the village planters, maintain the outdoor communal areas in the village, the Memorial Hall, land around the play park and to carry out regular clean ups throughout the village. The handyman can also provide garden and handyman services to residents of Barrhill aged 65+. Community benefit monies were also invested in **30 planters and gardening resources** for village volunteer gardeners, with residents invited to adopt and maintain a planter. **11 benches** were purchased, enabling less mobile residents in particular to enjoy local views and socialise outdoors. Support was also given to **Girvan & South Carrick First Responders**, which is seen as a vital service for a remote and rural village.

2019 saw major capital investments undertaken on behalf of the village: Barrhill Development Trust **purchased the sole remaining village pub**, The Trout Inn, which was at risk of being lost to the community.

The Kilgallioch Windfarm community benefit funding helped to leverage a significant match award of £135,000 from the Scottish Land Fund for the purchase (see Case Study, below). Barrhill Development Trust then utilised further Kilgallioch Windfarm funds to undertake extensive renovations and refurbishment.

Kilgallioch Windfarm Community Benefit funds were also allocated to **Barrhill Bowling Club**, to build a new pavilion, and to undertake annual grounds maintenance.

John Thomson, Chair, Barrhill Community Interest Company said:

Kilgallioch Community Benefit Funding has been instrumental in enabling the community of Barrhill to develop projects that provide direct benefit to our community. We are now working to ensure that Kilgallioch funding is also utilised in developing projects that deliver a lasting legacy for our community and generations to come; most notably the purchase and refurbishment of the Trout Inn. Funding from Kilgallioch is also a valuable match funding tool in leveraging additional external funds in order to expand community development projects.

Case Study: Trout Inn

The Trout Inn, located in a prominent position on the Main Street, is the only pub in Barrhill village. The proprietor wanted to sell the property in order to retire, and the community became concerned that the village would lose this valued community asset.

The business was unlikely to attract a commercial owner because trade levels at that time were not commercially sustainable and the building needed investment. Taking the pub into community ownership was felt to be the only realistic option to prevent the facility closing permanently.

To decide whether this was the way forward, Barrhill Community Interest Company (BCIC) undertook a thorough community consultation, including open meetings, question and answer session, communications via the community newsletter and a community questionnaire that was delivered to every household in the parish.

76% of the community were in support of the community purchasing, managing and running the property as a pub and restaurant. BCIC felt that community ownership had the potential to create a

whole new scenario, creating buy-in from local people motivated to make a success of a shared local asset. A Feasibility Plan was prepared, followed by a Business Plan and financial forecast. The group undertook a study trip to another community-owned pub (in Dunlop, East Ayrshire); a full survey on the building was carried out. Following through these processes enabled BCIC to evaluate all aspects of the project and consider the most appropriate ways it could operate and manage the pub going forward.

BCIC successfully applied to the Scottish Land Fund (SLF) for 85% of the purchase price of the property. A key element of securing the funding was being able to evidence to SLF that BCIC had sufficient financial support in place through the community benefit funding, to fund the remaining 15% of the purchase price, in addition to the refurbishment costs required to bring the project to fruition.

The purchase of the Trout Inn enabled the community to save a community facility and once the refurbishment is complete, it will provide a valuable service, provide employment in the village and boost the local economy.

Old Luce Community Council

In 2018 and 2019, Kilgallioch Windfarm funds were awarded by Old Luce Community Council, through its open grant-making programme to Old Luce Development Trust (OLDT), which is working on a number of projects identified as priorities in the Old Luce Community Action Plan. The first of these awards was to match-fund the purchase and redevelopment of the **former Brambles Café** in Glenluce. The property has been closed for some time and there is no other daytime venue in the village for residents to socialise over a cuppa or lunch. The community benefit funding helped leverage a Scottish Land Fund award of £82,000.

Unfortunately, following the stripping out of Brambles, a number of structural issues have been identified that were not previously visible. A Structural Engineer's report has recommended that the building be part-demolished and rebuilt. OLDLT applied for listed building consent for this work and which was finally approved in February 2020, giving the OLDLT greater scope in repurposing the building.

Alongside this project, the Old Luce Development Trust (OLDLT) is also working hard on the redevelopment of DaPratos corner which is the location of a former shop in Glenluce village, known as the **DaPrato's corner** site. It occupies a prominent position on the high street, opposite the village hall and main bus stop. The buildings have been demolished and the remaining ground is in derelict condition, with weeds and rubbish. The site had previously been identified by residents as a significant eyesore and will be transformed into a small garden with a seating area and noticeboard to serve as a village square.

Kilgallioch Windfarm funds were also used to pay for a **new footpath between the communities of Glenluce and Dunragit**, enabling walkers and cyclists to travel between the villages, protected from the traffic on the busy adjacent A75 ferry route to Cairnryan. Looking forward, discussions are progressing with neighbouring New Luce community representatives about developing a shared Doctors' surgery that is fit for the future. It may be that future Kilgallioch

Windfarm funds support some aspects of this significant new development for the parish.

Kirkcowan Community Development Trust

In 2018 and 2019, Kirkcowan Community Development Trust used Kilgallioch Windfarm funds to enhance community activity in Kirkcowan by **supporting new and existing groups**. Groups and activities that benefited included: an Art Club; a knitting group; Pilates, Yoga & Tai Chi classes; Rainbow Guides; the local branch of the Scottish Women's Institute; the Carpet Bowling Club; the Badminton Club; and Kirkcowan Community Council. The relative grants covered the cost of hall hire at Kirkcowan Village Hall and, in some cases, the acquisition of equipment and supplies. Kirkcowan Autumn Social Club, for older residents, was supported with its running costs, as was Kirkcowan Curling Club.

Two new annual community events were launched – a Christmas Extravaganza and Kirkcowan Open Show, a showcase of crafts, produce and baking.

Kirkcowan Primary School and Nursery were supported with the cost of coach hire for outings, as well as hall hire for rehearsals and an annual concert performance. In 2019, funds were also awarded to the Primary School for equipment to enhance STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) education.

Kirkcowan Village Hall Management Committee (now Kirkcowan Hall SCIO) were supported with the cost of undertaking a feasibility study into the Community Asset Transfer of the hall from Dumfries & Galloway Council along with the ongoing costs of cleaning the Hall toilets, which serve as the only public toilets in the village.

Kirkcowan Community Council accessed funds to undertake maintenance and improvement works on a popular local woodland walk and rest garden, and for the planting and maintenance of a network of planters in and around the village.

Some funds were also spent on Trust administration, and invested into a long-term **endowment** fund for the community.

In the initial years of the Kilgallioch Windfarm community benefit funding, the Trust knew that there was sufficient immediate demand from the community to fully utilise the available funds. Looking ahead, KCDT recognised that there is a need for a longer-term vision and is currently developing a **Community Action Plan** aimed at producing long-term positive changes for the community, based on priorities identified and agreed by residents. This will mean that going forward, Kilgallioch funds will be able to provide support to projects prioritised by the Plan, in support of the

community's long term vision for their area.

New Luce Community Trust

New Luce's first funded activity was to conduct a community consultation to gather ideas and views on what was important to the community and what projects they would like to see in their area – this formed the basis of the **Community Action Plan (CAP)** which provides the framework for the work of the Trust's Development Officer and the use of Kilgallioch Windfarm community benefit funds.

The CAP identified key priority areas of community broadband and mobile phone coverage greenspaces and underused buildings, winter fuel costs and community transport. Considerable work has already been carried out on all these projects with significant progress in most areas. The Development Officer co-ordinated the projects specifically funded by Kilgallioch monies (see below) and has been working on the other identified priorities, including ensuring mobile phone coverage and community access to broadband is sufficient, partnership working to identify new greenspace projects of interest and the ongoing work of the gardening group.

Kilgallioch Windfarm funds enabled New Luce Community Trust (NLCT) to install a **new play park**.



The play park was completed in the late summer of 2019 and has proved a huge success, not only to the residents, but has attracted many families and visitors to the facilities.

Eligible households can apply for a **winter fuel payment** of £150.00 on an annual basis. We have had two full years of this project, and at present have 92 households who have applied to the scheme.

NLCT undertook a comprehensive community consultation to look at various underused buildings in the village, including community events, questionnaires and culminated in a community vote on what option they wanted to explore. From this it was agreed that NLCT would **purchase the local pub/hotel** that had been closed for the past two years. A successful Scottish Land Fund application matched to Kilgallioch Windfarm funds enabled the Trust purchased the hotel in February 2019. An extensive refurbishment of the building is about to take place, with the aim of opening in late 2020.

A community consultation took place on the best way to support a **transport scheme** in the village, based on the poor public transport links available within the village. A successful taxi card scheme has now been running for the last two years, where each eligible household can apply for a pre-paid taxi card that is used in conjunction with the local taxi company. NLCT only get charged for the actual journeys that take place, maximising the use of funds.

Using the CAP as their framework, NLCT continue to develop new projects for the future.

Nigel Forster, Chair, NLCT said:

The Kilgallioch Windfarm Fund gives New Luce Community the unique opportunity to enhance its surroundings and improve the quality of life for all its residents, both young and old.



LOOKING AHEAD

2020 will see Kilgallioch Community Benefit Company's third year of operation. We continue to anticipate a high level of demand on the Community Fund. We will also continue to see previously funded projects completing their grant awards and submitting monitoring reports on their activities, enabling us to deepen our understanding of the impact of the Fund on community activities across the area of benefit.

We aim to continue to build on our experience to date and to further refine our funding strategy and grant-making. We want to ensure that projects supported remain close to communities' priorities; that we are able to provide support where it is needed right across the area of benefit; and that the grant-making processes themselves are responsive to applicants' needs.

With this in mind, in 2019 we introduced optional developmental funding for applicants seeking grants of over £10,000. These development grants are awards of up to £5,000 which can be used for activities which enable groups to go on to submit a well-developed application for a large grant. For example, this funding could be used to support common initiatives

associated with early stage capital projects such as architect's drawings, surveyor's fees, or feasibility studies; or for projects developing a service or activity, to bring in consultants to provide specialised advice, run a pilot, or to hold consultation events that will inform their bid. We hope this will both support applicants to achieve what they need to develop their project and also ensure that applications coming through for large grant support are of high quality and therefore more likely to be successful.

As we look to the future, we anticipate that our funding strategy will evolve; in particular we anticipate that the longer term implications for our communities of the Covid-19 pandemic have yet to fully emerge and we are monitoring our communities' needs so that we are able to respond appropriately. Other grantmaking themes will emerge; and indeed the findings of reports such as these will help bring this into focus, as will our planned formal review of the Fund due to take place in 2021, in line with the Scottish Government's guidance 'Good Practice Principles for Community Benefits from Onshore Renewable Energy Developments'.

APPENDIX - LIST OF PROJECTS BY AREA

Applicant	Grant Purpose	Amount Awarded (£)
Newton Stewart & The Machars		
Cree Valley Community Council	To contribute to the costs of a new community event at Hogmanay.	£1,700.00
Creetown Country Ceilidh Festival Group	To contribute to the venue costs of the 2019 Creetown Country Ceilidh Festival, including marquee hire, staging and public toilets.	£5,670.00
Creetown Football Club	To install a boundary fence around the entire pitch to meet SFA membership regulations.	£10,000.00
Creetown Silver Band	To contribute to the cost of purchasing a new trombone for use by the band.	£3,000.00
Galloway Forest Astronomical Society	To purchase a portable planetarium for use on visits to schools in the region.	£8,740.00
Galloway Thistle Youth Football Club	To offer all club members the opportunity to participate in all training session and match day fixtures free of charge.	£2,000.00
Garlieston Community Council	To commission a map of the village to highlight points of interest and the remaining sections of the Mulberry Harbour.	£1,460.00
Glentool and Bargrennan Community Trust	To contribute to the costs of a project manager to manage an asset transfer of the former Glentool Primary School and oversee implementation of the business plan..	£10,000.00
Glentool and Bargrennan Community Trust	To acquire the former Glentool Primary School and refurbish it as a multi-use community building.	£50,000.00
Isle of Whithorn Community Council	To contribute to the costs of setting up a community garden and growing space.	£1,609.00
Kirkdale Hall Trustees	To replace two sections of roofing over the toilet and stage area of Carsluith Village Hall.	£5,627.00
Learners 2gether	To create a mud kitchen, sensory play area, sandpit and growing garden at Whithorn Primary School Nursery.	£1,698.00
Machars Action Ltd.	To upgrade meeting room to provide well equipped facilities for meeting and training.	£6,675.00
Machars Partnership for Health	To contribute to the costs of hall fees and facilitator costs for health and well-being activities in the Machars.	£1,635.00
Newton Stewart & District Music Club	To contribute to the costs of a programme of music concerts in 2018 and 2019.	£750.00
Newton Stewart and District Music Club	To contribute to the costs of inviting Opera Bohemia to perform in Newton Stewart in September 2019.	£1,800.00
Newton Stewart Bowling Club	To purchase a new lawnmower and six sets of bowls.	£4,477.00
Newton Stewart Cinema Limited	To contribute to the costs of purchasing equipment for live streaming of concerts and new stage lights for live shows. This has enhanced the performances for the local community.	£2,830.00
Newton Stewart Golf Club	To contribute to the cost of purchasing 2 new electric golf buggies.	£8,000.00
Newton Stewart Initiative	To organise and run the Newton Stewart Flight Club for young people in the area.	£1,141.00
Newton Stewart Initiative	To extend the employment of the project co-ordinator and contribute to the costs of public consultation, an audit of facility use and the production of a business plan.	£12,000.00
Newton Stewart Museum	To contribute to the cost of repairs and promotional materials.	£4,833.00
Newton Stewart Walking Festival	To contribute to the costs of a refreshed 24-page walking guide to Newton Stewart and Cree Valley, and repairing signage on the routes.	£1,967.00
Port William Community Development Trust	To contribute to the costs of extending the community Youth Centre.	£10,000.00
Riverside Centre	To contribute towards staff costs for one year.	£10,000.00
Sorbie Green Bowling Club	To contribute to the costs of improving the condition of the playing surface.	£1,254.00
Sorbie Parish Church	To repaint the exterior windows, doors and facias and fit exterior lighting at Forteviot Hall.	£930.00
The River Cree Hatchery & Habitat Trust	To contribute to the costs of installing a gravity-fed water supply to the hatchery and training the Hatchery Co-ordinator to achieve the Electro-fishing Team leader Qualification.	£9,347.00
Trad Music Trust	To contribute to costs of an annual music festival and development of a new music centre.	£6,500.00
Trad Music Trust	To contribute to the running costs of the Vaults Arts Centre.	£2,900.00
W.O.M.A.N.S Women Of Minnigaff And Newton Stewart	To purchase gardening equipment and tools.	£893.00
Whithorn Trust	To install way markers, interpretation information and promote the Whithorn Way pilgrimage route.	£29,555.00



Wigtown & Bladnoch Golf Club	To purchase a lawnmower and multi-tool for ongoing green maintenance.	£659.00
Wigtown and Bladnoch Golf Club	To purchase a new mower to maintain the green.	£5,544.00
Wigtown Bay Sailing Club	To contribute to the costs of a new outboard engine for the group's safety rib, and related powerboat training for club members.	£4,600.00
Wigtown Bay Sailing Club	To provide free accredited training to 40 young people.	£1,200.00
Wigtown Festival Company	To contribute to the Wigtown Book Festival.	£20,000.00
South Carrick		
Age Concern Girvan	To purchase new kitchen equipment and contribute to running and food costs for a lunch club in Girvan.	£3,200.00
Ballantrae Rural Initiative Care in the Community	To build 16 bed residential care home and 4 sheltered housing units in Ballantrae.	£50,000.00
Ballantrae Trust	To employ web designers to create a new website for the village of Ballantrae.	£2,000.00
Ballantrae Trust	To contribute to the costs of the Ballantrae Festival of Food & Drink (BFFD) in 2019.	£5,000.00
Boyle Court Library Club	To contribute to the costs of purchasing a folding display board for use at events, plants, shrubs and compost for the garden and to maintain a water cooler.	£1,300.00
Girvan Community Sport Hub	To fund a six-month employability pilot project seeking to identify, recruit, train and support six young people into employment in the South Carrick area.	£6,720.00*
Girvan Traditional Folk Festival	To support the festival artistic programme as well as the rural transport initiative.	£4,000.00
Girvan Youth Football Club	To refurbish and extend the Victory Park Pavillion where training and matches take place.	£5,000.00
Jolly Good Show	To support the costs of putting on a pantomime in Girvan Academy over three nights in December 2018.	£518.00
South Carrick Club Diamonds Fun Fitness & Friendship	To contribute to the cost of delivering fitness classes for older people for one year.	£1,000.00
South Carrick Community Leisure	To contribute to the costs of initial design work for interpretative displays on the geological and bird life of Ailsa Craig.	£1,800.00
South West Scotland Community Rail Partnership	To contribute toward the salary costs of the Project Manager role for two years.	£10,000.00
Stranraer and the Rhins		
Aldouran Wetland Garden SCIO	To purchase and install an outdoor classroom and shelter for use by visiting school groups and volunteers.	£6,800.00
Apex Scotland	To contribute to a fund to offer emergency utility payments to vulnerable adults (over 25) in the Stranraer area.	£1,000.00
Cairnryan In Bloom	To contribute to the cost of purchasing a motorised water bowser and upgrade planting and maintenance of displays.	£500.00
Castle Kennedy Bowling Club	To purchase a self-propelled sprayer for green maintenance.	£1,020.00
Drummore Bowling Club	To replace flooring, seating and paving at the club.	£2,588.00
Drummore Parent Council	To replace play equipment in the school playground.	£9,666.00
Euan's Playspace Trust	To enhance Euan's Playspace and contribute to the costs of maintenance.	£15,000.00
Furniture Project (Stranraer) Limited	To part fund the costs of a new community café.	£9,000.00
Glenluce Bowling Club	To purchase a range of equipment and furniture to enhance the bowling club facility.	£6,410.00
Incredible Edible Stranraer	To contribute to equipment costs.	£950.00
Kirkmaiden Information Centre	To contribute to hall refurbishment including; replacing toilets, stairlift installations, replacing windows and complete refurbishment of the upstairs.	£10,000.00
Lochans Community Council	To contribute to the costs of installing a defibrillator for community use.	£2,419.00
Lochryan Pipe Band	To contribute to the the purchase of 40 jackets, waistcoats and sporrans.	£6,500.00
Millennium FC	To contribute to the costs of hiring playing pitches in Stranraer and the surrounding area.	£2,000.00
Park Primary School Parent's Council	To contribute to costs of the Parent Council's school holiday food poverty project.	£4,968.00
Port Logan Hall Committee	To contribute to the cost of immediate repairs to Port Logan Village Hall.	£1,000.00
Sandhead Primary Parent Council	To replace play equipment in the school playground.	£7,000.00

Stair Park Community Garden Centre	To contribute to the costs of employing a workshop technician.	£5,326.00
Stoneykirk Community Council	To contribute to the costs of clearing and fencing the former tennis courts at Sandhead for use as a community garden.	£2,000.00
Stranraer & District Old Peoples Welfare Organisation Ltd	To contribute to the purchase of new furniture for the Day Centre.	£1,972.00
Stranraer Bowling Club	To level the bowling green surface.	£10,000.00
Stranraer Brass	To improve the quality of the instruments we currently provide for our senior band.	£2,000.00
Stranraer Development Trust	To contribute to the costs of employing a project administrator to support the Stranraer Oyster Festival.	£9,194.00
Stranraer Development Trust	To contribute to the costs of a new Volunteer Co-ordinator.	£9,800.00
Stranraer Drama Club	To upgrade the current sound system to a digital one.	£2,000.00
Stranraer Happy Hooves RDA Group	To construct a purpose built facility for our RDA activities.	£10,000.00
Stranraer Ice Rink Curling Club	To purchase curling equipment for use by players.	£2,400.00
Stranraer Ice Rink Curling Club	To buy safety equipment, namely protective headbands and grippers.	£4,428.00
Stranraer Millennium Centre Community Trust	To fund the cost of specialist equipment required for a changing places facility in the refurbished Millennium Centre.	£8,350.00
Stranraer RNLI Park Fest	To contribute to the cost of marquee hire for the Stranraer RNLI Park Fest.	£1,000.00
Stranraer Rotary Coastal Path Group	To contribute to improvements on the Mull of Galloway trail.	£9,740.00
Stranraer Rotary Coastal Path Group	To carry out improvements to the Ayrshire section of the Loch Ryan Coastal Path.	£9,300.00
Stranraer Water Sports Association	To contribute to attendance costs for members at four skiff regattas, purchase team kit, and fund cox and umpire training for six association members.	£2,000.00
Stranraer Water Sports Association	To contribute to the costs of the SkiffieWorlds 2019 event.	£10,000.00
Stranraer Wheelchair Curling Club	To purchase specialist cue sticks, a camcorder and tripod for use by curlers with disabilities.	£1,266.00
Stranraer YMCA	To fund staff costs for 2 part-time play rangers.	£9,360.00
Toskerton Senior Citizens Club	To support the group's running costs for one year and encourage an increase in membership.	£1,000.00
West End Bowling and Recreation Club	To contribute to the costs of purchasing a new lawnmower and winners boards.	£4,000.00
Wigtownshire		
COMPASS Brain injury Specialists Ltd	To contribute to staff, room hire and travel costs to operate 2 monthly Talking Heads support group sessions in Stranraer and Wigtown over 18 months.	£7,299.00
Dumfries and Galloway Hard of Hearing Group	To deliver a home visits project to maintain hearing aids for housebound people in Wigtownshire.	£7,600.00
Galloway Action Team	To contribute to salary and running costs for one year.	£7,188.00
Galloway Mountain Rescue Team SCIO	To contribute to the costs of purchasing a new 4x4 rescue vehicle.	£25,000.00
Galloway Mountain Rescue Team SCIO	To replace 40 safety helmets.	£3,360.00
Galloway Music Festival	To cover Adjudicators Fees for the 2019 Galloway Music festival.	£2,000.00
Home-Start Wigtownshire	To contribute to training, recruiting and supporting Home-Start's volunteers.	£4,625.00
Hub Dumfries and Galloway	To improve energy efficiency and home heating for the elderly.	£9,899.00
RHET Dumfries and Galloway Countryside Initiative	To contribute to the costs of two Food & Farming Days for pupils at Douglas Ewart High School and Stranraer Academy.	£1,000.00
Spinal Injuries Scotland	To contribute to the costs of delivering a peer support service to people affected by spinal cord injuries in Dumfries and Galloway.	£1,000.00
Visibility	To contribute towards the delivery of local community hubs and home visits across Wigtownshire.	£10,000.00
Wigtownshire Sports Council	To contribute to the costs of running the Sports Personality Awards presentation evening.	£930.00
Women's Aid Wigtownshire	To contribute to the purchase and distribution of promotional materials for the organisation and its work.	£1,700.00
* £4,740 returned to the fund		
		£625,090.00

