

Bute

Local Produce Community Solutions

Fyne Homes Ltd

www.fynehome.org.uk

Project cost: £164448 Eligible cost: £162948 Grant award: £54948

Public match funding: £98000 Private match funding: £10000

In-kind match funding: £

This project will develop a sustainable social enterprise which raises awareness and understanding of local produce and provides training, volunteering, employment and educational opportunities for the wider community. The project has been built on experiences of research undertaken by Argyll and Bute Agricultural Forum into the development of an improved local food supply chain network for the area. The project is based on best practice models in other areas and will allow local food producers to share costs of marketing and production. It is planned to use innovative approaches to tackling employability issues, incorporating local food production, using innovative renewable energy technology and providing accredited training opportunities for participants.

Grant awarded 15 May 2008

Bute

Interloch - Bute

Interloch Transport

www.interlochtransport.com

Project cost: £109152 Eligible cost: £109152 Grant award: £46126

Public match funding: £60026 Private match funding: £3000

In-kind match funding: £

This project is aiming to provide a rural transport service which will provide assisted transport to the residents of the Island of Bute. Interloch Bute will provide door to door service for people who, for example either through location, sickness, poverty or disability cannot access public transport. The client base will be built up through clients' own initiative and by referrals from a wide variety of agencies and organisations such as Social Services, GP Surgeries, lunch groups etc. This is a unique and innovative project for the area, as it provides a very personal door-to-door service for vulnerable people and those living in isolation. The project aims to target all people and those living in isolation. The project aims to target all people in Bute who are experiencing difficulty in accessing transport in order to live their daily lives especially women, who are often elderly and young mothers who are particularly vulnerable to the impact of rural isolation.

Grant awarded 15 May 2008

Bute

Discover Bute Landscape Partnership Scheme

Bute Conservation Trust

Project cost: £576428 Eligible cost: £576428 Grant award: £200000

Public match funding: £376428 Private match funding: £0

In-kind match funding: £0

This project aims to preserve the distinctive landscape features of Bute for future generations by involving a wide range of people in active landscape preservation and conservation. It will improve access to the built and natural heritage of Bute for many people including those with limited mobility and people from disadvantaged backgrounds. It will also provide educational and training opportunities to improve knowledge and practical skills and involve the community at the heart of improving the landscape. This will result in increased visitor numbers and improve the economy of Bute. There will be many practical outcomes, including 100kms of drystone wall repairs, 300kms hedgerow and 98 hectares of woodland reinstatement. It will also provide education, training and employment opportunities for school children, locals, volunteers and for contractual work.

Grant awarded 27 June 2008

Bute

Bute Produce

Fyne Futures

www.fynefutures.org.uk

Project cost: £175773 Eligible cost: £175773 Grant award: £61238

Public match funding: £114535 Private match funding: £

In-kind match funding: £

This project is Phase 2 of the project piloted in 2008/09 via Local Produce Community Solutions. The project is part of a three year development project, with reducing grant funding, to establish an effective social enterprise delivering affordable healthy produce for the island of Bute. Building on research undertaken by Argyll and Bute Agricultural Forum into the development of an improved local food supply chain network, the project aims to provide a co-ordination role for the range of local produce available, marketing local produce and growing and producing fruit and vegetables to ensure a range of produce is available locally. The support group for the project includes representation from local producers and farmers who have given their support to this project and see the benefits for local food producers from this co-ordinated approach. This is a social enterprise that will deliver community benefits, ensuring sustainability, providing employment, accredited training and volunteering opportunities. The community garden will provide affordable healthy produce reducing food miles and supporting the local economy. In addition, the project will co-ordinate the marketing and sales of a range of local produce including other fruit and vegetables grown by small scale producers or local farms, meat, dairy produce, preserves and chutneys. The project will incorporate wind energy production to support activities for the long term future, as this has proven to provide the best return on investment for the project and demonstrates environmental sustainability in action. Good practice will be shared with a network of community based food producers.

Grant awarded 27 March 2009

Bute

Bute Slipway Development

Isle of Bute Sailing Club

Project cost: £6500 Eligible cost: £6500 Grant award: £3250

Public match funding: £3000 Private match funding: £250

In-kind match funding: £

This project involves the development of a slipway to provide all tide access, working together with the inner harbour and pontoons in Rothesay to provide improved accessibility. The slipway will be extended out to sea, built up and made safe. This will enable local people, visiting yachtsmen and sailors to have easy and safe access to and from the bay. Bute Sailing Club is an active community based organisation, open to all, which holds regular fund-raising activities such as an annual raft race, strawberry teas, boxing day dip, fireworks nights and BBQs. Non members are made welcome, particularly young people.

The club also works with Stramash, a community programme for young people, giving facilities free of charge and enhancing the quality of life for young people in Bute. Several learn to sail days are held to which everyone is invited and the club is growing in numbers every year both in the community and off the island. A new slipway would help the club to extend its activities to a larger group of people and would bring added economic benefit to the area by improving access for visiting yachts.

Grant awarded 27 March 2009

Bute

Rhubodach Forest Development Plan

Bute Forest Ltd

www.buteforest.com

Project cost: £27788 Eligible cost: £27788 Grant award: £11500

Public match funding: £11500 Private match funding: £2233

In-kind match funding: £2555

Bute Community Land Company was established with a view to purchasing a large area of forest at the north end of Bute which could be developed and managed for the benefit of the wider community. The Rhubodach Forest has recently been put up for sale with an asking price of £1.3 million, which Bute Community Land Company wish to acquire as a community owned asset for Bute. The community has the statutory right to buy the privately owned forest and in one week 1713 members of the Bute population have signalled their support for the prospective acquisition of the forest. This has enabled the newly formed Bute Community Land Company to register an application with the Scottish Government under the provisions of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003. This however imposes very tight timescales for producing a business case, including community engagement evidence. BCLC wishes to commission the preparation of both a feasibility study and a full business plan, including community engagement information which will inform their potential application for funding and support under the Land Reform Act.

The project will enable Bute Community Land Company to engage the services of a team of consultants who have expertise in forest management, community enterprise / businesses, alternative energy, tourism opportunities, community consultation and funding of community land purchases to undertake feasibility and business planning activities including a community engagement strategy. This process will identify the commercial, environmental and social benefits for the wider community and engage with the wider community and ensure that islanders have ownership of the resulting proposals.

Grant awarded 16 October 2009

Bute

eatBute Hamper Scheme

Mount Stuart Trust

Project cost: £9990 Eligible cost: £9990 Grant award: £4995

Public match funding: £ Private match funding: £4995

In-kind match funding: £

eatBute is an initiative run by Mount Stuart Trust which aims to give food & craft suppliers in the Argyll & Bute region an opportunity to promote and sell their products. The eatBute hamper scheme is being undertaken in response to feedback from supporters of the eatBute initiative and visitors to the eatBute event, which identified a number of key problems facing producers and consumers who face problems sourcing the products being sold at the eatBute event on a regular basis. This is largely down to the following key factors:-many of the food & craft producers do not have premises from where to sell their products, and there is no regular town food & craft market on Bute; many of the food & craft producers do not have the skills or resources to set up and manage an independent mail order business, which increasingly in the modern environment rely heavily on e-commerce; products are not readily available nationwide. Mainland visitors to local food & craft markets and events such as eatBute are often reluctant to buy produce, as they face problems with the storage and transportation of products. This is a problem that has been highlighted by visitors from all demographics, from those on a coach day trip to the island, to those staying in bed & breakfast accommodation and on self catering long stay holidays. The eatBute Hamper Scheme aims to provide food & craft producers involved in the eatBute initiative, a platform to promote and sell their products all year round to an identified national market. By providing producers with a route to market for their products it is hoped that many of these businesses will be in a position to develop and diversify their product ranges, resulting in growth and increased employment opportunities within these businesses and therefore, resulting in economic development in the Argyll & Bute region. The eatBute hamper scheme will be a web based activity, designed from the offset to have the ability to develop and adapt to changes in the product range available, modernisations in customer buying habits (PayPal etc).

Grant awarded 11 March 2010

Bute

BCLC Executive Officer

Bute Forest Ltd

www.buteforest.com

Project cost: £83451 Eligible cost: £83451 Grant award: £39639

Public match funding: £39640 Private match funding: £4172

In-kind match funding: £

BCLC has been formed to undertake the community land buy out and development of the Rhubodach Forest in the north of Bute to generate economic, environmental and social benefits to Bute. A Feasibility Study and Community Consultation was carried out as part of the land purchase bid, partly funded by LEADER, which identified a number of projects that could be undertaken, including mini hydro, ecolodges, a forest centre, a number of renewable energy projects, improved pathways and access to the forest, a natural play areas and others, once the forest is purchased. The feasibility study also identified that these activities will be wholly dependent on establishing a BCLC Executive Office with a project manager to raise the funding, secure the implementation and continue to involve and engage the community in the design and delivery of the Development Plan. In the first instance (Phase I) this will be for 2 years with a proposed phase 2 for a third year of operation.

Grant awarded 17 June 2010

Bute

Brandish Bute : Web and Trade Sales

Bute Forest Ltd

www.buteforest.com

Project cost: £63510 Eligible cost: £63510 Grant award: £31755

Public match funding: £28580 Private match funding: £3175

In-kind match funding: £

Bute Community Land Company (BCLC) was established to promote the economic, environmental and social development of the Isle of Bute. Their first major project is the community land buy out of Rhubodach Forest in the north of Bute. The establishment of Brandish Bute is their second initiative which is directed at improving the performance and growth of businesses in the food, drink and craft sectors. Brandish Bute will undertake a range of activities to support the existing producers and suppliers on Bute to improve their sales and performance. It does not seek to compete with any such suppliers through manufacture of their own products or preventing sales by existing suppliers through other routes, rather it provides an additional, proactive sales route.

BB has already established a shop in Rothesay which is selling local products. This is NOT the subject of this project or application for support. This project will support the further development of BB to establish a web presence, seek wholesale sales, supplier development and identify new product opportunities for Bute businesses. This will be achieved through the employment of a Marketing Manager for 12 months who will oversee the development of the website and marketing materials and deliver a trade exhibitions programme from February -July 2011. After the first year it is anticipated that the project will be self-financing.

Grant awarded 16 September 2010

Bute

BEABS - Bute Enhanced access and BCT Sustainability

Bute Conservation Trust

Project cost: £26900 Eligible cost: £26900 Grant award: £13450

Public match funding: £10000 Private match funding: £3450

In-kind match funding: £

Bute Conservation Trust has been a small organisation since its startup in 1990. In 2008 it became the Grantee for a major project the Discover Bute Landscape Partnership Scheme (DBLPS). This project receives £2.4 Million to be spent over 4 years, with Heritage Lottery Fund as the main funder. Convergence funding supports the project with grant of £200,000. Bute Conservation Trust is responsible for the 'legacy' of the DBLPS. In real terms this means maintaining and managing the paths, bird hides etc created by the project. However BCT also wants to develop as THE Conservation body on Bute. Currently the Co-ordinator is running DBLPS and trying to manage and deliver change for BCT. This is not sustainable. Some matters are stalled and others cannot be progressed at all. BCT needs a Project Officer to take on the management and development role. Basic market research has identified a clear need on Bute for a rural bunkhouse with a camping area and study room. BCT would like to take this forward and spend up to 12 months extending the research and assessing the different options. BCT would like to appoint a Project Officer to manage and develop BCT and develop the Bunkhouse Project. In the longer term the bunkhouse income will cover the upkeep of the bunkhouse and support the salary of the Project Officer.

Grant awarded 10 March 2011

Bute

Rothesay Townscape Heritage Initiative

Argyll and Bute Council - Rothesay THI

www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/RothesayTHI

Project cost: £2652891 Eligible cost: £215678 Grant award: £93776.79

Public match funding: £121901.21 Private match funding: £

In-kind match funding: £

Rothesay THI Training and Education Programme will complement a wider Heritage-led Regeneration Project, being supported by an application to HLF, which aims to ensure a sustainable long-term future for the island and to encourage economic growth through increased tourism. The project will therefore raise awareness of the appropriate care of historic buildings and will up-skill local contractors in traditional building techniques to help protect the island's heritage. It seeks to work with local partners to promote island culture, and to use a variety of accessible workshops and events to reinforce and strengthen island identity and appreciation of Rothesay's unique character. The Training and Education Programme will deliver a range of activities, each with a view to raising awareness of the significance and sustainability of traditional buildings, and promoting island identity and culture with the aim of putting Bute back on the tourist map, under the headings: heritage activities; promoting island identity; creation of a new community space; delivery of art programmes in conjunction with Glasgow School of Art, Greenspace Scotland and the Isle of Bute Artists Collective There will be an extensive publicity programme to ensure continued community involvement and to let people further afield know about the regeneration of Rothesay. The success of each activity will be monitored and evaluated on an on-going basis and project staff will facilitate all projects as well as delivering the aims and objectives of the wider regeneration scheme. They will each spend 41% of their time working on the THI Training and Education Programme.

Grant awarded 10 March 2011

Bute

Feasibility study for proposed extension of Apple Tree Nursery

Apple Tree Nursery Limited

appletreenursery.org

Project cost: £15000 Eligible cost: £15000 Grant award: £7500

Public match funding: £6000 Private match funding: £1500

In-kind match funding: £

The aim of this Feasibility Study is to identify the potential for the further expansion of Apple Tree Nursery with particular regard to the following objectives:-

To define and identify the need for the additional capacity

To evaluate the potential market for expansion

To consider any potential development issues

To consider options for expansion of the facility

To establish the likely cost of taking forward the expansion

To identify potential sources of funding for the project

To prepare a financial appraisal of the project

To identify the best way forward

In undertaking this study, the consultant would likely wish to consider the option of developing at the present site, consideration of a new build, or acquisition of an existing building, amongst any other possible options.

Grant awarded 15 December 2011

Bute

visitBute

Bute Marketing and Tourism Ltd

www.visitbute.com

Project cost: £117200 Eligible cost: £117200 Grant award: £58600

Public match funding: £37000 Private match funding: £21600

In-kind match funding: £

VisitBute aims to position the island as one of Scotland's leading short breaks destinations by addressing both off-island destination marketing and on-island product development and service enhancement to create a visitor experience that matches up with brand promise. The marketing activities will project a strong single identity that communicates Bute's USP and creates awareness of the range of services and activities the island has to offer. The company is actively striving to increase their member numbers by targeting a wider range of businesses and community organisations to maximize joined-up marketing potential and service offerings. This new integrated approach is key - there will be an increase in cross-selling, increased investment opportunities, joined up information and services and a better range of good value packages available. The strategic longer-term aims of visitBute are as follows:

1. Increase the value of tourism by 30% by 2015
2. Grow year round tourism from 200,000 at present to 300,000 by 2015
3. Significantly increase the number of overnight stays per annum by 2015
4. Increase the average yield per capita spend by a minimum of 30% per annum by 2015

Achieve a minimum of 80% of visitors who say they will return for repeat visits or who will recommend the area to friends and relatives by 2015

The current funding bid would cover staff costs for a full-time tourism officer, brand establishment costs and marketing/promotion costs over a one year period.

Grant awarded 15 December 2011

Bute

Bute Produce Food Chain Expansion with Agricultural Integration

Fyne Futures

www.fynefutures.org.uk

Project cost: £82390 Eligible cost: £82390 Grant award: £41195

Public match funding: £20000 Private match funding: £21195

In-kind match funding: £

Fyne Futures was established in January 2005 to take forward environmental and community aims, with a particular focus on environmental sustainability. Activities have extended from initial focus on recycling to deliver biodiesel production, generating energy, carbon reduction and local produce activities. Fyne Futures has a commitment to providing employment and training opportunities for young people and long term unemployed people. The production of fruit and vegetables has evolved on a small scale in 3 acres of ground using a market garden approach, the income from which has increased from £5K to £25K over the last three years. The project has proven successful in supporting unemployed young people and long term unemployed people to re engage with work and progress to further employment. To date 15 trainees have had six months' employment training in agricultural skills with an 80% success rate progressing to further employment or education opportunities. The supported employment training approach has succeeded beyond the original business plan and funding and it is felt that the long term impacts and outcomes resulting from the six month employment training activity assist young people for their long term future. Working with the agricultural community has identified a need and an opportunity to extend production activities to a further 3 acres of the existing site and in addition, to utilise land parcels with local farmers to develop agricultural skills and methods of production. This will provide opportunities to improve employability in the agriculture sector and increase local production as well as providing a route to market for farmers to diversify in to vegetable and fruit production. This development will provide a vital food chain link for sustainable island food production and potentially create additional training opportunities based on the 'plough to plate' model.

Grant awarded 15 March 2012

Bute

Car Bute

Fyne Futures

www.carbute.org.uk

Project cost: £22222 Eligible cost: £22222 Grant award: £11111

Public match funding: £10000 Private match funding: £1111

In-kind match funding: £

Fyne Futures aim to deliver social, employment, education, environmental and health benefits for the Isle of Bute and beyond. Current operations include The Recycling Centre, Bute Produce and Towards Zero Carbon Bute (TZCB). Under TZCB, Car Bute was a pilot scheme operating with funding from Carplus as part of 'Developing Car Clubs in Scotland', a Transport Scotland Funded Programme. Car Bute aimed to promote behaviour change in reducing overall car use on the Island of Bute whilst providing an affordable option to the community at times when access to a car is a necessity. Car Bute has now finished the pilot. The results have been very encouraging and funding is now being sought to take the Car Club to the next stage, from pilot to sustainability. It works as follows:

Members join on a per annum basis –this gives them access to the Car Club cars with maintenance, tax, insurance, and fuel included in hire charges.

A simple form is completed, copy of drivers licence and fee from £60 provided, plus £50 returnable insurance deposit.

Members receive user name and password.

Car can be booked from 1 hour at £2.95 per hour and £0.21p per mile.

It is run on a type of not for profit co-operative with operational costs covered by member usage.

Car Club is used by local residents, businesses and visitors

The overall aim is to become sustainable within the next 3 years, and to make a cleaner environment by reducing emissions, improving health and allowing many residents access to a vehicle who would otherwise not have the ability to do so.

Grant awarded 14 June 2012

Bute

A Sustainable Future for Moat Community Education Centre

Moat Community Centre Management Committee

Project cost: £13000 Eligible cost: £12500 Grant award: £3000

Public match funding: £7350 Private match funding: £2150

In-kind match funding: £

Argyll & Bute Council devolved the day to day management of the community centres in Dunoon, Lochgilphead, Rothesay and Campbeltown to a voluntary centre council via a partnership agreement around 25 years ago.

This arrangement has operated successfully for many years, however recognising changing circumstances and the need to find solutions to common problems particularly in relation to income generation and sustainability, Dunoon Community Centre Management Committee Kintyre Community Education Centre Council, Lochgilphead Centre Council and Moat Community Centre Management Committee (Rothesay), have come together to share experiences and to develop the 'Sustainable Future' project

The aim of the project is to work with consultants to create a business development plan tailored to the individual needs and circumstances of each management committee.

Each committee will run their own project and create their own plan but will meet regularly with the other committees as well as the consultants to work on proposals and ensure a co-ordinated approach which aims to enable the business development work to be carried out in the same timescale for all four centres.

Grant awarded 13 September 2012

Bute

Feasibility Study on Domestic Care Project for Isle of Bute

Argyll and Bute Social Enterprise Network

www.absen.org.uk

Project cost: £18976 Eligible cost: £18976 Grant award: £9000

Public match funding: £9000 Private match funding: £

In-kind match funding: £976

This project has been developed by the Argyll and Bute Social Enterprise Network working in partnership with Highlands and Island Enterprise and with input from Argyll Voluntary Action and the Argyll & Bute Council Social Enterprise Team

The overall aim of the project is to consider the potential for growth in relation to Domestic Care Services that could create jobs at entry level, together with the training and support required to enable local people to access jobs in this area of work. This will be achieved by commissioning a feasibility/options appraisal study to assess the options available and, based on the outcome of the feasibility study, further developing the concept by developing a delivery model and implementation plan outline proposal for a Domestic Care Service based on social enterprise principles. The project will be managed by ABSEN directors on an in kind basis

The study will concentrate on the Isle of Bute in the first instance however there is potential for the model to be rolled out to cover other rural areas with similar markets.

Grant awarded 15 May 2013