

MELKSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Proposed by: **Adriene Westbrook**

Seconded by:

Dated:

1. Purpose of the motion

I attended a meeting between The Community Development Officer and Michelle Brightwell from Melksham Carnival. This was to once and for all try to understand the issues over finances with the Carnival

2. Background (Including previous resolution/s made and date/s if applicable)

There is evidence of complete confusion of the payments made to the carnival over the last four years. The years are 2021 to 2024. This is the four-year cycle of the last major grants. I can category say that no member of staff currently employed has been involved in any of these issues. It has however taken a long time to come to any conclusions on where the problems actually occurred. As part of our major grants policy The Carnival were awarded £2,500 for each year from 2021 to 2024.

3. Current Situation

The Carnival have received

2021

2022

2023

2024

As it can be seen the Carnival have only received £6000 of their allocation of £7,500

4. What financial implications are there?

To pay the Carnival the £1500 that they are owed. This money to come from the 2025 events budget

5. How does the motion link to Town Council policies and core values?

Our core values say that we stand for *Strengthening the sense of community within Melksham, creating and promoting inclusivity and improving the quality of life for all Melksham residents.*

6. What risks are there? (Provide a risk assessment)

None

7. What crime and disorder implications are there?

None

8. What environmental and biodiversity considerations are there?

9. What safeguarding concerns are there?

None

Minimal issues and any concerns will be covered in the safeguarding policy and a risk assessment

10. Motion

To allocate £1,500 to the Carnival from this year's events budget to reconcile the money that the carnival has not received.

11. Does the motion impact/ support any previous decisions of council?

Finance - Monday 20th November 2023
A grant application was made for £1000 for

“The running of Melksham Carnival 2024 and to book our entertainment for the event, enticing the public to showcase their own talents within the community, for the wider area to enjoy and book the first aid cover for our day”

Minute:-

Michelle Brightwell and Beth Dark. Carnival is a free event and they ultimately hope to be self-funding. They are aware of other events taking place around the same time and hope to use the funding to secure entertainment and first aid cover.

It was proposed by Councillor Rabey, seconded by Councillor Stokes and

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to award Melksham Carnival Group a grant of £1000.

It was proposed by Councillor Westbrook, seconded by Councillor Rabey and

RESOLVED to recommend to Full Council that Melksham Carnival Group's Major Grant of £2500 in this year's budget be rolled over to be added to next year's Major Grant.

This was not put into the budget and therefore was not paid.