

Committee: FULL COUNCIL

Date: 20 June 2023

Title: Grant Application from Ilminster Carnival Committee

Purpose of Report

For members to consider a grant application to cover first aid and safety at the children's and main carnival.

Recommendation:

1. Members to resolve to **SUSPEND** the 50% rule and grant maximum limit of £500 for this application only.
2. Members resolve to award a grant of £800 to Ilminster Carnival Committee to support the provision of first aid and safety elements of the events.

Report:

3. Ilminster Carnival Committee have approached the Town Council to request a grant to help support the first aid and safety of the event.
4. The event has been held for over 100 years and attracts 2000+ people to Ilminster.
5. The last few years with the impact of Covid and increasing costs, Ilminster Carnival Committee are applying for this grant. Without the first aiders and safety officers Ilminster Carnival Committee would not be able to run the carnivals.
6. Documents (**Appendix 16A**) have been provided to officers that give more detail and indicate that the Ilminster Carnival Committee have their own funds as well as applying for additional funding from Ilminster Town Council and are looking for a £800 grant.
7. In exceptional circumstances, the Town Council can resolve to **SUSPEND** the maximum grant limit of £500 and to **SUSPEND** the 50% total cost of project rule.
 - Grants are limited to a maximum of £500 (Grant applications – Policy and Guidance approved by Council 12-02-2019) (**Appendix 16B**)
 - A grant application should not exceed 50% of the total cost of the project / activity and the grant application should be supported by information on how the balance of the funding is being met. (Grant

applications – Policy and Guidance approved by Council 12-02-2019)
(Appendix 16B)

8. The Town Council currently have £10,000 of grant money budgeted for 2023-24 financial year for awarding to organisations should the council so wish to do so in response to an application.
9. Members to resolve to **SUSPEND** the 50% rule and grant maximum limit of £500 for this application only.
10. Members resolve to award a grant of £800 to Ilminster Carnival Committee to support the provision of first aid and safety elements of the events.

Allison Brown
Administration Officer
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