

Festive Event Donation Request

Background

Clipstone Parish Council's events budget for 2023/2024 is £2500.

A request has been received from Clipstone Miners Welfare Social Club for a donation towards the Christmas Lights Switch On Event on Saturday 25 November 2023.

Clipstone Miners Welfare propose the following options for donations:

- 3 x characters booked from Little Princess Parties (2 Frozen characters and the grinch) for 1 hour 30 minutes, performing songs for 30 minutes and then walk about for an hour. The cost is £360 plus VAT.
- Fireworks at a cost of £870 for a duration of 8 minutes.

An advertised poster confirming the event details is copied below:



Summary of 2023/2024 event budget spending:

Coronation Celebrations	Flag, lamppost signs, hand print bunting (inc event) and commemorative gifts for children	£1,418.46
Coronation Celebrations	Donation to Clipstone Miners Welfare event for the Coronation Big Lunch – funding for children’s entertainment	£270.00
Coronation Celebrations	Donation to the Clipstone Miners Welfare Knit and Natter club for the purchase of wool	£80.00
Summer Treasure Hunt	Prizes	£50.00
Scarecrow	Scarecrow competition - decorations for the Village Hall	£3.98
Spooky Disco	Decorations, snacks, fruit, drinks and prizes	£169.30
	Total	£1,991.74
	Budget remaining	£508.26

Council expenditure on festive lighting

It is noted that Clipstone Parish Council arrange and fund the festive lighting display along Mansfield Road (B6030) and provide the lights which encircle the holly tree in the ground of Clipstone Miners Welfare.

Councils festive lighting budget for the 2023/2024 year is £8000. This has been exceeded due to purchasing additional lighting columns for the Cavendish Estate.

For testing, installation and removal of LED lighting columns on Mansfield Road, Clipstone, for the 2023-2024 festive season	£3,630.00
For 4 new LED panels	£2,700.00
For the installation of standard electrical units to 4	£1,300.00
Increase in costs for bespoke electrical units	£884.00
Committed costs	£8,514.00
Approximate energy costs	£800.00
Estimated festive lighting costs	£9,314.00

Summary

The remaining Clipstone Parish Council events budget for 2023/2024 is £508.26.

Despite the loss of Councils General Power Competence following elections in May 2023, it is possible for Council to support external providers events in the village through the Local Government Act 1972, section 144, The power to contribute to encouragement of tourism.

Recommendation

Council should consider if it would like to hold any events itself during the remainder of the current financial year, and if a budget should be allocated.

Council should consider its desire to attract more residents to the Annual Parish Meeting and if events budget funding should be allocated.

Council should consider the request from Clipstone Miners Welfare Social Club for a donation towards the Christmas Lights Switch On Event on Saturday 25 November 2023.