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From: David Moreton <
Sent: 26 February 2020 07:45
To: clerk
Cc: Alan Squires
Subject: £75 donation towards Milford & Makeney May Day

Dear Emma
Please see below.

Request for a donation of £75 from Belper Town Council towards the running of the Milford & Makeney May Day Celebrations

The Milford and Makeney May Day Celebrations have been a part of our village life for nearly 45 years. Each year it attracts up to 200 people, mainly from the village. It is the biggest annual event in the village, organised entirely by volunteers, and brings together many different parts of the village: the school; chapel; well dressers; the young and the old.

The route for the procession (which is led by a mix of local musicians) can vary annually but usually takes in a visit to the Hollybush, New Inn and the Strutt Arms, where there are spaces for dancing (maypole dancing, Maids of the Mill and also a visiting Morris team). Each year we have a theme and the Maids of the Mill (some 16 of them) spend weeks learning a new dance every year (this year, two dances). The procession ends up at Milford Junior school, who hold a May Fair on the same date and raise funds for the school. The procession brings all those people to the school fair, helping to make it a successful event. Blooming Milford's plant sale is one of the stalls at the fair and can often raise around £400, which is used for their work around the village, carrying out planting and maintenance of the village public spaces, with volunteers. Several well dressings are normally erected around the village at the same time, by a separate team of volunteers.

The event is organised by a group of volunteers from the village called 'Treacle City May Day Committee'. The group undertakes full risk assessments for the event, to ensure the safety of participants. Volunteer marshals control the procession to ensure the procession is safe. There are subsidiary groups involved with the well dressings, Blooming Milford, The Maids of the Mill and the Chapel.

This year we are hoping to get a short term road closure of part of Makeney Road from the A6 to Hollybush Lane to improve safety arrangements. We also purchase public liability insurance for the event.

The annual cost of the event is estimated to be around £200, to include insurance, road closure, printing of publicity and assistance from voluntary group Peak 4x4 who have the experience to manage the road closures. We are hopeful that we will have some contributions from The Hollybush and the Strutt Arms towards these overheads.

In addition this year we would like to make the event even more inclusive. We would like to produce flyers to deliver to every house in the village and to provide small "props" for children to wear and use so they can feel more part of the procession. We have been advised that Belper Town Council has a facility to assist small community events and we would therefore be very grateful if you would consider an application for a £75 grant to the Treacle City May Day Committee to cover these extra efforts to increase inclusion.

We would be very grateful if you could put this request to the next available meeting.

We look forward to your response and would confirm that if you can let us know the timing of the meeting, we would both be happy to speak to the Council and answer any questions.

BELPER TOWN COUNCIL

APPLICATION FOR GRANT AID

NAME of ORGANISATION: Treacle City May Day Committee

NAME and ADDRESS of CONTACT:

POSITION in ORGANISATION: Member of Committee

TELEPHONE Daytime:

Evenings:

EMAIL:

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Briefly Outline what the current activities of your group are: The Milford and Makeney May Day Celebrations have been a part of our village life for nearly 45 years. Each year it attracts up to 200 people, mainly from the village. It is the biggest annual event in the village, organised entirely by volunteers, and brings together many different parts of the village: the school; chapel; well dressers; the young and the old. The event is organised by a group of volunteers from the village called 'Treacle City May Day Committee' – our group.

How many people are currently involved in the running of your group?

Employed full-time workers

Volunteers

Employed part-time workers

Members

Support or external workers

Informal helpers

Committee Members

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Others (please state) On the May Day we will be helped by a host of other volunteers – 4 marshals, 3 members of the Peak 4x4 voluntary traffic management organisation, 12 people in the Black Pig Morris dancing troupe, 16 members of the Milford "Maids of The Mill" female dancing team, 8 members of the brass band brought together for the day, the members of the Milford Well Dressing Group, the Milford School parent-teacher association, and volunteers who will carry the May Pole on the procession and organise the local school children dancing round it, and The Green Man who will announce proceedings.

What will the grant be used for, how are you going to do it and where? This year we would like to make the event even more inclusive. We would like to produce flyers to deliver to every house in the village and to provide small "props" for children to wear and use so they can feel more part of the procession. We have been advised that Belper Town Council has a facility to assist small community events and we would therefore be very grateful if you would consider an application

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Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary

When will the project start: Our committee formed in September 2019 and meets every 3-4 weeks.

When will the project finish: 16th May 2020 – The date of the May Day Celebration

Where will your project take place – address and postcode, if different from the contact address given:

The route for the procession (which is led by a mix of local musicians) can vary annually but this year will take in the Hollybush Inn (Hollybush Lane, Makeney, DE56 0RX), The Riverside Business Centre (Foundry Lane, Milford DE56 0RN) and the Strutt Arms (Derby Road Milford DE56 0QW), where there are spaces for dancing (maypole dancing, Maids of the Mill and also a visiting Morris team).

How will you advertise the project and encourage involvement?

We have set up a Facebook page and put an article on the Milford & Makeney website (one of a proposed series) and also, with the help of your funds, we would like to produce flyers to deliver to every house in the village and to provide small "props" for children to wear and use so they can feel more part of the procession.

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Do you work with any other groups or agencies? If so, please outline how you work together:

The Maids of The Mill female dancing group, the Peak 4x4 voluntary traffic management organisation, the Black Pig Morris dancing troupe, the brass band brought together for the day, the Milford Well Dressing Group, the Milford School parent-teacher association, Blooming Milford.

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The event is organised by a group of volunteers from the village called 'Treacle City May Day Committee' – our group. We have members of the aforementioned groups on our committee or close connections with them, and make sure all our efforts are co-ordinated for the day.

Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary

How do you know that the project is needed?

Although 200 people normally attend the event there are more people in the village than that – we would like to see an even bigger turnout, and even more children.

Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary

What benefits, skills and knowledge will participants gain from the project?

Playing of instruments, community cohesion, dancing. In addition this year we are having The Derwent Valley World Heritage Site in association with Derby Museums to bring a large mobile library van to The Strutt Arms Car Park from which they will explain their work and educate the village on the important industrial heritage of our village and the Derwent Valley.

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How many people will benefit from the project/grant? At least 200

Who will benefit from the project/grant?

Every resident of Milford and Makeney

Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary

How will they benefit from the project/grant? The May Day Celebration already brings together our community – in fact it is the largest single event in the village. Newcomers enticed to the event will now benefit in this way too.

Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary

How will you show that your project/grant has made a difference? A larger number of people attending the event, and more children.

How much will your project cost in total? : £250

How much do you require from Belper Town Council? : £75

Where will the rest of your funding come from – if applicable? Donations from The Holly Bush and The Strutt arms, sales of Historic Milford booklet at Just Ice café in Milford, our own reserves.

Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary

Please provide breakdown of items required:

Item Description	Quote Y/N	Cost £
Photocopying of 500 leaflets to distribute to every house in the village	N	£25
Props for children	N	£50

Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary

What plans do you have for the project when funding ends?

Running it again next year – as we have done for the past 45.

How long has the organisation existed and how many Belper residents does it serve:

45 years, 1000 people.
separate sheet if necessary

Please continue on a

Explain why this project cannot be funded from your own funds:

Our own funds have become stretched by increased costs to insure the event and the fact that for health and safety reasons we are now closing roads for the procession, which means paying peak 4x4 to help with the closure and AVBC to gain approval. We are also down on the donation from The New Inn, which has closed.

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Please state your group/organisation finances for the last financial year:

Last year we spent £130 on insurance and paid £20 to Amber Valley BC to close roads. £150 was gained by £50 donations from The Hollybush, The New Inn and The Soi Kitchen. We have £100 in our reserves, which we will probably have to dip into this year to run the event.

Declaration:

I declare that I have the authority of the organisation to apply for the grant and that the information contained herein is accurate.

Dr David J Moreton

Enclosed:

Copy of the latest published ACCOUNTS: NO

Copy of the organisations CONSTITUTION: NO

The organisation will, if requested by Belper Town Council, produce evidence to show that the grant has been spent on the declared project.

Signed David J Moreton Dated 27th February 2020

- 1 Belper Town Council budgets a set amount each financial year to give as grant aid in support of local initiatives.
- 2 The application form must be completed **IN FULL** giving as much detail about the proposal as possible. A separate sheet may be attached.
- 3 Organisations applying should attach to the application form a copy of their latest balance sheet together with a copy of their constitution.
- 4 **Completed application forms should be returned to the Town Clerk, Belper Town Council, The Butts, Belper, Derbyshire DE56 1HX and emailed to clerk@belpertowncouncil.gov.uk.**
- 5 **The maximum amount of Grant Aid to any one organisation or project is £1,000. Exceptionally the Council will consider applications for funding of more than £1,000. Such applications should be submitted prior to 1st October in the year prior to which funding is required, in order to be considered in the Council's annual budget.**
- 6 The Council's Clerk has delegated power to review applications, request further information, give advice and refuse applications that do not meet the Grant Aid criteria. The Clerk will refer applications to the Council's Full Council meetings on a monthly basis for decision. Applicants will be notified of the date and time of the meeting and be given an opportunity to address the meeting on the application. The decision will normally be made known to the Applicant in writing within seven days.
- 7 Grants will only be considered for projects and proposals which will enhance the quality of life of the people served by the Town Council. Applications from bodies outside the town boundaries may be granted where the proposals show a distinct benefit to the residents of the town.
- 8 Grants will normally only be considered for new / start up organisations and/or projects and/or one off events that meet one or more of the following criteria: The organisation/project or event
 - goes some way to filling in gaps in existing provision
 - is innovative and exciting
 - considers the needs of disadvantaged individuals and groups
 - takes positive steps to promote a healthy environment
 - promotes equality of opportunity and access for all
- 9 Grants will be considered for organisations/projects and events that can either show match funding is available, either through own resources or other grants and that the organisation/project/event is viable without further recourse to Council funding.
- 10 The Council will not normally
 - fund general running costs of organisations
 - support applications from organisations which then go on to make donations to other charities and groups
 - give more than one grant in any one year to the same organisation
 - give a grant to an organisation that receives an annual grant from the Council
- 11 **All successful projects MUST recognise Belper Town Council's funding in their literature and publicity and should also keep the Council informed of the development of the project funded by the Council.**

