

Community Grant Assessment April 2025

Applicant: Menheniot Cherry Fayre Committee
Amount applied for: £655
ASSESSMENT
Overview & what benefits to the community (Section B1.1 and B1.2)
<p>The applicant explains that this funding is to pay for: 'The insurance policy will cover the duck race, cherry fayre and all other events we host.'</p> <p>'The Duck Race and Cherry Fayre are the two biggest events that happen within Menheniot and benefit everyone in our community. We try to have a wide selection of stalls, attractions and entertainment to suit all ages. We include all the children who attend the school and pre school in the village within the procession to make it feel the whole community is out together.</p> <p>'We love organising these events that bring the whole community together. The Cherry fayre is a hugely popular event which we are exceptionally proud of.'</p>
Other funding from their own resources and alternative sources. (Section C1.1-1.3)
<p>The applicant is asking for £655. (C1.1). This is an increase of £172 from the previous year.</p> <p>The total cost of the project is £5,500 so that application covers 12% of their costs.</p> <p>'Local businesses will contribute about £1k in sponsorship. The Duck Race will bring in about £1k. On the day from stalls etc we will raise about £1k and we will run 2 quizzes to bring in £600.'</p> <p>'We fundraise and ask for support so we can keep these events completely free to attend so everyone can attend.'</p> <p>If the PC supports the full application, this will amount to 100% of the costs of the insurance.</p>
Numbers benefitting (Section B1.7)
'About 500 for the duck race and at least 1000 across the day at the Cherry Fayre'
Other resources (eg volunteering) (Section C1.4)
'There is a huge amount of volunteering hours that go into both events and the quizzes, we are a team of 12 who have to pull resources and people together from the whole community to pull it all off'
Priorities as identified by the applicant, and those of the council (Section C1.1)
No priorities listed by the applicant.
Notes
<p>The most recent set of accounts for 2024 show that: the cost of running the MCF was £4,687 and generated an income of £5,486, giving a surplus on trading of £799. The group has bank reserves of £7,102, equivalent to 1.5 events.</p> <p>'We will fund all costs from reserves, we want to hold enough back to run 2 years worth of awful weather as these years lose a lot of money'</p>

Councillors are reminded that under the terms of the Community Grants scheme, 'The council will not usually fund more than 10% of a project (£2,000 maximum), but will expect the applicant to have raised other substantial funding from their own efforts within the local community' and the budget for 2025/26 is £2,500.

Recommend £500