

**Report to County Councillor Rob Bailey**  
**Report Submitted by: Head of Democratic Services**

**Local Member Grants Scheme Application from:**  
Parbold Village Show

	<b>Corporate</b> communities;	<b>Priorities:</b>	Stronger
<b>Electoral Division(s):</b> West Lancashire East;			
<b>Contact:</b> Local Member Grants, Democratic Services, Tel: (01772) 530078, <a href="mailto:LPTLocalMemberGrants@lancashire.gov.uk">LPTLocalMemberGrants@lancashire.gov.uk</a>			

## Summary

### Purpose of the Report

This report presents an application from a local organisation requesting £250 towards entertainment at the Parbold Village Show from the Local Member Grants Scheme.

### Recommendation

County Councillor Rob Bailey is asked to consider the request for grant funding as set out in the report.

## Background

1. On 16 December 2021, Full Council approved the reintroduction of the Local Member Grants Scheme. Under the scheme, each county councillor has been given a specific budget which they can spend to enhance the economic, social, and environmental well-being of people who live in their division. Following the reintroduction, using powers in the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, the Leader of the County Council has authorised individual county councillors to take formal decisions on behalf of the county council.
2. For the financial year 2024/25, each county councillor has a budget of £2000. Each councillor can also carry forward a maximum of £200 that was unspent in the previous financial year. County Councillor Rob Bailey's total budget is set out in the financial section of the report.
3. Details of the requests for grant funding are shown below:

**Full name of your organisation**



Parbold Village Show	
<b>How much are you applying for? Minimum £100, Maximum £2000</b>	
£250	
<b>Which county councillors' electoral division(s) will your expenditure cover or benefit?</b>	
<b>Name</b>	<b>Amount</b>
West Lancashire East (Cllr Bailey)	£250
<b>What are you going to spend the grant on?</b>	
<p>The Parbold Village Show is an annual celebration of the heritage and dynamism of the village. It showcases local traditions, local leisure pursuits, crafts, clubs and entertainment. The Lancashire Wallopers and SambAfrik will be performing at this event and this grant would help to cover their fees.</p>	
<b>Date of your project / event or the purchase of goods</b>	
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> July 2025.	
<b>How will the money benefit people in the councillor(s) division(s)?</b>	
Providing local, heritage themed entertainment to be enjoyed by local residents attending the village show.	
<b>Please give a detailed breakdown of your expenditure for your activity / equipment.</b>	
The total entertainment bill for the event is not yet known but the Lancashire Wallopers fee for attending the event is £150 and SambAfrik's fee is £350.	
<b>If you are not asking for the full amount of the cost of your activity / equipment, please give us details of where the rest of the funding is coming from. Please also explain what you will do if we give you the grant, but you do not get the other funding.</b>	
The shortfall in funding will be covered by funds held by the Parbold Village Show. In the event that other funding was unavailable, there would be a renegotiation on price with the entertainers, perhaps resulting in a shorter/less prominent presence.	
<b>If the councillor offers a grant of less than you have asked for, please explain below how that will affect your proposal – for example, will you still be able to complete your project or purchase, will you scale the project back, or seek funding elsewhere?</b>	



In the event that other funding was unavailable, there would be a renegotiation on price with the entertainers, perhaps resulting in a shorter/less prominent presence. In the event any entertainer could not be secured at a lesser rate, alternative entertainment would be sought. A lesser contribution would still be put to good use, helping to cover the costs of entertainment in the round.

**Will the activity involve members of your organisation having significant contact with children or vulnerable adults?**

- Yes  
 No

### Options and Proposals

4. There are three options available:
5. **Option One:** Approve the application in full for the amount requested.
6. **Option Two:** Approve the application in part for a reduced amount.
7. **Option Three:** Reject the application.

### Consultations

8. This report has been written in consultation with Parbold Village Show and using the information provided in their application.

### Context and Implications

#### Legal (including Human Rights)

9. In submitting their application, the organisation has signed the Local Member Grants Scheme Funding Agreement which sets out the terms and conditions of the grant. Those conditions include a requirement that any funding awarded to them will be used solely for the purposes set out in their application and this report.

#### Financial

10. An updated summary of spend in 2024/25 is shown below:



Budget for 2024/25		£2,000.00
C/F from 2023/24		£0.00
Refunds		£0.00
<b>Total Grant Available in 2024/25</b>		<b>£2,000.00</b>
Grant Allocations Already Approved	Ormskirk Street Pastors	£100.00
	Ormskirk Community Partnership	£100.00
	Girlguiding Ormskirk & Skelmersdale Division	£250.00
	Hilldale Community Association	£200.00
	West Lancs Debt Advice	£100.00
	Friends of Parbold Library	£200.00
	Newburgh Fair Association	£200.00
	37th Ormskirk (St. Anne's) Scout Group	£100.00
	Bickerstock Organisation	£200.00
		£1,450.00
<b>Grant Remaining to be Allocated in 2024/25</b>		<b>£550.00</b>
Grants Requests Submitted but not yet Approved or Rejected		
		£0.00
NEW REQUESTS	Parbold Village Show	£250.00
		£250.00
<b>Total Grant Requests in Progress</b>		<b>£250.00</b>
<b>Value of Grant Remaining to be allocated in 2024/25 if all outstanding requests are approved</b>		<b>£300.00</b>

## Equality and Diversity

11. The Local Member Grants Scheme enables each county councillor to enhance the economic, social, and environmental wellbeing of people who live in their division. Applications for grant funding may relate to projects or activities that seek to benefit specific groups with protected characteristics.



## Risk Management

12. No significant risks have been identified.

13. Following the receipt of grant funding, organisations are contacted for evidence to demonstrate that the money awarded has been spent in accordance with their application. The outcome of this monitoring activity is reported to the council's Audit, Risk and Governance Committee.

## List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact/Tel
None		

## Part II Reason

14. N/A

