

Agenda Item for the Clavering PC Meeting 9th November 2020. Community Events Budget.

Background:

Each year CPC's precept has an item *Community Events*, broken down into two headings: *Carols* and *Other*.

For the y/e 31st March 2020, the budget was *Carols* £150, *Other* £250. Total: £400.

The spend was *Carols*: £121, *Other*: £10 being the room rent for the Clavering Speedwatch meeting. Total: £131

CPC therefore swept into general reserves 1st April 2020 an amount of £269 being unspent *Community Events*.

In previous years, the unspent *Community Events* budget has been utilised to contribute to local charities which support Clavering parishioners. This was usually determined in the March meeting, but could not take place in March 2020.

The power of the CPC to donate is contained in the Local Government Act 1972, s 137, which allows a local authority to spend a limited amount on activities for which it has no specific power, but which the authority considers 'will bring direct benefit to the area, or any part of it or all of some of its inhabitants'. (2019/20 : £8.12 per elector. 2020/21: £8.32 per elector)

The Local Government and Housing Act 1989 added the requirement that the benefit obtained should be commensurate with the expenditure incurred.

The *Community Events* budget for y/e 31st March 2021 is as previous:
Carols £150, *Other* £250 Total: £400

Due to Covid-19, community events have not been permitted through 2020 and it is expected that this will be the scenario until April 2021.

The Parish Council offered to finance the village ' May I help you if you are in self-isolation' cards, but this was not required.

Proposal One:

Village organisations have not been able to fundraise, though some village charities and sports organisations have been able to avail themselves of a Government grant.

Clavering Care, however, has not been able to access grants nor fundraise. Through lockdown, it did not stop collecting prescriptions from Newport Surgery to allow such to be collected from the shop, and it continues to be called upon for transport help.

A collection is usually taken up for Clavering Care at Village's Carols on the Green; this cannot take place in Dec. 2020.

Proposal: That a donation of £125 is made to Clavering Care. P: Cllr SM Gill

Proposal Two:

The Uttlesford Citizens Advice Bureau (UCAB) provided support in the lockdown period, including signposting to other support organisations especially those dealing with health and wellbeing. This is expected to continue. The CPC is aware that in previous years, parishioners contacted the UCAB. UCAB's examined accounts are in the public domain and can be found at the Charity Commission website.

<https://register-of-charities.charitycommission.gov.uk/>

Charity Number: 1078222

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This would leave £150 in the 2020/21 *Community Events* budget.