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Agenda item 17: Community Carnival Activity Pack and Children's Book Proposal

Context

To note a proposal to develop a community activity pack and children's book project linked to the library and its Outreach work and St. Agnes Carnival, and to consider providing match funding to support external grant applications.

Proposal

The Council's Outreach Coordinator, Molly, has been working with local partners to develop this project. It has grown from Molly's initial 'library activity pack' idea into a wider community engagement proposal intended to support St. Agnes Carnival, encourage footfall to local community venues, and help children learn about the history and memories of St. Agnes Carnival from older residents and family members.

Project Details

The project would be promoted by Molly through local schools and partner groups within the parish, inviting children to design the cover and pages of a simple children's book, provisionally titled "What Carnival Means to Me". Activity packs would be available from the library for a small fee (suggested at 50p or £1), with proceeds split between the Friends of St. Agnes Library and St. Agnes Carnival Committee.

The activity pack would include design templates, a simple story text, and prompts encouraging children to speak with older relatives or community members about past carnival memories. A linked story trail, using illustrated characters designed by Molly and placed in venues such as the library, Museum, MMI and church, would encourage families to visit each location, engage with local partners and find out more about the parish's heritage.

A selection of children's designs would then be used to create a printed children's book. The finished book would be sold through the library, with monies raised from sales proposed to support St. Agnes Carnival committee. Winning contributors would be credited in the book, with the option of providing each selected child with a free copy as a small prize/thank you.

Cost

An indicative quote has been obtained from St. Austell Printing Company at £171 for 100 copies. Funding for the book printing is being explored, including the possibility of a Cornwall Councillor Community Chest contribution or a FEAST grant. Parish Councillors are asked to consider whether the Parish Council would support the project by providing match funding, to strengthen external grant applications.

Budget

The Council has an annual Outreach budget of £500; an annual grants budget of £20,000, allocated at £5,000 per quarter, if Members wished to treat any contribution as grant support for the annual St. Agnes Carnival and a £5,000 contingency

budget for unbudgeted expenditure. There is therefore sufficient budget available, should Members wish to support this initiative.

Recommendation(s)

Members are asked to:

1. Support the community carnival activity pack, story trail and children's book initiative.
2. Agree to provide match funding of up to **£90** to support external grant applications.
3. Delegate authority to the Clerk/RFO to finalise the funding arrangements and ensure that any Council contribution is properly recorded against the most appropriate budget heading.