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MELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL

**Application for Grant for Voluntary Organisations**

**Please note that this application will not be considered unless it is accompanied by a copy of the latest set of annual accounts showing the organisations income, expenditure and level of balances.**

**If the organisation does not prepare annual accounts, copies of the bank statements covering the previous six months must be enclosed.**

1.	Name of Organisation	Melbourn Dynamos FC
2.	Name, Address, and Status of Contact	
3.	Telephone Number of Contact	
4.	Is the organisation a Registered Charity?	No
5.	Amount of grant requested	£6493.00
6.	For what purpose of project is the grant requested.	Purchase match day team wear, training balls and match balls.
7.	What will be the total cost of the above project?	£6493.00
8.	If the total cost of the project is more than the grant, how will the residue be financed?	Any balance will be subsidised by Club finances.

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9.	Have you applied for grant for the same project to another organisation?  If so, which organisation and how much?	No.
10.	Are 3 <sup>rd</sup> parties necessary to deliver your project? If yes, please list them.	MDFC's kit suppliers Eurosoccer Ltd
11.	Who will benefit from the project?	Youth team players (and families thereof) belonging to MDFC
12.	Approximately how many of those who will benefit are parishioners?	200

You may use a separate sheet of paper to submit any other information which you feel will support this application, please keep this information to 1 page.

Have you previously received a grant from MPC? Yes

If yes, please give date. 03/06/2021

If yes and within the previous 12 months, please confirm that the grant has been spent and provide a brief report.

Signed.....B. Carrington.....Date ..4/04/2022...

### 3<sup>rd</sup> parties

I/we have been fully consulted about the role attributed to us in this proposal and agree to carry it out.

Melbourn Parish Council: 30 High Street Melbourn SG8 6DZ

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# Cambridgeshire Football Association Ltd

## STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT

**DRAFT - DO NOT USE THIS INFORMATION TO TAKE ACTION**

**Club:** Melbourn Dynamos Football Club

**Season:** 2021 / 2022

<b>INCOME</b>		<i>20/21</i>
Signing fees and subs	20,361.11	18827.00
Fundraising & Tournaments	276.00	0.00
Donations, Cafe and Sponsorship	0.00	0.00
Grants	16,474.64	12277.33
<b>Total Income for the Period</b>	<b>37,111.75</b>	<b>31104.33</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
COVID-19 specific costs	0.00	-743.62
Affiliation & Registration Fees	(467.00)	-300.00
Club Insurance	(1,107.84)	-578.37
Parish Ground Hire	0.00	-13681.48
Parish & MVC Grass Maintenance	(5,616.00)	
Astro Hire	(6,678.45)	
Astro Kit (Specific)	0.00	
Coaching / FA Course Costs	(780.00)	-3120.00
Referees Fees / Match Expenses	(433.50)	-897.00
DBS Fees	(425.00)	
Kit & Equipment Replacement	(7,068.39)	-7091.15
Awards Evening Costs	(1,465.28)	-250.00
Fundraising Costs	(299.99)	0.00
Fines & Charges	(186.01)	-89.00
Fundraising Donations from the Club	(550.00)	0.00
Venue Costs (Winter training, Meetings, Flood Lights) & Container	(7,116.75)	
Cash held by Officers (in-year)	45.00	0.00
<b>Total Expenditure for the Period</b>	<b>(32,149.21)</b>	
<b>Current year surplus / (deficit)</b>	<b>4,962.54</b>	
<b>BALANCE OF FUNDS:</b>		
Opening Balance brought forward	£	<b>13,134.69</b>
Total Income	£	37,111.75
Expenditure	£	(32,149.21)
Current year surplus/(deficit)	£	4,962.54
<b>Closing Balance at bank</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>18,097.23</b>
Total cash held by Officers	£	300.96
<b>Closing Balance carried forward</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>18,398.19</b>



## Melbourn Dynamos FC Summary History and Context

Melbourn Dynamos FC was founded in 2003, reaching FA Charter Standard Accreditation in 2009. The Club is one of a small number of FA Community Hub Clubs, and in 2020 we were awarded the first Cambridgeshire FA 'Pledge Project' Certificate of Recognition for our support of disability football. We have also been awarded the Cambridgeshire FA Project of the Year for our support and involvement with the Papworth Trust OWLS teams which encourages, trains and arranges fixtures for adults with a disability in partnership with Cambs FA.

Since 2003 Melbourn Dynamos FC has developed into a very significant community-centric organisation. Today we remain a key part of the community, not just in Melbourn but across local villages too, and are a focus for a very large number of residents, both the young and not so young.

The benefits to football and to sport more generally are obvious. During this season the Club has 430 players, organised into 24 teams and training groups. The youth players (in the U7 to U17 age groups) represent 290 of that number and are predominantly from either Melbourn or Meldreth.

The scope of football opportunities being delivered is extremely wide and currently includes:

- FA Wildcats (girls ages ranging 5 -11);
- Dynamites (for anyone ages 3 -6);
- At least one or more team in all the age groups Under 7 to Under 17;
- Two Sunday Men's Teams;
- Under 9,12 and 15 Girl's Teams;
- OWLS Disability Teams in conjunction with the Papworth Trust; and
- A Just Play group of approximately 25 local male adults who play each Monday evening.

The benefits to adult participation on village life are also significant. Melbourn Dynamos attracts and currently trains 60 coaches, all giving huge amounts of time to football as a sport but also to the health and welfare of the hundreds of young people they work alongside. All coaches are Emergency First Aid trained and are therefore able to support the community whilst they go about their day-to-day business: a significant, and hidden benefit to everyone.

The positive impact of this cohort of engaged adults on village life cannot be overstated.

The Club currently has 11 coaches and 'staff' who are qualified Mental Health First Aider trained. The grant funding for ten other coaches to be trained is now planned to be spent before the start of next season. Having consulted with the trainer it was felt best to wait until the training could be delivered as a group and in person. The Club are currently exploring a partnership with a local initiative being set up to support the youth age groups in the village: the hope is that more out-reach delivery of mental health practitioners will develop so that more youngsters can be supported.

The impact of the recent lockdowns and, in some instances 'long Covid' appears to manifest itself in depression and anxiety. The benefits of sport in providing techniques to combat these illnesses are well documented.

Sport is at the heart of local villages and the coaches, and our volunteers play a vital role in supporting our young people and the course will provide the necessary skills and confidence to spot the signs of mental health issues in a young person, offer first aid and guide them towards the support they need.



The Club continue to explore opportunities to provide more footballing options, especially for those with disabilities or special educational needs.

The benefit to the welfare and life chances of young people arguably represents the most lasting impact of Melbourn Dynamos. Participation in the club creates friendship groups, teaches discipline, team working and social skills and is (particularly for young males) a vital outlet and distraction from more antisocial behaviours.

Through partnership with the FA's Football Foundation and the Melbourn Village College, Melbourn Dynamos have secured, and are now the Partner Club at our new astro turf. Delivery of this project has ensured a lasting legacy for all the community to enjoy the most modern and up-to-date facility in the area.

Securing grant funding is crucial to the Club. Subscriptions are levied on parents but many families and individuals who might be financially excluded from joining due to personal circumstances are routinely subsidised by the Club. We currently support thirty families who without that assistance would not be able to afford for their children to play football. With the increasing costs in fuel and utility bills we expect a spike of new requests during the summer: as always, the Club will not turn anyone away but the increasing cost of that support does impact on our resources.

Due to the constraints of the recent pandemic Melbourn Dynamos has not been able to fundraise as we would normally do which has resulted in a reduction in yearly income of £4k.

Our most recent 'Pitch Preparation' report (as part of the ongoing work carried out with the Football Foundation) scored 70% of our pitches as 'poor' (the lowest of five grades) and recommended an £18k per annum maintenance budget to bring the standard of the grass to a sustained 'good' standard. As the Parish Council devolves much football pitch maintenance to the Club, Melbourn Dynamos continues to make significant yearly investment to improve pitch quality alongside paying the Council usage fee.

The breakdown of the application as itemised below more or less represents in monetary terms just short of our average annual kit spend. The items have been individually costed against the most up to date information from our suppliers and are listed so that Councillors may individually consider each of the amounts.

In light of increasing costs, kit costs alone are expected to rise by 12.5%, the Club are considering having to raise the annual signing on fees but with the unprecedented escalation in the cost of living this is something we do not want to do unless really necessary. **Any funding we receive will hopefully allow us to not have to raise fees, or at least allow us to support more families should we need to do so.**

I submit this application on behalf of Melbourn Dynamos FC.

Yours faithfully,

Blake Carrington,

14<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Chair

Melbourn Dynamos Football Club



Breakdown of the Grant application:

Description	Quantity	Unit Cost	Total
Team wear – shirts - Junior	80	£17.75	£1420
Team wear – shirts – senior	36	£20.00	£720
Team wear – shorts - junior	80	£6.75	£540
Team wear – shorts – senior	36	£8.25	£297
Team wear – socks - junior	80	£5.25	£420
Team wear – sock - senior	36	£6.00	£216
Training balls – all sizes	200	£7.75	£1550
Match balls – size 3	40	£17.50	£700
Match balls – size 4 and 5	40	£20.50	£820
			£6493

14<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Melbourn Parish Council  
The Hub  
Melbourn

### Confirmation of Grant Expenditure

Melbourn Dynamos FC made a successful application to the Parish in 2021 and was awarded £11,990.60p.

I can confirm that except for the Mental Health First Aid courses [please see below for explanation] this has all been spent in line with the grant themes as follows:

Description	Amount
1. Mental Health First Aid Courses	£1,700.00
2. Coaching Courses	£690.00
3. Kit and Equipment	£7,300.60
4. Coaching Manual	£2,300.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£11,990.60</b>

The major benefits of this grant have been:

- Allowing the Club to financially support an increasing number of families. Out of 290 players (all within the U7-U17 age groups) 30 local families have been financially supported this season;
- The Club has been able to finance extended use of the new Astro turf facility meaning that all players have benefited from weekday evening training sessions and being able to play competitive weekend fixtures;
- Being able to purchase the necessary and appropriate kit; and,
- Support our coaches by delivering the Coaching Manual.

With regards to the MHFA Courses this is now being planned to take place before the start of next season. Due to the Covid restrictions in place at the time the course was intended to be delivered would have meant that it could only be delivered virtually. This method of delivery is not suited to the course so it was decided that it would be rearranged when all Covid restrictions were lifted.

Yours faithfully,

Blake Carrington  
Chair  
Melbourn Dynamos FC