



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 Football Club
2.	Name, Address, and Status of Contact	Ian Henderson, Interim Chair and Club Treasurer. [REDACTED]
3.	Telephone Number of Contact	[REDACTED]
4.	Is the organisation a Registered Charity?	No
5.	Amount of grant requested	£7,734
6.	For what purpose of project is the grant requested.	~ Mental Health First Aid training – x 7 ~ Final phase of kit renewal ~ FutureFit ~ Training in Understanding Neurodiversity in Grassroots Football ~ Partial Support for GDPR Compliance See attached sheet please.
7.	What will be the total cost of the above project?	£17, 989
8.	If the total cost of the project is more than the grant, how will the residue be financed?	Melbourn Dynamos Football Club – Fees and Fundraising.
9.	Have you applied for grant for the same project to another organisation?	No

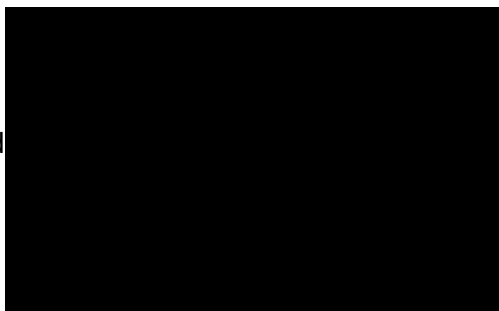


10.	Are 3 rd parties necessary to deliver your project? If yes, please list them.	Only Commercial Parties of which there are several options. We have shown cheapest pricing.
11.	Who will benefit from the project?	<p>~ Over 400 registered players across age groups (boys, girls, adults, Walking Football, Just Play)</p> <p>~ Up to 100 volunteers including new coaches and team helpers</p> <p>~ Wider community through inclusion programmes (e.g. neurodiverse sessions, mental health support)</p> <p>~ Parents and carers through enhanced safeguarding and support structures</p>
12.	Approximately how many of those who will benefit are parishioners?	Approx 300

Have you previously received a grant from MPC? **Yes, in May 2024.**

Report provided for the Parish Annual Report but also attached.

Signed



Date: **19th May 2025**



For what purpose is the grant requested – continued.

Melbourn Dynamos Football Club is seeking grant support for five interrelated initiatives that respond directly to the Club's growth, the needs of our community, and the evolving standards for inclusive, safe, and accessible grassroots football. These initiatives are:

1. Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) Training for Volunteers

Cost: £1,085 (7 volunteers @ £155 each)

We are requesting support to provide **Mental Health First Aid training** for seven new volunteers. Five of these have joined the Club through the formation of new teams, and all will play a vital role in safeguarding and supporting the wellbeing of players and other volunteers. This continues our successful MHFA programme (also part grant-supported), helping us embed a culture of mental health awareness, early intervention, and care within our football environment. We are separately funding MHFA training for new U7 coaches.

2. Final Phase of Club-Wide Kit Renewal

Cost: £4,112 (35% of total renewal cost of approx. £12,000)

This funding would complete a two-year project to **renew playing kits and core equipment** across all age groups and teams. Updated kits promote equality across teams, reduce reliance on out-of-date or mismatched kit, and improve player pride, identity, and morale. The remaining cost is being met by the Club through membership fees and internal fundraising.

3. FutureFit Starter Equipment (1 Set)

Cost: £1,187

As a designated **Community Hub Club** and early adopter of the FA's **FutureFit programme**, we are preparing for the 2026/27 season when this will become a national requirement. FutureFit introduces new, player-centred training formats that are especially effective for **young and neurodiverse children**, giving them more touches, better spatial awareness, and an overall improved experience of the game.

We intend to purchase **two FutureFit equipment sets**, and are requesting funding for **one of those sets** (which includes smaller goals, lightweight balls, and cones). The Club will fund the second set.



4. Training in Understanding Neurodiversity in Grassroots Football

Cost: £690 (3 places @ £230 each)

This course, developed in line with FA guidance, helps coaches **understand the experiences of neurodivergent players** and respond appropriately with inclusive coaching techniques and session plans. This training is a key step in broadening access to football in Melbourn, ensuring that all coaches have the tools to welcome and support players with conditions such as autism, ADHD, dyslexia, and other cognitive differences. It is also vital in linking our football provision with wider community health and education priorities.

5. Partial Support for GDPR Compliance Infrastructure

Cost: £660 (6 months of platform subscription @ £110/month)

As our club has grown to over 400 players and 83 volunteers, managing data responsibly has become critical. We now use a GDPR-compliant admin platform (LoveAdmin), and several volunteers have completed GDPR awareness training.

We are seeking support for **six months of platform costs** to offset the additional burden of ensuring our systems are safe, accessible, and fully compliant with data protection laws.

Summary

These five areas are essential to the Club's ability to:

- Maintain high-quality, inclusive, and accessible football for children and adults
- Embed safeguarding and neurodiversity awareness at all levels
- Manage the responsibilities that come with operating a growing, volunteer-led community organisation

The support requested will directly benefit **over 400 players, 100 volunteers**, and an estimated **300 parishioners**.

This project is fully deliverable, with matched funding from club reserves and fees, and it builds on the legacy of previous successful MPC grant awards.

A table outlining these areas is shown on the next page.



Area	Description	Requested	Total
Mental Health First Aid training for 7 new volunteers (£155 x 7 = £1,085)	This continues our safeguarding and welfare investment, with all new U7 coaches being offered training (club-funded).	£1,085.00	£ 1,085.00
Final phase of club-wide kit renewal	We are requesting 35% (£4112) to support this final renewal phase.	£4,112.00	£11,750.00
Training in Understanding Neurodiversity in Grassroots Football – £230 x 3 = £690	Aimed at equipping coaches with the tools to better support neurodivergent players.	£ 690.00	£ 800.00
FutureFit starter equipment (smaller goals, balls etc) – £1,187	In anticipation of the FA's FutureFit programme (mandated by 2026/27), enabling us to trial improved training models, especially beneficial for younger and neurodiverse players.	£1,187.00	£ 2,374.00
Partial support for IT compliance and GDPR infrastructure – £110 x 6 months = £660	This supports our rollout of better compliance tools (e.g., LoveAdmin) and volunteer training in line with club growth and safeguarding best practice.	£ 660.00	£ 1,980.00
		£7,734.00	£17,989.00



Report on 2024 MPC Grant Spend – Melbourn Dynamos FC

Melbourn Dynamos FC gratefully acknowledges the receipt of a grant of £8,909.25 from the Parish Council received on the 21st May 2024. This funding has been instrumental in supporting our club's operations, enhancing player development, and ensuring accessibility for all members of the community. The following report outlines the allocation of funds and the impact of the grant.

Details of Expenditure and Utilisation:

1. Renewal of Football Kits and Equipment

- The grant part-funded the purchase of new kits and essential training equipment for multiple teams across different age groups.
- The new kits have reinforced team identity and professionalism, while updated equipment has improved the quality of training sessions and match preparation.

2. Mental Health First Aid Training for Volunteers

- The grant fully funded training for 10 club volunteers in Mental Health First Aid.
- This initiative has strengthened our commitment to safeguarding and player welfare, ensuring that trained individuals are available to support players and volunteers experiencing mental health challenges.

3. Football Development Kits for Less Able Children and Adults

- The grant fully funded the purchase of specialised football development kits designed to make the sport more accessible for children and adults with disabilities.
- This investment has enabled more inclusive participation, aligning with our ethos as a community club that supports players of all abilities and has been paired with our recent start-up of inclusive training sessions on occasional Wednesday evenings.

4. Purchase of Box Goals for Older Age Groups

- The grant part-funded the acquisition of box goals for our older age groups.
 - These goals have enhanced match play experiences and allowed our teams to train with appropriate-sized goals, aiding player development.
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Impact on the Community:

The grant's support has had a significant positive impact on Melbourn Dynamos FC and the wider community. By reducing the financial burden on the club, we have been able to maintain affordable participation fees, ensuring football remains accessible to a broad demographic within Melbourn.

- **Beneficiaries:** Up to 500 people, including at least 287 parishioners, have directly benefited from the funded initiatives.
 - **Enhanced Inclusivity:** The investment in football development kits has allowed individuals with disabilities to engage in the sport in a more structured and meaningful way.
 - **Improved Player Welfare:** The Mental Health First Aid training has provided an additional layer of support for players and volunteers, fostering a more supportive club environment.
 - **Strengthened Club Infrastructure:** The purchase of new equipment and goals has improved both training and match-day experiences for players at all levels.
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Acknowledgements:

Melbourn Dynamos FC extends its sincere gratitude to Melbourn Parish Council for its continued support. Your contribution is not only an investment in our club's facilities and programmes but also in the well-being and development of our players and volunteers. With your assistance, we remain committed to providing an inclusive, accessible, and high-quality football experience for our community.

We look forward to maintaining a strong relationship with the Parish Council as we continue to grow and develop grassroots football in Melbourn.

Melbourn Dynamos FC

Ian Henderson
Club Treasurer
March 2025

Cambridgeshire Football Association Ltd

Statement of Account

END OF YEAR ACCOUNTS

Club: Melbourn Dynamos Football Club



Season: 2023 / 2024

INCOME		2022 / 2023
Signing fees and subs	59,863.09	32081.84
Fundraising & Tournaments	10,673.72	1110.00
Donations, Cafe and Sponsorship	3,972.00	15000.00
Grants	10,909.25	12830.76
Total Income for the Period	85,418.06	61022.60
EXPENDITURE		
Affiliation & Registration Fees	(1,571.33)	-1302.95
Club Insurance	(2,168.35)	-2175.04
Parish Ground Hire	(3,084.50)	-2200.00
Parish & MVC Grass Maintenance	(11,113.10)	-6262.00
Astro Hire	(28,168.74)	-25303.99
Astro Kit (Specific)	(150.00)	-524.23
Coaching Development / FA Course Costs	(3,514.58)	-988.90
Referees Fees / Match Expenses	(3,458.54)	-2019.04
DBS Fees	(844.00)	-460.00
Kit & Equipment Replacement	(17,357.32)	-12129.00
Awards Evening Costs, Social Events	(2,843.47)	-1751.48
Fundraising Costs	(5,100.55)	-647.32
Fines & Bank Charges	(1,267.71)	-536.55
Admin, Venue, Fundraising Donations Costs & Restricted Funds	(5,114.11)	-10000.00
Cash held by Officers (in-year)	0.00	45.00
Total Expenditure for the Period	(85,756.30)	-70,152.20
Current year surplus / (deficit)	(338.24)	

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Your Statement

The Treasurer
Melbourn Dynamos F.C.



Account Summary

Opening Balance	748.60
Payments In	2,281.30
Payments Out	2,343.73
Closing Balance	686.17

29 March to 28 April 2025

Account Name
Melbourn Dynamos F.C.

International Bank Account Number

Branch Identifier Code

Sortcode Account Number Sheet Number

Your Charitable Bank Account details

<i>Date</i>	<i>Payment type and details</i>	<i>Paid out</i>	<i>Paid in</i>	<i>Balance</i>
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BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD

748.60

Date	Type	Description	Paid Out	Paid In	Balance
31-Dec-24	CR	GC C1 DYNAMOS-2A2KWEKPDB		153.58	6994.5
02-Jan-25	BP	MSC AstroTurf	2000		4994.5
03-Jan-25	BP	MSC AstroTurf	600		4394.5
07-Jan-25	BP	Melbourn PC Inv559	1500		
07-Jan-25	BP	M3C Sports Supplie 64014	63.45		
07-Jan-25	BP	MG Sportswear Ltd 46400	30		2801.05
08-Jan-25	BP	Melbourn PC Inv559	700		
08-Jan-25	BP	M3C Sports Supplie 64013	452.1		1648.95
09-Jan-25	CR	GC C1 DYNAMOS-2D55ACBC9C		83.54	1732.49
16-Jan-25	CR	GC C1 DYNAMOS-8KJC5YM69R		18.23	1750.72
18-Jan-25	DR	TOTAL CHARGES TO 27DEC2024	5		
18-Jan-25	BP	██████████ MDFC Ref Exp	22		1723.72
19-Jan-25	BP	██████████ MDFC Expenses	30		1693.72
23-Jan-25	CR	GC C1 DYNAMOS-TJYWM6JA7F		153.58	1847.3
26-Jan-25	BP	██████████ MDFC Expenses	30		1817.3
30-Jan-25	CR	GC C1 DYNAMOS-9Y68MV9JJV		27.53	1844.83
01-Feb-25	CR	EAGLE KL JUST PLAY JAN		160	
01-Feb-25	BP	██████████ MDFC expenses	27		1977.83
03-Feb-25	CR	TOMS COFFEE AND CA TOMS COFFEE CAKE		79.64	2057.47
06-Feb-25	CR	GC C1 DYNAMOS-92EDCXRQHR		104.15	2161.62
07-Feb-25	BP	MG Sportswear Ltd 59237	41.95		2119.67
09-Feb-25	CR	POLLARD C FPCSNAILRACESPONS		50	2169.67
10-Feb-25	BP	HERTS CAMBS GROU SI-3692	180		
10-Feb-25	BP	HERTS CAMBS GROU SI-3686	180		
10-Feb-25	BP	HERTS CAMBS GROU SI-3670 & 3657	360		1449.67
11-Feb-25	BP	M3C Sports Supplie 64135	248.45		
11-Feb-25	BP	M3C Sports Supplie 64210/14	87.45		
11-Feb-25	CR	BIN FRESH LTD Snail03		50	1163.77
12-Feb-25	CR	H2O GAS HEATING & SNAIL04		50	
12-Feb-25	CR	TIBBALS SM SNAIL RACE SPONSOR		50	
12-Feb-25	CR	TOMS COFFEE AND CA SNAIL05		50	1313.77
13-Feb-25	CR	AIX CONSULTA LTD SNAIL-06 SPONSOR		50	
13-Feb-25	CR	GC C1 DYNAMOS-EBRZ5X8WW8		20.73	1384.5
14-Feb-25	BP	M3C Sports Supplie 64461	40.9		1343.6
15-Feb-25	BP	██████████ MDFC Expenses	22		1321.6
17-Feb-25	CR	SumUp Payments Acc MCA PID978587		73.09	1394.69
18-Feb-25	DR	TOTAL CHARGES TO 27JAN2025	5		1389.69
19-Feb-25	BP	██████████ Refund Viggo	110		1279.69
21-Feb-25	CR	GC C1 DYNAMOS-3RXZ5JVF35		48.82	1328.51
22-Feb-25	BP	DAVEY'S snail-07		50	
22-Feb-25	BP	██████████ MDFC Expenses	30		1348.51
24-Feb-25	BP	██████████ Ref fee	35		
24-Feb-25	CR	SumUp Payments Acc MCA PID991525		45.81	1359.32
28-Feb-25	BP	HERTS CAMBS GROU SI-3703	180		
28-Feb-25	BP	██████████ MDFC Expenses	30		
28-Feb-25	CR	EAGLE KL JUST PLAY		160.47	
28-Feb-25	CR	GC C1 DYNAMOS-Q8V92AX9D4		27.53	1337.32
02-Mar-25	CR	TOMS COFFEE AND CA TOMS COFFEE CAKE		115.58	

02-Mar-25	BP	HERTS CAMBS GROU SI-3710	180		1272.9
03-Mar-25	CR	NEIL WIS LTD SW SNAIL-08		55	
03-Mar-25	CR	SumUp Payments Acc MCA PID1004559		179.95	1507.85
04-Mar-25	BP	Melbourn Community MCH0794	18		1489.85
05-Mar-25	BP	Hitchin Town FC Fixture reversal	55		1434.85
07-Mar-25	CR	GC C1 DYNAMOS-BYBG5VESH7		20.73	1455.58
09-Mar-25	BP	██████████ MDFC Expenses	60		1395.58
10-Mar-25	CR	██████████ Snail race		20	
10-Mar-25	CR	SumUp Payments Acc MCA PID1017438		154.79	1570.37
11-Mar-25	BP	MG Sportswear Ltd 59454	41.95		1528.42
14-Mar-25	CR	GC C1 DYNAMOS-56X3DA5JPK		105.66	1634.08
15-Mar-25	BP	██████████ Referee Expenses	19		
15-Mar-25	BP	██████████ MDFC Referees	44		1571.08
17-Mar-25	CR	SumUp Payments Acc MCA PID1030619		30.16	
17-Mar-25	CR	PATEL N+D WILDCAT SEP-DEC 24		323.75	
17-Mar-25	BP	APPERLEY&APPERLE Beanie Hat		10	
17-Mar-25	BP	APPERLEY&APPERLE Snail Sponsor X 3		15	1949.99
21-Mar-25	DR	TOTAL CHARGES TO 27FEB2025	5		
21-Mar-25	CR	GC C1 DYNAMOS-EGFS596HR4		236.04	2181.03
24-Mar-25	CR	SumUp Payments Acc MCA PID1043007		136.21	2317.24
25-Mar-25	BP	██████████ Ref Fees	65		
25-Mar-25	BP	Cambs FA Ltd D-INV-CAM37954	12		
25-Mar-25	BP	MG Sportswear Ltd See email today	1041.31		1198.93
26-Mar-25	BP	MSC AstroTurf	600		598.93
27-Mar-25	BP	Cam Academy Trust INV1921	17.5		581.43
28-Mar-25	CR	EAGLE KL JUST PLAY		160.47	
28-Mar-25	CR	GC C1 DYNAMOS-A2TR5HYRCZ		64.2	
28-Mar-25	BP	Melbourn Community MCH0817	57.5		748.6
30-Mar-25	BP	HERTS CAMBS GROU SI-3770	208		540.6
31-Mar-25	CR	SumUp Payments Acc MCA PID1055122		949.22	
31-Mar-25	BP	HERTS CAMBS GROU SI-3770	1000		
31-Mar-25	BP	██████████ Refund	23.95		
31-Mar-25	BP	██████████ MDFC Expenses	22		
31-Mar-25	BP	██████████ Snails	404		39.87
02-Apr-25	CR	TOMS COFFEE AND CA TOMS COFFEE CAKE		137.04	176.91
03-Apr-25	CR	THE LITTLE T/AS SNAIL EVENT		67.5	244.41
04-Apr-25	DD	LOVEADMIN FIRST PAYMENT	19.2		
04-Apr-25	CR	CASH IN AT HSBC BANK PLC HITCHIN		490	
04-Apr-25	CR	CASH IN AT HSBC BANK PLC HITCHIN		241.5	956.71
07-Apr-25	CR	GC C1 DYNAMOS-7ZRMGWHDVP		47.86	
07-Apr-25	CR	SumUp Payments Acc MCA PID1067611		28.23	1032.8
08-Apr-25	BP	Cam Academy Trust INV1964	175		857.8
14-Apr-25	CR	GC C1 DYNAMOS-BYHR6AWJ9Y		159.48	1017.28
17-Apr-25	BP	██████████ MDFC expenses	54		963.28
18-Apr-25	DR	TOTAL CHARGES TO 27MAR2025	5		958.28
22-Apr-25	BP	██████████ MDFC Expenses FR	280.08		678.2
27-Apr-25	BP	██████████ MDFC Expenses	27.5		
27-Apr-25	BP	MRS N D PATEL DBS checks	50		
27-Apr-25	BP	██████████ Safeguarding Costs	55		

27-Apr-25 BP	Royston Crow Youth 2503085	20		525.7
28-Apr-25 CR	EAGLE KL JUST PLAY		160.47	686.17