

Report No.

Report to Town Hall and Facilities Committee 1st June 2017

Use of Cloister Gardens

1. Purpose of the report

- 1.1. To advise the committee of a request made by Malmesbury Carnival to use the Cloister Gardens for a musical event as part of Carnival 2017.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Malmesbury Town Council currently holds the area known as the Cloister Gardens on a long term lease from the owners of Abbey House.
- 2.2. The lease is for the area to be used as a Town Garden but there is no definition of such a term included within the lease document.
- 2.3 A public right of way runs across the land from the Abbey Steps to the entrance adjacent to the Bell Hotel.
- 2.4. In recent years the Malmesbury Carnival has used the Cloister Gardens for an acoustic music event as part of the Carnival programme.
- 2.2 The previous events have been properly managed and not given rise to any complaints from members of the public about excess noise or restricted access.

3. Proposals

- 3.1 The Malmesbury Carnival Committee has requested use of the Cloister Gardens on the Monday of the August Bank Holiday, the 28th August.
- 3.2 As in previous years the proposal is for an acoustic music event to run from 4.00pm until 9.00pm.
- 3.3 The owners of Abbey House have been approached and have suggested that the event would not present a problem.

4. Financial implications and risks

- 4.1 There are no additional financial implications for the Town Council as Malmesbury Carnival Committee will require their own insurance for the event.
- 4.2 The Carnival Committee has experience of using the gardens in a manner unlikely to cause any disruption and of collecting any litter deposited during the event.

5. Recommendations

- 5.1 The committee is requested to note the report and grant approval subject to public access being maintained, litter removed, acoustic only music being performed and liability insurance being in place. .

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Town Clerk
23rd May 2017

