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OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION

1. **To keep the Halloween parade and free Halloween disco in 2026, with a donation bucket for voluntary donations.**
2. **To provide each child with one free packet of sweets.**
3. **To provide free water.**
4. **To purchase additional refreshments, including popcorn, sweets, juice/pop and crisps, and sell at affordable prices.**
5. **To use existing Halloween novelty cups and plushies as prizes.**
6. **To organise a raffle.**
7. **Best Dressed Competition - to consider having different age categories, depending on the number of entries.**
8. **To decide whether to use the Halloween Parade and Party event to identify/select the 2027 Carnival King, Queen and attendants, or simply invite expressions of interest.**
9. **To adopt the proposed content for the event poster and promotional material.**
10. **To use the Community Events Budget to cover the initial costs.**

1. Purpose

1. To consider the recommendations for the Halloween Parade and Party for 2026.

2. Background

1. Welshpool Town Council has annually organised a free Halloween Parade and Party event for local children and families. The event usually begins with a Halloween parade from Welshpool Bus Station, opposite the Welshpool Information Centre, before proceeding to Welshpool Town Hall.

2. At the Town Hall, children are able to enjoy a Halloween-themed disco, refreshments and entertainment. The event has traditionally been provided free of charge, with a donation box available for those wishing to make a voluntary contribution towards the cost of the event.
3. The event has proved popular with local families and provides an opportunity for children to celebrate Halloween

3. Recommendations

1. It is proposed that the overall format of the event remains largely unchanged, with the following elements:
    1. Halloween parade from Welshpool Bus Station to Welshpool Town Hall.
    2. Halloween-themed disco at the Town Hall.
    3. Free entry for children and families.
    4. A donation box to remain available for voluntary contributions.
    5. Each child to receive one free packet of sweets.
    6. Water to be available free of charge.

4. Decision

1. To resolve to adopt the recommendations as above.