

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

**22 APRIL 2014**

**APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – GRANT APPLICATIONS**

**REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK**

**1. Lafrowda Festival**

1.1 The Town Council has received a request for grant funding from the Lafrowda Festival seeking a financial contribution towards the annual festival held in July.

1.2 The festival is a two week long performing arts festival where all members of the community, especially the schools are actively encouraged to participate, and will end with the main festival day on 19 July 2014.

1.3 Any grant that the Town Council may wish to make will be used to support its local schools and community workshop programme which aims to enable schools and members of the local community to participate in the unique opportunity of being involved in workshops with professional artists and performers culminating in performances and displays of their joint works.

1.4 The Lafrowda Festival is a non-profit making charity organisation and the grant will be used to support its programme within the local community which is open to all to participate.

1.5 The festival has also approached Cornwall Council's "Feast" programme for funding.

1.6 The festival has provided a copy of the audited accounts for the period up to 30 September 2013 which shows a carried forward figure of £7,603

1.7 The Lafrowda Festival has not specified the amount of grant it requires but the Town Council has financially supported the organisation by a grant. Last year the amount of grant awarded was £2,500.00 and £2,000.00 over the previous four years.

**2. St Just in Bloom**

2.1 The Town Council has received a request for grant funding from the St Just in Bloom group to support various projects around the town for the benefit of the community. Works included maintaining street furniture, maintenance of various plots, Closed Churchyard etc.

2.2 A grant of £965.00 has been requested which will be used to purchase products for general maintenance, including a new strimmer.

2.3 St Just in Bloom is a voluntary, non-profit making organisation which aims to keep the town blooming for residents and visitors alike.

2.4 The group has also approached Cory Environmental for grant funding of £200.00 which will be used to purchase tools.

2.5 The Town Council has been supporting the group for a number of years.

2.6 The group has provided a copy of its accounts for 2014 which shows a balance of £1,557.49 as of 31 March 2014.

2.7 To improve the flower displays this year, St Just in Bloom has engaged a local company in St Ives to provide the displays. The cost of the displays is in the region of £1,500.00 which will be funded by the Town Council on receipt of an invoice. The cost of the displays does not form part of the grant application which is the subject of this report.

### **3. St Just Football Club**

3.1 The Town Council has received a request for grant funding from the St Just Football Club in respect of an electrical upgrade and repair to fencing.

3.2 The club urgently needs to upgrade the electrics in the clubhouse and install new circuit breakers to meet current safety standards. The cost of this work is estimated at £1,000.00. The club also needs to replace the fencing behind the goal area to protect the flats in Vounder Glaze at a cost of £500.00. Therefore a grant of £1,500.00 has been requested.

3.3 Last year the Town Council approved a grant of £500.00 to the club which was not claimed. This application includes for the amount not claimed last year and the £500.00 awarded last year has been moved to reserves.

3.4 The club has provided a copy of a recent bank statement which shows a balance of £1,186.91.

### **4. Remaining Budget Provision in 2013 / 2104**

4.1 There is currently £18,000 in the 2014 / 2015 budget for grant applications.

5. The Town Council's instructions are sought.

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Background papers: Applications submitted on 7 April 2014.