

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

23 JUNE 2014

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – GRANT APPLICATION

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

1. Cape Cornwall Pilot Gig Club

1.1 The Town Council has received a request for grant funding from the Cape Cornwall Pilot Gig Club to purchase a new set of 6 oars plus a pair of wheels.

1.2 The club has two traditional wooden pilot gigs and a plastic training boat. The additional set of oars are needed as the club only has one set of junior and one set of adult oars, and there are two adult crews. This means that when the adult crews are training they have to use the junior oars. The wheels are required to launch the gigs.

1.3 The cost of purchasing a new set of oars is £1,500 and a set of wheels £150. A grant request of £1,650.00 has been made to the Council.

1.4 The gig club was established in 1989 in St Just with the majority of the present members coming from the surrounding area. The club has strong links with Cape Cornwall School. The sport is great for fitness and brings people together from all walks of life. Gig rowing has a very strong local tradition and the award of the grant would help to keep that tradition alive, thereby providing a legacy element. The club has an equal number of men and women as members.

1.5 The club has not approached any other organisation for funding but is active in its fundraising. As of 29 May 2014, the club had £868.76 in its bank account. The club has also submitted accounts from 2011 and 2012 which show balances of £3,923 and £2,038 respectively.

1.6 The Town Council has made the following previous grant awards to the gig club:-

- £700.00 Oct 2010
- £100.00 Apr 2003
- £100.00 Mar 2002
- £25.00 Apr 2001

2. There is currently £10,500.00 remaining in the budget for 2014 /15.

3. The Town Council's instructions are sought.

Elaine Baker
Town Clerk

Background papers: Application received 12 June 2014.