

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

9 JUNE 2014

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – GRANT APPLICATION

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

1. Pengarth Day Centre

1.1 The Town Council has received a request for grant funding from Pengarth Day Centre which seeks a contribution towards transport running costs to ensure that its specialised day care services and support are accessible to all users who live in the St Just area.

1.2 In addition, the Centre has requested a letter of support from the Town Council for the work that the Pengarth Day Centre does for residents throughout Penwith.

1.3 The grant would be used to ensure that transport to and from the centre continues for clients with mobility difficulties, those who live in rural areas or do not have the financial means to pay for independent transport.

1.4 The annual cost of running the door-to-door transport service is £6,300 for the bus hire which is provided by the Penwith Community Bus for those clients living in the St Just area. At present the cost of transportation to the centre from the St Just area is up to £700.00 per month. Transport to day care centres is no longer funded by Adult Social Care. In addition, day care is also means tested so any contribution to the transport costs would be greatly appreciated.

1.5 The continuation of the service benefits the local community by providing continued access to the centre for people living in the parish. There are currently seven attendees at the centre from the St Just area, plus others who visit the centre on a number of occasions each week. In total 900 visits per year from the St Just area.

1.6 The centre is a non-profit making charitable trust which serves older people across West Penwith, as well as acting as a liaison with other community services for clients.

1.7 Requests for financial support towards the transport costs have been made to all town and parish councils from whose wards people attend the day centre or to whom meals on wheels are delivered. Total annual transport costs is approximately £30,000. An application for funding has also been made to the Bolitho Trust and £1,000 has been received from the Duchy of Cornwall Benevolent Fund.

1.8 The day centre has also submitted a copy of its bank statement up to 23 May 2014 which shows a balance of £16,800.94.

1.9 The Town Council has made the following previous grant awards to the day centre:-

- £1,000.00 Nov 2013
- £250.00 July 2012

2. The Town Council's instructions are sought.

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Town Clerk