

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

9 JANUARY 2017

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – GRANT APPLICATION

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

1. Cornwall Air Ambulance Trust

1.1 The Town Council has received an application for grant funding from the Cornwall Air Ambulance Trust by way of a contribution towards its annual running costs which amount to in excess of £3m per year.

1.2 2017 is the service's 30th year anniversary, and any grant that the Town Council made would be used to ensure that the Air Ambulance, and its highly-skilled paramedic team, continue to deliver vital emergency treatment, in matter of minutes, to patients with life-threatening injuries or illnesses within Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly.

1.3 The Air Ambulance is funded by the Cornish community. Cornwall is particularly dependent on the Air Ambulance due to the amount of coastline, often inaccessible roads and ageing population.

1.4 Given the town's proximity to the coast, and its location towards the west of Cornwall, if needed the air ambulance can respond within 15 – 20 minutes of an emergency call. The service also provides employment and volunteering opportunities and can be invaluable for those who might be isolated, seeking friendship or just a chance to give something back to their local community.

1.5 The Air Ambulance Trust has not indicated a specific amount of grant but has approached all other local town and parish councils across Cornwall. The Trust is dependent on donations from the community to keep the service operational.

1.6 The Town Council has made the following previous awards to the Air Ambulance Trust:-

- £1,250.00 Jan 2016
- £1,000.00 Dec 2014
- £1,000.00 Dec 2013
- £600.00 Jan 2013
- £500.00 Jan 2012
- £500.00 Sept 2010
- £100.00 Sept 2009
- £500.00 Jan 2007

2. The Town Council currently has £13,692.00 remaining in this year's budget and the Town Council's instructions are sought.

Elaine Baker
Town Clerk

Background paper: Application received 19 December 2016