

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

20 FEBRUARY 2016

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 The grant would help to subsidise payments that would otherwise

1.3 have to be met by the individuals attending the day centre. As day care is now means tested any grant awarded to sustain transport would enable the cost to the individual to be kept lower. The cost of Meals on Wheels and day care has been frozen for the last four years despite increases in fuel costs.

1.4 The centre has requested a grant of £500.00 which would be used to subsidise payments through Cornwall Council's transport policy, otherwise costs would have to be paid by those attending the centre.

1.5 The centre is currently making 104 visits to the St Just area either for access to services and / or meals delivery. The day care and transport fees have been held at their current price for the past three years and kept low to deliberately assist clients and their families in these difficult economic times.

1.6 The continuation of the service benefits the local community by providing continued access to the centre for people living in the parish.

1.7 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.

1.8 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.

1.9 The day centre has also submitted a copy of bank account to the 24 January 2017 which shows a balance of £5,682.73.

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

- £500.00 Mar 2016
- £500.00 June 2014
- £1,000.00 Nov 2013
- £250.00 July 2012

2. There is currently £11,900 ft in the 2016 / 17 budget for grants. The Town Council's instructions are sought.

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Town Clerk