

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

12 MAY 2014

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – GRANT APPLICATION

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

1. St Just Mines Research Group

1.1 The Town Council has received a request for grant funding from the St Just Mines Research Group towards the cost of an exhibition to be staged at Geevor Tin Mine entitled “The Mines of St Just Isolation, Innovation Speculation”.

1.2 The exhibition will be a celebration of the St Just Mining District, highlight new discoveries made by the group and other researchers over the last couple of decades and outline what it was that made the St Just area different from other mining areas in Cornwall.

1.3 The group is a non-profit making organisation which aims to promote the wider knowledge of the importance of our mining heritage.

1.4 It is hoped that the exhibition will attract additional visitors to the area and improve the visitor experience at Geevor Tin Mine. In addition, it will raise and promote the importance of the areas rich mining heritage. Following the exhibition, the display will be available for use in other locations and will be used by the mine’s learning department. This will enable future generations to understand more about the history of the local area.

1.5 A grant of £250.00 has been requested. Total expenditure will be in the region of £1,500.00, mainly printing costs, with general administration, promotion and staging of the event. The group currently has a bank balance of £2,480.31 but to cover the total cost of the exhibition would use a substantial amount of the group’s reserves.

1.6 Confirmation of the group’s current bank balance will be provided at the meeting.

1.7 The Town Council has made the following previous grant award to the group:-

- £250.00 Jul 2008

1.8 In addition, 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. Remaining Budget Provision in 2014 / 2105

2.1 There is currently £12,500 in the 2014 / 2015 budget for grant applications.

3. The Town Council’s instructions are sought.

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Town Clerk

Background papers: Applications submitted on 2 May 2014.