

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

20 OCTOBER 2014

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – GRANT APPLICATIONS

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

1. St Just Free Church

1.1 The Town Council has received a request for grant funding from St Just Free Church towards its Lifehouse and Fireplace Community Rooms and Internet Café.

1.2 The project includes the construction of a new link between the two existing buildings which will provide toilet and catering facilities, improved access to and from all areas of the building. These new facilities will help individuals, community groups and organisations from the wider community, particularly those seeking help with social issues, the vulnerable & lonely and those simply looking for a place to meet in a secure and welcoming environment. The project will work alongside other organisations such as the Pendeen & St Just Local Neighbourhood Project.

1.3 The funding is required to purchase stackable chairs & tables, exhibition and display boards, new central heating system, kitchen equipment internal decoration and computer furniture for the Internet Café.

1.4 The project will deliver a new environment to enable people to meet in a secure and comfortable environment. The project endeavours to create spaces which can be used by community groups.

1.5 Requests for funding have made to the All Churches Trust, National Churches Trust, Heritage Lottery Fund (which has been successful), Cornwall Historic Churches Trust, The Garfield Weston Foundation and various charitable trusts.

1.6 Accounts have been provided which show a balance of £5,040.57 as of 31 December 2012, £4,030.13 in a separate account and £2,228 Restoration Project Appeal. Total Financial Assets of £11,298.70.

1.7 The Town Council has not previously awarded any grant to the Church but did give its strong support to the recent planning applications in connection with project.

1.8 The Church has requested a grant of £2,000.

2. Remaining Budget Provision in 2014 / 2015

2.1 There is currently £8,650.00 remaining in the 2014 / 2015 budget for grant applications.

3. The Town Council's instructions are sought.

Elaine Baker
Town Clerk

Background papers: Application submitted 13 October 2014.