

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

21 JULY 2014

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – GRANT APPLICATIONS

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

1. St Just Twinning Association

- 1.1 The Town Council has received a request for grant funding from the St Just Twinning Association towards the cost of Bed and Breakfast accommodation for local musicians and singers travelling to Huelgoat, Brittany in October.
- 1.2 This is the second leg of the Twinning Association's reciprocal cultural exchange, the first part being last year's visit by a number of French choirs, bands and solo musicians.
- 1.3 Grant funding, if awarded will be used to provide accommodation for those travelling to France. Other travel costs are being paid by each individual attending the exchange.
- 1.4 The event will be a celebration of our shared Celtic musical and artistic heritage which helps to foster developing links between the two towns.
- 1.5 The Association encourages young and older people from St Just to learn the French language by arranging French lessons, and by travelling to France provide an understanding of the similarities between the Cornish and French cultures. The Association has hosted and supported groups to visit St Just which aids the local economy and promotes St Just as a tourist destination.
- 1.6 The Association is a non-profit making organisation and is actively involved in local fund raising to support its activities. The Association has not approached any other organisation for funding.
- 1.7 The Town Council has previously made the following grant awards to the Association
 - £900.00 Mar 2013
 - £300.00 Sept 2009
- 1.8 The Association has requested a grant of £1,500 but would be happy to receive any grant that the Town Council was able to offer to support the exchange.
- 1.9 The Association has provided a copy of its accounts for period up to 1 April 2013 which shows a balance of £1,168.33. The bank balance as of 27 June 2014 is £1,497.84.

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 10 July 2014.