

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

24 FEBRUARY 2014

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – GRANT APPLICATION

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

1. Plen Archive Facility

1.1 The Town Council has received a request for grant funding from the St Just & District Trust Plen Project towards the cost of fitting out the Plen Archive facility in the new Plen Hut.

1.2 The aim of the project is to create a visual multi-media archive resource in a section of the new building which will be funded by donations and will provide a facility where individuals can carry out local research using text books etc and visit the permanent display.

1.3 An outreach education programme will also be offered to the local schools.

1.4 The total cost of the project is £7,000.00 of which £5,000.00 is being sought by way of an application to the Heritage Lottery Fund. An expression of interest was submitted in January 2014 which was approved and a full application was submitted to the fund on 5 February. A grant from the Town Council would be used to purchase display boards, LED TV Screen & DVD player, together with shelving, map chest, reference books and other additional materials.

1.5 The project will benefit the local community as the archive will be supported by a team of local volunteers who will be trained improving individual skills, experience and knowledge. The archive will also inform and educate the local community on the history of the Plain-an-Gwarry and will attract additional visitors to the town.

1.6 The success of the project will be assessed by the number of volunteers recruited and the promotion of the archive in the local area and across the region. The project will be managed by a small steering group under the umbrella of the St Just & District Trust.

1.7 A grant of £1,000 - £2,000 is being sought and a copy of the latest accounts will be available at the meeting.

1.8 The Town Council has made the following previous grant award to the Plen Project

- £1,000.00 Nov 2012
Contribution to a dedicated backstage resource and archive.

2. Pendeen Rally

2.1 The Town Council has also received a request for grant funding from the Pendeen Rally. Since January 2013, the Rally has been operating as a formal committee with bank account.

2.2 The committee is a local non-profitable organisation and the profits from the rally are used to support local groups and organisations. Those that have benefitted include Pendeen Football Club, Pendeen Band, Botallack Cricket Club and others.

2.3 The Committee wishes to purchase a light weight portable P.A. system, two "pop up" gazebos and a microphone and have requested a grant of £1,000.00. The equipment will enable an annual fun day to be held for the local community , the profits from which, as previously stated, are passed on to other local organisations.

2.4 A copy of a bank statement dated 1 October 2013 has been submitted which shows a balance of £439.87, together with an income and expenditure sheet for 2013 which shows a carried forward balance of £568.35. In 2013, the committee made a £1,668.35 profit of which £1,100 was divided between local community groups.

2.5 The Town Council has made no previous grant awards to the Rally.

3. The Town Council's instructions are sought.

Elaine Baker
Town Clerk

Background papers: Application forms received 3 & 5 February 2014.