

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

5 NOVEMBER 2013

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 replacing kitchen equipment.

1.2 The grant would be used to replace ageing and unreliable kitchen equipment and appliances. The unreliability of the present equipment means that when they breakdown the 20,000 meals that the day centre prepare and cook is affected and can leave people without a hot meal. The cost of replacing the equipment and appliances is in the region of £8,000. One item of equipment that will be purchased is a steamer oven.

1.3 The day centre has so far been promised funding of £3,000 towards the total cost, therefore the amount of grant funding that has been requested is £5,000 or any contribution. The steamer oven itself can cost up to £8,000.

1.4 The day centre serves 20,000 meals a year to centre attendees and by meals on wheels. They are freshly prepared and cooked in the centre's kitchen using locally sourced produce. A number of people from the St Just area regularly attend the centre. Pengarth Day Centre is a non-profit making charitable trust which serves older people across West Penwith, including acting as a liaison with other community services for clients.

1.5 The day centre has also approached Cornwall Councillor's for funding from their Community Chest, other parish & town councils from whose wards people attend the day centre or to whom the centre delivers meals, and Lloyds TSB & Santander Bank charity foundations. Promises of £3,000 have so far been received.

1.6 The day centre has also submitted a copy of its bank statement up to 24 September 2013 which shows a balance of £22,716.24

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

- £250.00 July 2012

2. The Town Council's instructions are sought.

Elaine Baker
Town Clerk

Background papers: Application form received 21 October 2013.