

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

8 JULY 2013

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – GRANT APPLICATION

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

1. St Just Memory Cafe

1.1 The Town Council has received a request for grant funding from the St Just Memory Cafe towards the cost of a stimulation exercise: that of arranging three separate visits for those suffering from memory loss and their carers.

1.2 The visits will provide an opportunity for social activity amongst those with similar problems and with other people in general, promote stimulation, interest and provide a sense of feeling of being of value to society and of wellbeing.

1.3 The visits will also support further sessions at the cafe such as reminiscences of the day, the enjoyment, inspire creative activity and production of a visual record of the outings as part of the legacy aspect.

1.4 A grant of £1,000.00 has been requested towards the cost of organising the trips, vehicle hire, entrance fees to the venues and materials to produce the legacy archive following the visits.

1.5 The cafe is entering its second year. The numbers of those using the cafe has increased. Those using the cafe benefit from the stimulation provided by social conversation, cognitive stimulation, exercises, reading, discussion as well as other activities. This is an important facility for those suffering from dementia and their carers as it gives them a strong feeling of wellbeing and sense of being valued in society. The cafe also provides an essential support service to those who attend.

1.6 This is a community led group. It receives no financial support from Government bodies. The group has a constitution and a bank account (a copy of the latest bank statement will be available at the meeting). A Steering Group oversees the running of the cafe. All sessions at the cafe are facilitated by volunteers and those who attend are from St Just and the surrounding areas.

1.7 Approaches for financial assistance have also been made to the Penman Group Charitable Donations and Cornwall Foundation Trust.

1.8 The Town Council has made no previous grant awards to the association.

1.9 The Town Council has made no previous awards to the cafe.

2. The Town Council's instructions are sought.

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