

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

**8 NOVEMBER 2010**

**S.137 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 - APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

**REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK**

1. The Town Council has received a letter from the Friends of Cape Cornwall School regarding a request for financial assistance to replenish the school's music practice rooms to enable them to meet the needs of young musicians not just in the school but also for local community use.
2. Attached to the report is the potential cost of refurbishing the rooms which is in the region of £5225 for which the school is currently fundraising. The project is being supported by a number of local organisations such as the Nancherrow Centre and also by the local Cornwall Councillor Chris Goninan.
3. The school has so far been given £125 from The Community Chest and is applying to The Princes Trust for funding as well as undertaking its own fundraising activities.
4. The Town Council has been asked for a grant of £500 which could be used as match funding when applying for other grants.
5. The Town Council has previously awarded the following grants to the FSA:-
  - August 2008           £1000
  - December 2007       £500
6. The Town Council has also received a request for financial assistance from the Cornwall Blind Association towards its volunteer transport service for the blind and visually impaired people in the local area.
7. There are presently in the region of 1,100 people with severe sight loss living in the West Penwith area, 46 of those living within the parish of St Just. The transport services enables clients to access clubs, activities and services they require. Volunteers are only reimbursed fuel costs at 45p per mile and it is anticipated that there will be 650 return journeys during 2010 / 2011 at a cost of £6,000 approximately. A grant of £1,200 is given by Cornwall Council, £940 from Awards for All and £810 in client contributions towards their transport, a shortfall of £3,050.
8. The Town Council has previously awarded the following grants to the Association:-
  - October 2009           £200
9. The Town Council has also received a request for financial assistance from the Brambles Nursery. The Nursery building has been completed ahead of time and within budget; however restrictions were imposed by planning after the project was costed requiring extensive path work accessing the site. The original cost of this was quoted in excess of £20,000 but with co-operation of hauliers and the on-site contractor working at a reduced margin this was reduced to £10,780. This money has

been found from contingency and savings in other areas. The site now conforms to the barest minimum required by planning but leaves the final access path to the nursery without a tarmac finish and missing a gate. The cost of providing these is in the order of £2,000 and any contribution would be gratefully received.

10. The Town Council has previously awarded the following grant to the St Just Nursery

- March 2007                    £1,500
- March 2006                    £500

11. The Council's instructions on each of the requests are sought.

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Town Clerk

Background papers: Letters from Cape Cornwall School and Cornwall Blind Association dated 7 October 2010.