

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

9 JULY 2012

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – GRANT APPLICATIONS

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

1. Land's End Peninsula Community Land Trust

1.1 The Town Council has received a request for grant funding from the Land's End Community Land Trust (CLT) towards the employment of an accountant to prepare their end of year accounts and support the Board in preparing quarterly reports to funders and loan providers.

1.2 The complexity and volume of the production of accounts makes it difficult to attract an individual who would be happy to act as Treasurer on a voluntary basis.

1.3 The CLT is a not-for-profit organisation registered as a charity and is currently supporting the Bosavern Community Farm, as well as providing affordable homes for local people to buy in St Just and Pendeen.

1.4 The group was originally seeking a grant of £200.00 as it was hoped to secure a further £200.00 from the local Cornwall Councillor Community Chest; unfortunately, the CLT has only been awarded £100.00 from the Community Chest. The CLT has obtained a quotation to carry out the work which is estimated to be £575.00

1.5 The Town Council has previously awarded the CLT a grant of £1,250 in 2010.

1.6 The CLT has provided details of its draft accounts for year ended 31 March 2012 which shows total funds of £5,347. The current bank statement shows a general fund of £3,458.66, of which £3,058 are restricted funds in respect of the housing development projects and an account in respect of Bosavern Community Farm. The Town Clerk will provide further information at the meeting.

2. Pengarth Day Centre

2.1 The Town Council has received a request for grant funding from the Pengarth Day Centre towards the cost of a replacement car, hopefully with the capability to carry a wheelchair user.

2.2 The existing cars are approaching 10 years old and have become unreliable.

2.3 The cost of the replacement is anticipated to be in the region of £5,000 and the day centre is seeking a contribution to the overall cost. The centre has also approached other county, town and parish councillors whose wards lie within the area for a financial contribution.

2.4 The Town Council has made no previous financial awards to the day centre.

2.5 The centre has provided a copy of its annual report and financial statements for the year 2010 / 11, together with bank statements, copy of which can be inspected in the Town Clerk's office.

3. Contact the Elderly - Penwith

3.1 The Town Council will recall that at the meeting on 28 May it considered a request for financial assistance from a group called "Contact the Elderly – Penwith" in respect of a project to provide monthly tea party outings and a seasonal party for 25 socially isolated and frail elderly people.

3.2 The aim of the project is to alleviate loneliness and isolation by providing organised outings for elderly people living alone. Three separate tea parties are held each month in volunteer hosts' homes. Door to door transport is provided.

3.3 The group requested a grant of £500.00 to cover the costs of providing at least three outings for approximately 25 people; this includes hire costs, meal and entertainment and hopefully expansion of the service. In addition, the grant would help meet running costs and occasional transportation costs when the regular Rotarian volunteer drivers are unavailable.

3.4 However, the Town Council asked that additional information was provided on the number of people within the St Just and Pendeen area that benefitted from the service. The group has confirmed that amongst the 25 beneficiaries there are three from the local area, but that it hopes to increase this number.

3.5 The benefit from the project is that it provides much needed contact and support to elderly frail people who have no family support. The group is based in the local area and is a non-profit making community organisation.

3.6 No previous grant funding has been made to the group. The group has also applied to the local Cornwall Councillor for funding from his Community Chest.

3.7 An income & expenditure sheet for the period to the end of 31 March 2012 has been provided which shows a balance to date of £410.91 which is supported by a bank account statement.

4. Remaining Budget Provision in 2012 / 2013

4.1 There is currently £11,900 remaining in the 2012 / 2013 budget for grant applications.

5. The Town Council's instructions are sought.

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Town Clerk

Background papers: Applications submitted 21 May, 6 & 11 June 2012.