

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

11 MARCH 2013

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – GRANT APPLICATIONS

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

1. Shelter Cornwall

1.1 The Town Council has received a request for grant funding from Shelter Cornwall towards its running costs in 2013 / 14 in support of its service to end bad housing and homelessness. The grant would help the organisation maintain and develop its services that are available to residents and agencies within our local area.

1.2 The additional funding would help to pay for the following

- £20.00 pays for an adviser to check tenancy agreements and advise tenants on their right to remain in their own homes and prevent eviction;
- £25.00 pays for an adviser to spend an hour with a family to provide advice on repossessions etc;
- £30.00 pays for an adviser to spend an hour with a family regarding court proceedings;
- £130.00 enables a vulnerable person escaping domestic violence to receive advice and support;
- £160.00 will protect a vulnerable family from repeated homelessness by way of bespoke support; and
- £720.00 pays for a specialist housing solicitor to help one person with an advanced legal housing problem.

1.3 Within Cornwall, Shelter provides a specialist advice and advocacy service and works with partner agencies to develop local initiatives and projects to prevent homelessness e.g. Private Rented Sector Accommodation Support Service.

1.4 The Organisation has not specified an amount, and has contacted other town and parish councils for funding contributions.

1.5 The Town Council has previously made the following grant awards to the Association

- £250.00 Feb 2012
- £100.00 Mar 2009
- £100.00 Apr 2008
- £100.00 Dec 2004
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1.6 Shelter has also provided a copy of its Annual Report & Accounts 2011 / 12 which are available for inspection in the Town Clerk's Office.

2. **Just Arts**

2.1 The Council has received a request for grant funding from Just Arts towards the publication costs of its new guide to member galleries within the town and local area. The guide includes a large number of businesses within the town.

2.2 Just Arts is a not-for-profit organisation and exists solely for the purpose of producing the guide. Monies received will be used for design, printing and distribution. The guide includes a map which in previous years has been sponsored by the Town Council.

2.3 The guide is distributed throughout Cornwall and encourages visitors to the town and local area throughout the year, and encourages tourists to use the local businesses and stay in local accommodation.

2.4 Just Arts has submitted a copy of its January 2013 bank statement which shows a carried forward balance of £1,368.37. No specific amount of grant has been requested.

2.5 The Town Council has previously made the following grant award:-

- £250.00 Feb 2011
- £250.00 Feb 2009

3. **Remaining Budget Provision in 2012 / 2013**

3.1 There is currently £1,650.00 remaining in the 2012 / 2013 budget for grant applications.

4. The Town Council's instructions are sought.

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Town Clerk

Background papers: Applications submitted 21 & 26 February 2013.