

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

14 MAY 2012

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – GRANT APPLICATIONS

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

1. St Just in Bloom

1.1 The Town Council has received a request for grant funding from St Just in Bloom seeking a financial contribution towards its Gold 2012 project.

1.2 The festival is a two week long music and arts festival which provides schools and community work, shops and events in the local area, culminating in a day long performing arts event in St Just town which this year will be held on 21 July.

1.3 The project aims to maintain all plant and flower beds in the town, treat the wooden containers, plant beds and containers and provide new mural and more mining artefacts around the town, in recognition of its mining heritage.

1.4 The group is seeking a grant of £800.00 to enable it to purchase compost, soil and feed for the containers; planters etc, plus assist in the purchasing of plants. The work of the group helps to improve the appearance of the town and improve its visual impact to help encourage more tourists to visit the local area. The group also hopes that its work encourages residents to take care of their local environment.

1.5 The Town Council has previously made the following contributions to the group

- May 2011 £2,000.00
- May 2010 £1,500.00
- April 2009 £1,000.00
- April 2008 £1,000.00
- June 2007 £750.00
- April 2006 £500.00
- March 2005 £500.00
- Jan 2004 £250.00

1.6 St Just in Bloom has provided accounts for the year ended 31 December 2011 which shows a surplus for the year of £5.40, and a bank balance of £970.51.

2. Centre of Pendeen

2.1 The Town Council has received a request for grant funding from the Centre of Pendeen towards its water harvester project.

2.2 The centre has been experiencing problems with its water harvesting system and is using mains water as the main pump has failed due to a design fault and needs correction. The centre wishes to modify the present system which will involve the installation of three new tanks and a less expensive pump. The works are to be carried out by a local

contractor and are estimated to be in the region of £1,200.00. The centre has provided an estimate of the costs which will be reported at the meeting.

2.3 The application is seeking a grant of £1,000.00 to help deliver the project. It is hoped that the installation of the new system will assist in the conservation of water by maximising environmental water efficiency.

2.4 The Centre of Pendeen is a non-profit making charitable organisation which supports the local community.

2.5 For the last four years the Town Council has provided financial support to the centre by way of grant of £1,000.00. This application makes a similar request.

2.6 The centre has provided details of its current financial position which shows bank balance of £2,152 and cash of £121 as at 1 November 2011. The centre is currently running at a loss of £146. A copy of its trustees report for year ended 31 December 2011 has also been provided.

3. Cape Cornwall School

3.1 A request for financial assistance has been received from Cape Cornwall School in support of its Phoenix Project. The project enables young people to work with the Fire & Rescue Service by providing an environment of discipline, inclusion and respect in order to promote a feeling of self worth and achievement. The project aims to promote community spirit in young people and by doing so reduce levels of anti-social behaviour.

3.2 The school has requested a grant of £3,000.00 which would support 8-10 students to undertake a week's full time training with the Fire & Rescue Service, followed by eight monthly intervention mentoring days involving Police talks and individual mentoring.

3.3 The benefit from the project is that it hopes to achieve safer communities and reduced anti-social behaviour and gives students a more positive outlook for the future.

3.4 No previous grant funding has been made to the school, although the FSA received a grant of £500.00 in December 2007. The project has received considerable support from the local press and the Town Mayor has been invited to attend the presentation of the awards.

3.5 A copy of the Fire & Rescue End of Year Report 2010 / 11 has been provided which provides details on the success of the project.

4. Remaining Budget Provision in 2012 / 2103

4.1 There is currently £17,700 remaining in the 2012 / 2013 budget for grant applications.

5. The Town Council's instructions are sought.

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Background papers: Application submitted on 19 April, 4 May and 8 May 2012.