

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

23 JANUARY 2012

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

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

1. The Town Council has received two requests for financial assistance from the Penzance Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) and Arthritis Research UK.
2. The Penzance CAB is seeking financial support from the Town Council to help towards the running costs of CAB Cornwall which have increased due to the number of clients and the complexity of problems. However, if the Town Council wishes to make a financial contribution it can specify which bureau it would like to support.
3. The Town Council has made the following previous financial contribution to the CAB:-
 - £100 Oct 2005
4. The Town Council has also received requests for financial assistance from Arthritis Research UK. Arthritis Research UK is the fourth largest medical charity in the UK and the only charity funding research in to all types of arthritis.
5. About 10 million people are affected by arthritis (1 in 6 of the UK population), including around 15,000 children and adolescents.
6. Currently 11 projects are being funded in the South West at a cost of £2.5m. The organisation receives no government funding.
7. The Town Council has made no previous awards to this organisation.
8. The Town Council's instructions on this are sought.

Elaine Baker
Town Clerk

Background papers: Letters dated 6 January 2012 from Penzance CAB and 11 January 2012 from Arthritis Research UK