

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

**23 MAY 2011**

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

**REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK**

1. The Town Council has received a request for financial assistance from the Trustees of the Bolitho Club in St Just.
2. The trustees are seeking financial assistance from the Town Council towards the costs of the works in respect of their recent planning approval to convert one of the windows into a door to provide access to the ground floor. This will enable the use of the ground floor as a gallery / workshop for public use.
3. The club has limited funds and the works need to be completed quickly to allow a tenant to take occupancy and provide much needed rental income. The rent will then be used to enable the club to complete and continue maintenance work to ensure that this historic town building is kept in good order and available for use.
4. The Trustees have provided information on the costs of the proposed works as set out below:-
  - To convert window to door £500 (max)
  - New door (£1,364.44 (including VAT)
5. The Town Council has made no previous financial awards to the club.
6. In accordance with the agreed procedure the Trustees have submitted a copy of their latest accounts.
7. The Council is recommended to award a grant of £500.00 towards the costs of the works.
8. The Town Council has also received a request for financial assistance from St Just Recreation Centre in respect of further maintenance and improvement works to the building.
9. The electrical system has now been updated for which the Town Council provided a financial contribution of £1,000 in June 2010. Other works have also been completed such as repainting of the main hall and games room and the installation of fencing between the centre and the adjacent garage.
10. The continuing maintenance includes paving in front of the centre and rifle club entrances to improve safety for users and improve the external appearance of the building at the approach to the town.
11. In accordance with the agreed procedure the centre has provided approved income and expenditure details for the year ending 30 April 2011. However, clarification on the financial position is being sought and will be reported at the meeting.

12. No further requests for financial assistance have been approved.

13. The Town Council's instructions are sought.

Elaine Baker  
Town Clerk

Background papers: Letters dated 4 May 2011 from the Trustees of the Bolitho Club and 9 May 2011 from St Just Recreation Centre.