

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

25 FEBRUARY 2013

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – GRANT APPLICATIONS

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

1. Friends of Pendeen School Association

1.1 The Town Council has received a request for grant funding from the Friends of Pendeen School Association towards the cost of a French cultural and outward bound summer camp from 19 – 22 May 2013.

1.2 33 school children plan to travel to France to meet up with their pen pals from Huelgoat School with accommodation provided in a local Youth Hostel. During their stay they will complete outward bound activities, participating in both French and English sporting activities / cultural exchanges etc. Transport will be by coach and ferry.

1.3 The Association believes this is a great opportunity for the children to experience a different country / culture / improve their French language skills and meet new people. It is an opportunity for them to learn that barriers can be overcome – “quality learning for life.”

1.4 The total cost of the trip is £6,888.75 (£208.75 per pupil). The grant is being sought to help those pupils from underprivileged / seriously financially constrained / socially disadvantaged and / or disabled homes to be able to afford the trip. Of the 33 pupils so far only 19 have come forward to confirm they wish to go. The remainder fall within one or other of the above criteria.

1.5 The Association believes that the project will benefit the local school children and community. This extended opportunity will improve the likelihood that they will engage positively in the community and reduce anti-social behaviour. The lasting legacy element is that the children will complete video diaries of the trip.

1.6 The Association has not specified an amount. Other organisations which have been approached for funding include West Cornwall Youth Trust (£750), the Twinning Association, Cornwall Council (£300), local fund raising and community donation (£500).

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

- £600.00 Apr 2012
- £1,000.00 Dec 2010
- £300.00 Oct 2007
- £800.00 Feb 2007
- £1,000.00 Mar 2006
- £600.00 Mar 2005

1.8 The Association has provided a copy of its authorised income and expenditure up to 12 July 2012 which shows a balance of £3,132.55.

2. Cornwall International Male Choral Festival

- 2.1 The Council has received a request for grant funding from the Cornwall International Male Choral Festival. The festival aims to create the largest most influential Male Choir Festival in Britain and Europe. To attract younger singers they are also establishing an educational aspect into the Festival Programme. The festival runs from 2 – 6 May 2013.
- 2.2 A regional concert is also being held in St Just which will include the Lithuanian Choir, with the participation of local choirs from St Buryan and Mousehole MVCs. There is also an outreach programme engaging with local schools and assisted in a “Breaking Voices” boy’s choir.
- 2.3 The festival will be bringing direct activity to the local community involving residents and the youth.
- 2.4 The festival is seeking a grant of £150.00 which will form part of its overall budget of £121,182 which covers all expenses, competition costs, staffing, marketing and administration. A number of other local organisations have been approached for funding.
- 2.5 A copy of the accounts has been submitted and can be inspected in the Town Clerk’s Office. The festival is a registered charity (limited by guarantee).
- 2.6 The Town Council has previously made the following grant award:-
 - £100.00 Feb 2009

3. Arthritis Research UK

- 3.1 The Town Council has received a request for grant funding from Arthritis Research UK to assist in continuing research into the cause, treatment and cure of all forms of arthritis and providing information to the general public, sufferers and carers.
- 3.2 Arthritis Research UK is a national charity, working locally and has a current research project at The Royal Cornwall Hospitals Trust trying to identify a particular risk factor of developing rheumatoid arthritis. Its work is supported in St Just by a branch of volunteers.
- 3.3 As 1 in 6 of the population suffers the pain and disability of some form of arthritis it is anticipated that in the region of 1,000 sufferers in the St Just area will benefit from the organisation’s work.
- 3.4 The organisation is dependent on donations from individuals and organisations to enable the continuation of its works and has requested a donation of £500, which equates to a 50p donation per likely sufferer in St Just-in-Penwith.
- 3.5 The organisation has also submitted a copy of its Annual Review 2011 – 2012 which includes details on its finances in support of its application. A copy of the document can be inspected in the Town Clerk’s office.

3.6 The Town Council has made the following grant award to the organisation:-

- £100.00 Jan 2012

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

4.1 There is currently £2,900.00 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 5, 11 & 18 February 2013.