

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

**28 MAY 2012**

**APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – GRANT APPLICATIONS**

**REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK**

**1. Sundance**

- 1.1 The Town Council has received a request for grant funding from an organisation called “Sundance” which provides fitness through creative dance for people over 50 years of age.
- 1.2 The organisation is seeking a financial contribution from the Council to enable the continuation of two weekly creative dance and exercise classes which are running in St Just and Pendeen. Attendance at classes twice a week significantly helps to improve personal fitness and creates a cross fertilisation of participants from different villages.
- 1.3 Sundance provides much needed social events in rural communities, creative opportunities, caring for members by enhancing physical fitness and improving emotional wellbeing.
- 1.4 The group is seeking a grant of £260.00 which will be used to finance running and teaching costs as well as hall rental. Participants pay a fee of £3.00 per session which pays for 50% of the costs. Sundance is a non-profit making community group.
- 1.5 No previous financial awards have been made to this organisation.
- 1.6 An income and expenditure statement has been provided for the year ending 31 March 2012 which shows an overspend of £32.27 and a bank balance of £629.65.

**2. St Just & District Community Sports Association Ltd.**

- 2.1 The Town Council has received a request for grant funding from St Just & District Community Sports Association Ltd towards the cost of replacement lighting.
- 2.2 The centre aims to replace all the lamps and fittings in the main sports hall as they are currently not working; the quality of lighting in the hall has been seriously affected as a result. The money will also be used to replace the metal grills which form part of the light housing. External lighting also needs replacing as a matter of urgency.
- 2.3 The application is seeking a grant of £2,500 and will be spent to purchase 192 PL lamps, refit metal grills and to replace eight external lights. This will benefit the local community as the centre is the only community sports centre for St Just and Pendeen and is used by many local clubs, organisations and schools, and will enable sports such as badminton to be played in safer environment as good visual conditions are required.

2.4 For the last four years the Town Council has provided financial support to the centre by way of grant of £2,500.00. This application makes a similar request.

2.5 The centre has provided a copy of its annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 January 2010, copy of which can be inspected in the Town Clerk's office.

### **3. Contact the Elderly - Penwith**

3.1 A request for financial assistance has been received from a group called "Contact the Elderly – Penwith" in respect of a project to provide monthly tea party outings and a seasonal party for 25 socially isolated and frail elderly people.

3.2 The aim of the project is to alleviate loneliness and isolation by providing organised outings for elderly people living alone. Three separate tea parties are held each month in volunteer hosts' homes. Door to door transport is provided.

3.3 The group has requested a grant of £500.00 to cover the costs of providing at least three outings for approximately 25 people, this includes hire costs, meal and entertainment and hopefully expansion of the service. In addition, the grant would help meet running costs and occasional transportation costs when the regular Rotarian volunteer drivers are unavailable.

3.4 The benefit from the project is that it provides much needed contact and support with elderly frail people who have no family support. The group is based in the local area and is a no-profit making community organisation.

3.5 No previous grant funding has been made to the group. The group has also applied to the local Cornwall Councillor for funding from his Community Chest.

3.6 An income & expenditure sheet for the period to the end of 31 March 2012 has been provided which shows a balance to date of £410.91 which is supported by a bank account statement.

### **4. Remaining Budget Provision in 2012 / 2103**

4.1 There is currently £14,700 remaining in the 2012 / 2013 budget for grant applications.

5. The Town Council's instructions are sought.

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Background papers: Applications submitted 14 & 21 May 2012.