

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

9 FEBRUARY 2015

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – GRANT APPLICATION

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

1. Nancherrow Project

1.1 The Town Council has received an application for grant funding from the Nancherrow Project to support its youth “drop in” sessions in the short term whilst longer term funding for the project is realised.

1.2 As the Town Council is aware, Cornwall Council recently took the decision to withdraw its support to the youth service as part of its ongoing budget savings, and as reported by Cllr Mrs James at the last Council meeting on 26 January, Cornwall Council funded youth workers working at the centre have had their contracts terminated effective from 31 March 2015.

1.3 No specific amount of grant has been requested but any funding will be used to pay for the continuation of qualified youth worker hours. The funding will help to support the continuation of this valuable service which provides advice and life training support to young persons within our local community. The committee is currently working on funding applications to other organisations such as Children in Need and Awards for All.

1.4 A copy of the Nancherrow Projects recently audited accounts has been submitted with the application for the year ended 31 March 2014 which shows a total of £966.00 of unrestricted funds. There is £45,253 of restricted funds but this money is ring fenced and discussions are currently ongoing as to the possibility of this money being used to support the continuation of the project in the longer term.

1.5 In 2009, the Town Council agreed to make a £1,000 annual grant award to support the project over a three year period (2009 – 2011). In addition, the Town Council has made the following previous awards to the Nancherrow Project :-

- £1,000.00 Jul 2008
- £500.00 Feb 2007
- £300.00 Apr 2005
- £300.00 Aug 2004
- £100.00 Jan 2000

2. Cornwall International Male Voice Choral Festival

2.1 The Town Council has also received a request for financial assistance from the Cornwall International Male Choral in support of its biennial festival which runs from 29 April to 4 May 2015.

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2.2 The festival's objective is to create the largest and most influential international Male Choir Festival in Britain and Europe in order to maintain and extend male voice singing as an important aspect of Cornwall's cultural heritage. In addition, to increase membership of younger male singers, introduce an educational aspect into the festival programme and to encourage the composition of new works.

2.3 In excess of 3,000 singers will be participating in the event, including 30 Cornish Choirs. A regional concert will be held in St Just, with the male voice choirs of St Buryan and Mousehole taking part. The festival also includes an outreach programme which engages with local schools.

2.4 The festival has requested a grant of £200.00 which will go towards the overall costs of staging the event which has an overall budget of £140,500 (a copy of the latest accounts has also been submitted with the application). A number of other local, national and international organisations are financially supporting the event.

2.5 The Town Council has made the previous grant awards in support of the festival:-

- £150.00 Feb 2013
- £100.00 Apr 2012

3. The Town Council currently has £6,400 remaining in this year's budget and the Town Council's instructions are sought.

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Background paper: Applications received 29 January 2015 & 2 February 2015