

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

20 JULY 2015

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – GRANT APPLICATION

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

1. St Just Amateur Boxing Club

1.1 The Town Council has received a request for grant funding from the St Just Amateur Boxing Club towards the cost of its annual rent.

1.2 The club relies wholly on fundraising activities in order to function, as it does not charge membership or admission fees to attend the young boxer training sessions. The club has taken the decision to continue with this policy to help local families with children who would otherwise not be able to afford to attend regular training sessions, and as a consequence have reported increasing membership and attendance.

1.3 The club is requesting a grant of £1,000.00 towards the cost of its annual rent of £2,002.50. The club has provided a statement of accounts for the period covering 1 February 2013 to 1 September 2014 which shows a closing balance of £2,962.00. The balance of its current account currently stands at £924.37.

1.4 The Town Council has made the following grant awards to the club:-

- £1,000.00 May 2013
- £850.00 Sept 2012
- £600.00 Jul 2009
- £500.00 Apr 2005

2. St Just Community ABC Ltd (St Just Old Town Hall)

2.1 A request for financial assistance has also been received from St Just ABC Ltd. for a further financial contribution towards the cost of installing new disabled toilets in the Old Town Hall.

2.2 The Town Council at its meeting on 7 April 2014 awarded a grant of £3,000.00 to the charity for this project. The cost of the total project at the time was estimated to be £10,300.00.

2.3 The Town Council has now been advised that the cost of the work to convert the present gent's toilet area for disabled use and to move the gent's toilets to the mezzanine floor, together with alterations to the ladies toilet area to provide separate facilities has now increased to £12,000.00. The charity has requested a further grant of £3,000.00, which in addition to the money awarded in 2014 will increase the Council's contribution to £6,000.00. To date no works have commenced on site.

2.4 The application states that if a further grant is awarded then the money will be spent on materials and labour for the proposed works.

2.5 The Charity has provided copies of unaudited financial statement for year ended 30 June 2014 which show a net surplus in 2014 of £6,631.00, a reduction from the previous year's figures of a surplus of £8,503.00. The surplus in 2014 also includes the £3,000.00 grant awarded by the Town Council.

2.6 St Just Community ABC Ltd is a registered charity, run and paid for by volunteers. BBC Radio Cornwall has also been approached for grant funding.

3. There is currently £18,660.00 remaining in the 2015 / 2016 budget for grant applications.

4. The Town Council's instructions are sought.

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Town Clerk

Background papers: Application submitted on 6 & 13 July 2015.