

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

**22 JUNE 2015**

**APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – GRANT APPLICATION**

**REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK**

**1. Miners' Statue**

- 1.1 The Town Council has received a request for grant funding from the Miners' Statue Committee towards the cost of completing the project for the erection of a Miners' Statue at Geevor Tin Mine.
- 1.2 Their Committee have identified a number of elements that need to be completed before the project is finally completed: such as the ground work for the garden and stone which is to be provided by Clive Morris at a cost of £600.00. Creation of the garden and sundry items at a cost of £1,500.00 and payment of the sculpture's fee of £5,000.00. Total cost £8,100.00
- 1.3 The design of the garden and the use of the granite stone will be a reminder to all of the importance of hard rock mining in the parish's development. It will commemorate and celebrate the contributions made by miners and their families over the centuries to the local community. This has been recognised internationally, by Geevor and St Just being the "gateway" to the Cornwall & Devon Mining Landscape World Heritage Site. The statue and garden will be a unique education tool for schools.
- 1.4 The St Just and District Trust is a registered charity and funding for the project comes under the auspices of the Trust and the Committee uses its bank account. The Committee has submitted an income and expenditure sheet with their application, together with copies of all paid invoices which shows a net balance of £2,649.11.
- 1.5 The Committee has requested a grant of £3,000.00 from the Town Council towards the cost of the project. However, if the Town Council was to make a grant award of £3,000.00 this would still leave a shortfall of £2,450.89. The Chairman of the Committee has reported that the unveiling event on 6 June raised a further £800.00 which leaves a £1,650.89 shortfall. There is a charity auction of paintings to be held in September which it is hoped will cover the outstanding amount. The Chairman of the Committee has given me a personal assurance that any shortfall will be met and that the project can be delivered within budget.
- 1.6 The Town Council has been represented at meetings of the Miners' Statue Committee by the Town Mayor, and the Council has received regular updates on the development of the project in recent months.
- 1.7 The Committee has also provided a copy of the Trust's latest bank statement which shows a balance of £6,337.60.

**2. Remaining Budget Provision in 2015 / 2106**

2.1 There is currently £23,000.00 remaining in the 2015 / 2016 budget for grant applications.

3. The Town Council's instructions are sought.

Elaine Baker

Town Clerk

Background papers: Application submitted on 18 May 2015.