

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

27 MAY 2014

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – GRANT APPLICATION

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

1. Centre of Pendeen

1.1 The Town Council has received a request for grant funding from the Centre of Pendeen towards running costs and the hosting of an Open Day and Alacrity Exhibition.

1.2 The open day and exhibition are being held to attract more local groups to use the centre and the open day will be used to promote the centre and its facilities. This will require the production of publicity and advertising material at a cost £150.00

1.3 A number of groups already use the centre such as the Patchwork, Scrabble and Gardening Clubs. At present the centre is subsidising the hire costs to the groups by £5.00 per session. Room hire is one of the centre's main sources of income which places an additional strain on the centres financial position.

1.4 The centre is therefore requesting a grant from the Town Council of £520.00 (£10.00 per week) to offset these subsidies, together with a grant of £100.00 towards the cost of the Open Day and £400.00 towards the cost of running the Alacrity Exhibition. Total amount of grant requested £1,020.00.

1.5 The new activities are open to all and have helped to attract new local people to the centre. It is hoped that the Alacrity Exhibition will attract more tourists from other parts of the country.

1.6 The Centre of Pendeen is a charitable organisation staffed by volunteers whose purpose is to support the local community which the Town Council has been supporting through grant funding of a £1,000.00 on an annual basis.

1.7 The Centre has provided a copy of its statement of accounts for year ending 31 December 2012 which shows a profit of £3,393 in comparison to a loss of £3,456 in 2011.

2. Kenidjack Allotments Association

2.1 The Town Council has also received an application for grant funding from the Kenidjack Allotments Association to purchase a self-propelled rotary mower.

2.2 The mower would be used to cut the paths around the allotment field site. There is also a permissive path that runs through the allotment field which needs to be regularly maintained. The Association was provided with a second hand mower by donation but this has now fallen into disrepair. A self-propelled mower will allow all allotment holders to use the mower.

- 2.3 A grant of £250.00 has been requested which will enable the purchase of a mower and sundry items.
- 2.4 There are currently 20 allotments at Kenidjack, run by 45 local residents of varying ages from school to pensionable age. There is a sound community spirit amongst the allotmenters, and since the allotments were opened two years ago a lot of produce has been produced, some of which has been donated to the Penzance Foodbank.
- 2.5 The Association is a non-profit making organisation and benefits the local community by healthy activity and creating healthy produce. The permissive path is maintained for use by local residents and tourists to the area.
- 2.6 The Association had hoped to approach Cornwall in Bloom for funding but the grant scheme is not operating this year.
- 2.7 The Town Council provided the initial funding to set up the allotments, including the shed on the site. This is the first grant funding request we have received.
- 2.8 The Association's current bank balance is approximately £165.00. Annual accounts will be prepared for their annual meeting in July 2014 and a copy will be submitted to the Town Council when available. The accounts will show an income of approximately £900.00 and expenditure of £735.00.

3. Remaining Budget Provision in 2014 / 2105

- 3.1 There is currently £12,250.00 in the 2014 / 2015 budget for grant applications.

4. The Town Council's instructions are sought.

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Background papers: Applications submitted on 6 & 13 May 2014