

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

**5 SEPTEMBER 2016**

**APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – GRANT APPLICATION**

**REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK**

**1. Shared Ground**

1.1 The Town Council has received an application for grant funding from Shared Ground towards its Nexus project.

1.2 Nexus is a seven day retreat for 12 artists to share practice and cross-artform responses to the landscape, with an emphasis on exploration and practice as research. Taking inspiration from the unique St Just landscape the artists will engage with local residents via workshops and sharings, acting as catalysts for creativity within the community.

1.3 The retreat is based at Numphra Downs, a 14 acre site regenerating wild land whose owners wish to develop their land into a regular venue for creative activities.

1.4 Shared Ground hope that four of the 12 artists will be from the St Just area, with the Nexus project encouraging relationships between artists, creating a creative local community.

1.5 The Nexus project will celebrate the unique geographical and cultural landscape of St just, engaging with the physical landscape, the local community, local culture and heritage. The retreat will provide an opportunity for artists to re-engage with their immediate environment, and for non-local artists to encounter a new environment and community.

1.6 Local residents will be invited to join workshops etc. The aim of the project is that the meeting of professional artists with local residents will act as a catalyst for creativity within St Just.

1.7 The group has requested a grant of £100.00 which would be used to provide sundry items in support of the project.

2. This is a new group with a constitution adopted on 23 June 2016 and therefore they have no accounts to present but are setting up a business account.

3. The group has also approached FEAST, Private Doors and Arts Council for England for funding.

4. The Town Council currently has £21,942.00 remaining in this year's budget and the Council's instructions are sought.

Elaine Baker  
Town Clerk

Background paper: Application received 1 August 2016