

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

7 MARCH 2016

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – GRANT APPLICATION

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

1. Pendeen Church Graveyard Committee

1.1 The Town Council has received an application for grant funding from the Pendeen Church Graveyard Committee to help with upkeep and maintenance. The funding would be used to help with financing the grass cutting, topping up graves and general maintenance.

1.2 The graveyard covers an area of two acres divided into three sections. It is also the site of the Pendeen War Memorial.

1.3 The Committee used to receive a grant from the former Penwith District Council towards its maintenance costs, but no funding has been received from Cornwall Council, and therefore the Committee relies entirely on donations.

1.4 The Committee has provided an income and expenditure sheet which confirms that expenditure for the period 8 January 2015 to 31 December 2015 was £3,283.00. The bank account up to 22 Jan 2016 shows a balance of £1,2493.19. However, the Committee has advised that half of this figure comes from the compulsory redemption of the war stock, the interest of which has been a useful part of its income. With low interest rates in recent years the level of reserves has fallen.

1.5 The Committee feel that a well maintained cemetery is important to bereaved families as well as providing local employment.

1.6 The Town Council has made no previous awards to the Committee.

2. The Town Council currently has £6,940.00 remaining in this year's budget and the Town Council's instructions are sought.

Elaine Baker
Town Clerk

Background paper: Application received 23 February 2016.