

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

**9 MAY 2016**

**APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – GRANT APPLICATIONS**

**REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK**

**1. St Just in Bloom**

1.1 The Town Council has received a request for grant funding from the St Just in Bloom group to support ongoing maintenance of street furniture, planters and flower beds for the benefit of the community.

1.2 A grant of £445.00 has been requested which will be used to purchase products for general maintenance, including some new gardening tools. The group's aim is to keep St Just clean and tidy and an inviting place for both locals and visitors. It is an essential part of the group's work to have well maintained areas ready for the annual floral displays.

1.3 St Just in Bloom is a voluntary, non-profit making organisation which aims to keep the town blooming for residents and visitors alike.

1.4 The Town Council has been supporting the group for a number of years, the Town Council last made a grant award to the group in April 2015 of a £1,000.00.

1.5 The group has provided a copy of its accounts for 2015 which shows a balance of £3,916.89 as of 31 December 2015.

1.6 In addition, the Town Council also supports the group by covering the cost of the annual floral displays. The cost of the displays does not form part of the grant application which is the subject of this report.

**2. Remaining Budget Provision in 2016 / 2017**

2.1 There is currently £22,742.53 remaining in the 2016/17 budget for grant awards.

3. The Town Council's instructions are sought.

Elaine Baker  
Town Clerk

Background papers: Application submitted on 25 April 2016.