

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

17 OCTOBER 2016

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – GRANT APPLICATION

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

1. St Just Sports Centre

- 1.1 The Town Council has received a request for grant funding from St Just Sports Centre towards the cost of its annual maintenance programme. In the coming year the Association wishes to replace faulty lights with energy efficient LED fittings at an approximate cost of £2,000.00. The Association also wishes to purchase new fitness equipment for the gym (£5,000.00).
- 1.2 The installation of the new lights will improve the appearance of the building and provide new equipment for gym users which will hopefully attract new users. One of the Association's aims is to continue to keep the current client base healthy, and attract additional new users.
- 1.3 The Town Council will recall that Cornwall Council had agreed an additional grant of £20,000 over a further three years to mitigate against the loss of grant funding in the short term. The current financial year is the final year of that agreement and the Association has confirmed that it has received the final payment of £4,000 for 2016 /17.
- 1.4 The sports centre is continuing in its efforts to increase the range of sports on offer and to attract new customers. The centre is a non-profit making charitable organisation limited by guarantee and is run for the benefit of the local community.
- 1.5 The centre has requested a further grant of £4,000 to enable it to continue with its development and maintenance programme, which will benefit the community by enabling it to continue to provide current sporting opportunities, and hopefully, to increase these opportunities.
- 1.6 The centre has an Equal Opportunities Policy and provided a statement of accounts for year ending 31 January 2016 which shows total funds of £115,236 (£40,932 unrestricted and £74,304 of restricted funds). Bank account statement shows a balance of £13,573.18 as of 1 September 2016.

2. Remaining Budget Provision in 2016 / 2107

- 2.1 There is currently £20,842.00 remaining in the 2016 / 2017 budget for grant applications.

3. The Town Council's instructions are sought.

Elaine Baker
Town Clerk

Background papers: Application submitted on 6 October 2016.