

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

22 FEBRUARY 2016

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – GRANT APPLICATIONS

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

1. Pendeen Parish Hall & Theatre

1.1 The Town Council has received a request for grant funding from the Pendeen Parish Hall & Theatre towards the cost of a new hot water heater which has broken and is beyond repair. Without the water the kitchen at the hall cannot operate.

1.2 A grant of £1,475.00 is being requested for the supply and installation of a new heater.

1.3 The main kitchen is used for the weekly lunch club facility for the over 60's and provides a meal for up to 30 people. The hall provides space for the local community to hold parties and other activities that require kitchen facilities. There is no other such facility in Pendeen.

1.4 The facilities are used extensively by the local community and is a non-profit making organisation, with affordable rents. No other organisations have been approached for funding.

1.5 The Town Council has previously made the following grant awards to the club

- £1,500.00 Nov 2012
- £1,000.00 May 2011
- £1,000.00 May 2010
- £1,000.00 June 2009
- £1,000.00 June 2008
- £500.00 Feb 2006

1.6 The club has provided a certified income and expenditure statement up to 31 December 2014 which shows cash balances of £5,726.82. A copy of the bank statement up to 6 January 2016 had also been provided which shows a current balance of £3,333.16.

2. Contact the Elderly - Penwith

2.1 The Town Council has received an application from Contact the Elderly – Penwith requesting a grant of £500.00 towards the costs of tea party outings for the elderly.

2.2 The group holds monthly tea party outings and a seasonal party for 20 socially isolated, frail elderly people. The aim of the group is to alleviate isolation by providing an informal outing.

2.3 The group is a non-profit making community organisation which provide social and well-being benefit.

2.4 In 2012, the Town Council considered a previous grant application for the same purpose which was unsuccessful, this decision was taken following a request for additional information on the number of people within the St Just and Pendeen area that benefitted from the service. In 2012, the total number of beneficiaries was 25, this new application sees a reduction in number to 20.

2.5 No previous grant funding has been made to the group. The group has also applied to the Bernard Sunley Charitable Foundation for assistance.

2.6 An income & expenditure sheet for the period from 1 April 2015 to 17 January 2016 has been provided which shows a balance to date of £112.31. During that period total expenditure was £246.82. Opening balance was £349.13. A bank statement up to 31 December 2015 shows a balance of £152.31.

3. Remaining Budget Provision in 2015 / 2016

3.1 There is currently £7,690.00 remaining in the 2015 / 2016 budget for grant applications.

4. The Town Council's instructions are sought.

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Town Clerk

Background papers: Applications submitted 21 & 27 January 2016.