

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

3 JULY 2017

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – GRANT APPLICATIONS

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

1. Lafrowda Festival

1.1 The Town Council has received a request for grant funding from the Lafrowda Festival towards the annual festival held in July.

1.2 The festival is a two week long performing arts festival where all members of the community, especially the schools are actively encouraged to participate, and will end with the main festival day on 15 July 2017.

1.3 Any grant that the Town Council may wish to make will be used to assist with the community image workshops for the processions, and to help fund some of the costs involved in the same.

1.4 The Lafrowda Festival is a non-profit making charity organisation and the grant will be used to support its programme within the local community which is open to all to participate.

1.5 The festival has also approached Cornwall Council's "Feast" programme for funding, and has also received £1,600 from the Co-op.

1.6 The festival has provided a copy of its latest bank statement dated 11 June 2017 which shows a balance of £6,703.47.

1.7 The Lafrowda Festival has requested a grant of £2,500. The Council has been grant funding the event for many years: last year the amount of grant awarded was £3,000.00.

2. Pendeen Parish Magazine

2.1 The Council has also received a request for grant funding from Pendeen Parish Magazine towards its monthly running costs.

2.2 The magazine is produced for the local community and delivered to every home from Botallack to Morvah and includes information on local events and supports local businesses. The magazine is produced by a team of local volunteers.

2.3 The volunteers have also applied for funding from the local Cornwall Councillor's Community Chest fund.

2.4 The magazine has requested a grant of £750.00 to meet its running costs. A copy of their accounts shows a balance of £6,395.93 as of 1 June 2017.

2.5 The Town Council has made the following grant awards to the magazine as follows: -

£750.00	Nov 2014
£2,000.00	Sept 2013
£1,000.00	May 2008
£1,000.00	Dec 2005

3. **St Just Sports Centre**

3.1 The Town Council has also received a request for financial assistance from the St Just Sports Centre to assist with maintenance of its premises and sports equipment.

3.2 In the coming year, the Centre needs to replace the main hall lights which are now outdated with higher than necessary energy consumption at a cost of approximately £30,000. The costs will be covered in part from savings (approx. £10,000). A grant request has been made for £4,000 from the Town Council and further grant assistance will be sought to cover the shortfall.

3.3 The new lighting will improve the hall, reduce energy costs and hopefully attract new users to the centre. The centre's aim is to keep its current client base healthy, and to attract additional new users.

3.4 The Sports Centre Association is a charitable company limited by guarantee and any profits are used solely for the centre.

3.5 To date no other funding organisations have been approached. The Centre is no longer in receipt of any additional funding from Cornwall Council, which last year was £4,000.

3.6 The Centre has submitted a copy of its most recent audited accounts, and a copy of a bank statement dated 28 April 2017 which shows a balance of £20,962.82. The Centre's Profit & Loss Account as at 31 January 2017 showed a break even situation, with a spend on repairs and replacements of just over £3,000. The Council grant money awarded last year has been used to purchase a new computer for the office, new squat rack in the gym, together with other alterations to the gym and new fitted lighting.

3.7 The Town Council has been providing financial support to the centre for many years and last year the Council awarded a grant of £4,000 in the light of reduced funding from Cornwall Council. As previously stated this funding has now stopped.

4. **St Just Cricket Club**

4.1 The Town Council has received a grant request from St Just Cricket Club towards the travel costs of three of its junior members; namely Nathan Roberts, Max Harvey and Jack Odland who have been selected to tour South Africa next February as part of the Cornwall Schools Cricket Association U13 squad.

4.2 It is a great achievement for the boys personally and for the club to have three of its junior members selected for the squad. However, the boys need to raise £6,000 to enable them to go on the tour. The costs relate to the air flights, accommodation and other activities included in the tour.

4.3 A grant request of £1,500 has been made (£500.00 contribution for each). As well as representing the county, the boys will be representing St Just and the cricket club.

4.4 Local businesses have also been approached and the boys will be undertaking various fund raising activities to meet the cost.

4.5 The Secretary of the Cricket Club has also submitted a letter of support with the application.

5. Remaining Budget Provision in 2017 / 2018

5.1 There is currently £9,350.00 remaining in the 2017/18 budget for grant awards.

6. The Town Council's instructions are sought.

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Background papers: Applications submitted on 12 June and 19 June 2017.