

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

4 SEPTEMBER 2017

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – GRANT APPLICATIONS

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

1. Kenidjack Allotment Association

1.1 The Town Council has received a request for grant funding from the Kenidjack Allotment Association (KAA) towards a joint project with St Just in Bloom (SJiB), Cape School and local community to reinstate the use of the school allotment for educational and wider community purposes.

1.2 The aim of the project is to repair and cultivate the raised beds and greenhouse, small orchard and outdoor classroom / workshop to plan and plant crops with school students and staff for use in school canteen, and to establish an after school gardening club for both schools in the town. The polytunnel will be managed separately by the KAA and SJiB but used to bring on plants for the school allotment.

1.3 A grant of £1,057.41 has been requested which will be used to purchase timber and sleepers, carry out repairs to the greenhouse and provide stakes, tools and seeds etc.

1.4 The project will help to promote the school to the wider community, encourage healthy eating & living and support other educational and recreational projects. The project is collaborative with local community groups and encourages joint community working. The project will also benefit the children and community in the St Just parish. The day-to-day recording of the project will be overseen by members of the Allotment Association. The project will also build a strong volunteer base of local growers and people with other practical skills.

1.5 KAA is a non-profit making organisation and any funding for the gardening project will be managed as a separate project under the Association's bank account.

1.6 The Town Council has made the previous grant awards to the Kenidjack Allotment Association: -

- £250.00 May 2014

2. St Just Amateur Boxing Club

2.1 A further request for financial assistance has been received from the St Just Amateur Boxing Club for new boxing gloves, pads, punchbags and other equipment, together with new promotional posters and leaflets.

2.2 The club runs free sessions for local children on a twice weekly basis, and attracts many young people, which improves their fitness and discipline.

2.3 The club is a non-profit making organisation, and has requested a grant of £1,500.

2.4 The Town Council has made the following previous grant awards to the club: -

- £1,000.00 July 2015 (Contribution to annual rent)
- £1,000.00 May 2013
- £850.00 Sept 2012
- £600.00 Jul 2009
- £500.00 Apr 2005

3. Remaining Budget Provision in 2017 / 2108

3.1 There is currently £600.00 in the 2017 / 2018 budget for grant applications. However, there is likely to be a £7,500.00 underspend in the cost allocation for grants this year, as the amount committed to support the St Just Community Library in 2017 – 18 is likely to be unspent as formal transfer is not likely to be completed within the current financial year.

4. The Town Council's instructions are sought.

Elaine Baker Town Clerk

Background papers: Application submitted on 31 July and 21 August 2017.