

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

6 FEBRUARY 2017

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – GRANT APPLICATION

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

1. Cornwall International Male Voice Choral Festival

1.1 The Town Council has received a request for financial assistance from the Cornwall International Male Choral Festival in support of its biennial event which runs from 27 April to 1 May 2017.

1.2 The festival's objective is to create the largest and most influential international Male Choir Festival in Britain and Europe in order to maintain and extend male voice singing as an important aspect of Cornwall's cultural heritage. In addition, to increase membership of younger male singers, introduce an educational aspect into the festival programme and to encourage the composition of new works.

1.3 In excess of 2,000 singers will be participating in the event, including 30 Cornish Choirs. A regional concert will be held in St Just. The festival also includes an outreach programme which engages with local schools.

1.4 The festival has requested a grant of £250.00 which will go towards the overall costs of staging the event which has an overall budget of £128,403 (a copy of the latest accounts has also been submitted with the application). A number of other local, national and international organisations are financially supporting the event.

1.5 The Town Council has made the previous grant awards in support of the festival:-

- £150.00 Feb 2013
- £100.00 Apr 2012
- £200.00 Feb 2015

2. The Town Council currently has £12,192.00 remaining in this year's budget and the Town Council's instructions are sought.

Elaine Baker
Town Clerk

Background paper: Application received 26 January 2017.