

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

**4 NOVEMBER 2014**

**APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – GRANT APPLICATIONS**

**REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK**

**1. Pendeen Parish Magazine**

1.1 The Town Council has received a request for grant funding from the Pendeen Parish Magazine (OUTREACH) to enable it to purchase a new electric paper collator.

1.2 To date the magazine has been collated manually by a team of volunteers. Given the age of the volunteers this task has become increasingly difficult and it has proved extremely difficult to recruit new volunteers to help with the process.

1.3 A grant of £2,000 has been requested. The cost of a new collator is £4,000. No other organisations have been approached for funding.

1.4 The magazine has been produced for the benefit of the local community for over 20 years. All households in Pendeen receive a copy of the magazine, with 200 supplied to St Just. The magazine is financed through advertising, with a large number of local companies and businesses advertising within the magazine.

1.5 A letter from The Rev Alan Rowell was attached in support of the application.

1.6 Accounts have been requested, details of which will be presented at the meeting.

2. The Town Council has made the previous grant awards to the magazine as set out below:-

- £2,000.00      Sept 2013
- £1,000.00      May 2008
- £1,000.00      Dec 2005

**3. Penwith Volunteer Bureau**

3.1 The Town Council has also received a request for grant funding from the Penwith Volunteer Bureau (PVB) towards the cost of its "Friendline" (West Cornwall Befrienders) project.

3.2 Friendline is a new telephone befriending service which will offer local older people regular telephone calls and support from a trained volunteer and will compliment and extend the existing West Cornwall Befrienders project (WCB). WCB matches volunteer befrienders with lonely older isolated persons.

3.3 PVB has evidence which supports the need for this additional service which will be hosted in the PVB offices in Penzance and run by volunteers. Events will also be held during the year to bring people together to combat the problems of isolation for older people. Befriending offers a worthwhile and meaningful volunteering opportunity.

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- 3.4 The existing scheme is part of Cornwall Council's Prevention Services Group and will include the new Friendline project. PVB works closely with other agencies such as PCDT and CRCC.
- 3.5 No specific amount of grant has been requested but any grant will be used to pay for room rental £4,800 p.a., Volunteer Training £1,200 p.a. and telephones £1,730 p.a. The Lloyds Foundation will be covering the salary costs of the lead officer responsible for the project (£17,000 p.a.).
- 3.6 The Town Council has made no previous grant award to PVB.
4. There is currently £8,150.00 remaining in this year's budget for grants.
5. The Town Council's instructions are sought.

### Background Papers

Letter and applications dated 22 October 2014.

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