

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

7 APRIL 2014

APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – GRANT APPLICATION

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

1. St Just Community ABC Ltd

1.1 The Town Council has received a request for grant funding from the St Just Community ABC Ltd towards the cost of installing disabled toilet facilities in the Old Town Hall.

1.2 The proposed works include the conversion of the existing men's toilets on the ground floor to a unisex disabled facility to comply with current legislation. The estimated cost of the works is £5,300.

1.3 The men's toilets will be relocated on to the upper floor. The area on the upper floor currently occupied by the ladies toilets will also be redeveloped to provide segregated facilities. The estimated cost of these works is £5,000. Total estimated cost of the project is £10,300.00.

1.4 A grant of £3,000 is being requested towards the cost of the whole project, and will provide a financial contribution to the demolition and repositioning of the dividing walls, which together with the widening of the doorway will provide wheelchair access. The proposed works will also include new sanitary wear in both areas.

1.5 At present disabled access is provided on the ground floor, but the proposed works will hopefully enable more disabled persons to use the building and for longer periods, as at present the lack of disabled facilities means that disabled people can be excluded from longer events, and there is evidence that there has been a loss of potential bookings due to the lack of disabled facilities within the building.

1.6 St Just Community ABC Ltd is a non-profit making organisation that provides a range of facilities for the benefit of the local community, regardless of race, gender, age, disability or sexual orientation. The project will be managed by the chosen contractor and overseen by the organisation's Directors.

1.7 Applications for grant funding have also been made to the Co-operative Fund, Cornwall Community Foundation and through fund raising events.

1.8 A copy of the financial statements for year ended 30 June 2013 have been provided which show a net surplus of £8,503. The organisation has annual revenue expenditure associated with running costs of the building.

1.9 The Town Council has made no previous grant awards to this organisation.

2. The Town Council's instructions are sought.

Elaine Baker
Town Clerk

Background papers: Application form received 24 March 2014