

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

**8 SEPTEMBER 2014**

**APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – GRANT APPLICATIONS**

**REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK**

**1. Cape Cornwall School**

1.1 The Town Council has received a further request for grant funding from Cape Cornwall School in respect of the Phoenix Project.

1.2 The project provides an opportunity for young people to work with the Fire Brigade Service to instil discipline, promote inclusion, and respect team working through achievement. The project provides a community spirit ethos and aims to reduce anti-social behaviour in young people.

1.3 The school has requested a grant of £3,000.00 which would provide one week's full time training with the Fire Service, including drill, team work, fire fighting and first aid. This is followed by eight monthly mentoring days involving Police talks and individual mentoring, together with on-call mentoring when required.

1.4 The project aims to reduce the level of anti-social behaviour amongst young people, providing a more positive outlook for the future. The project is non-profit making.

1.5 The school has also approached the West Cornwall Youth Trust for funding.

1.6 The Town Council has previously made the following grant awards to the Association

- £1,000.00 Apr 2013
- £200.00 Nov 2012
- £1,000.00 May 2012 (Phoenix Project)

The award made in April 2013 was subject to confirmation of match funding being secured. No such confirmation was received and therefore the grant award was not paid.

**2. Chicks**

2.1 The Town Council has also received a request for financial assistance from "Chicks" a children's charity which provides respite breaks for disadvantaged children which are referred to the charity by various agencies e.g. Social Services.

2.2 The charity provides one week residential care in one of its retreats as well as offsite activities such as horse riding, climbing etc. The cost for one child per week is £816.00. This year the charity has one child from the St Just area booked for a residential break. However, the highest number of children who use the retreats come from Penzance. A copy of the organisation's annual accounts has been provided.

2.3 No previous grant awards have been made to the charity.

**3. Remaining Budget Provision in 2014 / 2015**

3.1 There is currently £8,650.00 remaining in the 2014 / 2015 budget for grant applications.

4. The Town Council's instructions are sought.

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Town Clerk

Background papers: Applications submitted 22 July and 11 August 2014.