

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

**8 OCTOBER 2012**

**APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – GRANT APPLICATIONS**

**REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK**

**1. St Just Rugby Football Club**

1.1 The Town Council has received a request for grant funding from the St Rugby Football Club seeking a grant towards the annual fireworks display at the club.

1.2 The event comprises of a bonfire and barbecue with the Fire Service in attendance.

1.3 The club is seeking a grant of up to £1,000.00 towards the cost of the display as the fireworks costs in the region of £2,000.00. The event benefits the community by bringing together families to enjoy the fireworks and sideshows. If the display did not go ahead there would not be a safe, insured event within St Just.

1.4 The Town Council has previously made the following grant awards to the club

- £1000.00 Sept 2011
- £500.00 Nov 2010
- £600.00 Oct 2009
- £600.00 Sept 2008
- £500.00 Oct 2007
- £100.00 Dec 2004
- £100.00 Oct 2003
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1.5 The club has provided a copy of its accounts for the year ended 30 April 2012 which shows a net assets of £3,290.00

**2. Just Fun (Parent & Toddler Group)**

2.1 The Town Council has received a request for grant funding from Just Fun, a local parent & toddler group towards its Community / Children's Centre Garden Development Project.

2.2 The use of the community / children's centre (adjacent to Brambles Nursery) by various community groups includes the use of the garden; however the garden is a blank and uninspiring area. A new design for the garden had been produced and distinct areas have been created, to be developed incrementally, which will ultimately create a well thought out, fun and functional garden; a garden that will be both enjoyable and educational.

2.3 The project included a community consultation, the findings of which have been incorporated into the design, which will include picnic, storytelling, water play and wildlife areas in phase 1 of the project.

- 2.4 Full development of the garden will cost in the region of £3,000.00 if new materials were used. The group intends to reduce this cost by using as far as possible recycled materials and by donations from users etc. Therefore the garden will be completed in stages, with the grant funding used to complete phase 1 of the project as described above.
- 2.5 Current and future users of the building will benefit from the planned improvements to the garden. The groups within the “Just Fun” umbrella provide a much needed safe and friendly environment for parents to meet and make new friends. It offers a great social space for local children, and helps to reduce the feeling of isolation in this rural community, and provides healthy outdoor activity for children who do not have the benefit of outside space at their homes.
- 2.6 The group is a non-profit making organisation, run by volunteers for the benefit of the local community. There is a distinct lack of opportunities and facilities for parents / carers of pre-school children to meet and gain support from other parents, and a safe fun environment for their children. The development of the garden will be managed and monitored by a small sub group that will report to a committee on a monthly basis and progress will also be fed back to the Town Council on completion of the project. Feedback will also be sought from users.
- 2.7 The group has raised £300.00 through its own funding projects and Councillor Goninan has provided £50.00 from his Community Chest, and the group is seeking £250.00 by way of match funding from the Town Council.
- 2.8 The group has provided a copy of its most recent bank statement which shows a balance of £383.94 and two letters of support for the project.
- 2.9 The Town Council has made no previous awards to this group, but in 2011 did make a grant award of £1400 towards the cost of new baby changing facilities.

### **3. Pendeen Silver Band**

- 3.1 The Town Council will recall that at the last meeting it deferred consideration of a request for grant funding from Pendeen Silver Band towards new uniforms, music and equipment for its recently re-launched training band pending the receipt of clarification on its financial disclosure.
- 3.2 Confirmation has now been received that its cash holding of £22,368 is non restricted funds. However, there are a number of planned future expenditures such as £4,000 for brass and percussion equipment and £2,000 for contest fees.
- 3.3 The band is a registered charity and part of its mandate is the education and training of children to learn to play brass instruments. The band is a non-profit making organisation which has been in existence for 120 years. It is hoped that this project will encourage and develop youth music in the local community.
- 3.4 Pendeen Silver Band has requested a grant of £1,000.00 which would provide new embroidered polo shirts with the band crest to be used for performances which will promote a sense of belonging and comradeship amongst band members. New beginners and intermediate training books will be purchased, together with some new instruments.

3.5 The Town Council has made the previous financial awards to the club:-

- £500.00 May 2009
- £300.00 Dec 2008
- £300.00 Oct 2007
- £250.00 Nov 2006
- £250.00 Jan 2006
- £250.00 Dec 2004
- £250.00 Dec 2003
- £250.00 Dec 2002
- £100.00 Jan 2002
- £100.00 Dec 2000

**4. Remaining Budget Provision in 2012 / 2013**

4.1 There is currently £8,700.00 remaining in the 2012 / 2013 budget for grant applications.

5. The Town Council's instructions are sought.

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Background papers: Applications submitted 20 August, 24 & 26 September 2012.