

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

**9 JANUARY 2012**

**S.137 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 - APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

**REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK**

1. The Town Council has received a number of requests for financial assistance as detailed in the report.
2. A further request has been received from the St Just & District Trust for financial assistance towards the cost of the proposed new Miners' Statue. A number of fundraising activities have been held and donations received and the Trust has so far raised £11,203.36 towards the total cost.
3. The Town Council has previously awarded the following grants to the Trust as follows:-
  - £200 Oct 2009
  - £250 Feb 2007
  - £3000 Mar 2005
  - £250 Mar 2006
  - £250 Mar 2004
  - £200 Dec 2003
4. The Town Council has also received requests for financial assistance from the Cornwall Air Ambulance Trust, Victim Support and the Cornwall Blind Association.
5. The following grants have been previously awarded to these organisations:-
  - £500 Sept 2010 (Air Ambulance Trust)
  - £100 Sept 2009 (Air Ambulance Trust)
  - £200 Oct 2009 (Cornwall Blind Assoc)
  - £150 Jun 2008 (Victim Support)
  - £100 Aug 2007 (Victim Support)
  - £100 Apr 2006 (Victim Support)
  - £500 Jan 2007 (Air Ambulance)
  - £100 Mar 2005 (Victim Support)
  - £100 Dec 2003 (Victim Support)
  - £100 Jan 2003 (Victim Support)
  - £100 Oct 2001 (Victim Support)
  - £100 Oct 2000 (Victim Support)
6. The Town Council will also recall that at its meeting on 12 October 2011 it deferred consideration of financial assistance in respect of Penhaligan's Friends and the Penzance Food Bank as the Council was in the process of reviewing its grant application process.
7. As this process has not been completed, and to avoid any further delay the Town Council may wish to consider making a financial contribution to these organisations.

8. The Town Council's instructions on this are sought.

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Town Clerk

Background papers: Letters dated 4 October 2011, 12 October 2011, November 2011, December 2011 and 12 December 2011 from the organisations referred to in the report.