

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

10 APRIL 2012

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – GRANT APPLICATION

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

1. Pendeen Friends of the School Association

1.1 The Town Council has received a request for grant funding from the Pendeen Friends of the School Association (FSA) in respect of a project for a community library for young people and their families in the Pendeen area.

1.2 The library will provide fiction and non-fiction books for parents to share with their children via an electronic system replacing the old ticketing method which is now obsolete.

1.3 The proposal has the support of the County Library Service which has suggested that a system called “The Junior Librarian” is established which enables up to 10,000 books to be entered on to a hand held scanner. A computer will be required to run this new system. The cost of “The Junior Librarian” system is £1,195.00. The cost of the computer system is £500.00. The scheme will be run on a weekly basis by two volunteer librarians from the village.

1.4 The project will benefit approximately 120 families in the area, improve reading skills and improve a child’s ability to become literate and articulate. The FSA is non profit making and is committed to equal opportunities.

1.5 The FSA has held a number of fundraising activities and requests for financial assistance have also made to Boscawell Stores and The Foyle Foundation.

1.6 Accounts have been provided which show income of £4,976.82 and expenditure of £3,736.94, a balance of £1239.88 as at 10 October 2011.

1.7 The FSA has requested a grant of £600.00.

1.8 The Town Council has made the following previous financial contributions:-

- Dec 2010 £1,000.00
- Oct 2007 £300.00
- Feb 2007 £800.00
- Mar 2006 £1,000.00
- Mar 2005 £600.00

2. Remaining Budget Provision in 2012 / 2103

2.1 There is currently £20,000 in the 2012 / 2013 budget for grant applications.

3. The Town Council's instructions are sought.

Elaine Baker
Town Clerk

Background papers: Application submitted 22 March 2012.