

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

**14 FEBRUARY 2011**

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

**REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK**

1. The Town Council has received number of request for financial assistance since the last meeting and these are detailed as follows.

**Just Arts**

2. Just Arts is a non profit making group comprising of local galleries, craft shops and artists to promote St Just as a high quality destination for visitors and local people interested in arts and crafts.
3. The group produces an annual leaflet which until 2007 was sponsored by the former Penwith District Council. In 2009, the Town Council made a financial contribution of £250.00 to sponsor its map page.
4. The group is now in the process of producing its 2011 / 12 edition of the leaflet and has again approached the Town Council to sponsor the double page map for which the Town Council will receive a printed acknowledgment in the leaflet.
5. 21,000 copies of the leaflet are to be produced at a cost of £3,500 to be distributed by Arts Round Cornwall distribution network and members. The leaflet is due for publication at the end of the month.

**Geevor Tin Mine**

6. The Town Council has also received a request for financial assistance from Geevor Tin Mine in connection with its funding application to the West Cornwall Local Action Group (WCLAG) in respect of a feasibility study to renovate part of the Mill building to make it usable by the public for community events such as choirs / theatre / schools etc
7. Geevor Tin Mine believes that this project will bring in much needed income from commercial users rather being dependent on the tourist market.
8. Consultants will be engaged to carry out the feasibility study at a cost of £3,000.00 which would be incorporated in the funding bid for the project which is being carried out in partnership with Cornwall Council.
9. Geevor Tin Mine has been advised that its application to WCLAG would be strengthened if evidence was provided of the local communities support for the project. Therefore, Geevor Tin Mine is seeking a financial contribution of £50.00 from the Town Council in support of its funding application to WCLAG.

### **Brambles Nursery**

10. The Town Council has also received a request for financial assistance from the new Bramble Nursery to purchase new equipment for babies in its care.
11. The nursery wishes to purchase a changing unit with built in nappy dispenser, lockable storage doors, retractable steps and a durable padded changing mat. The cost of the unit is £1,100.00 and connecting shelves £300.00. Total cost £1,400.00.
12. The Town Council previously refused to make a financial contribution to the nursery in November 2010 in respect of the provision of footpaths and fencing.
13. The nursery has supplied details of its bank account and this will be reported at the meeting.
14. The Council's instructions on each of the requests are sought.

Elaine Baker  
Town Clerk

Background papers: Letters from Just Arts dated 21 January 2011, Geevor Tin Mine dated 27 January 2011 and Brambles Nursery dated 18 January 2011.