

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

16 DECEMBER 2013

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – GRANT APPLICATIONS

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

1. The Bolitho Club

- 1.1 The Town Council has received a request for grant funding from the Bolitho Club towards the cost of renovation and decoration works to the exterior of the building.
- 1.2 The grant would be used to repaint the woodwork, repair and replace fascia boards and guttering, hire of scaffolding, materials and labour. The work would improve the overall appearance of the building within the town conservation area.
- 1.3 The Bolitho Club is a facility that is available to the public as members of the community providing indoor bowls and snooker with the opportunity to represent the town in competitions within West Cornwall.
- 1.4 A quotation for the works has been submitted with the application at a total cost £5,894. This covers the front and rear of the building and scaffolding cost. The club has requested a grant for the full amount.
- 1.5 The club has submitted a copy of its statements of accounts to 31 October 2013 which shows a balance of £7,219.16
- 1.6 The Town Council has made the following previous grant award to the club:-
 - £800.00 Jul 2012

2. Pendeen Rovers AFC

- 2.1 The Town Council has also received a request for grant funding from Pendeen Rovers AFC to upgrade the club's electrics, plumbing and changing rooms. The Clubhouse electrics need to be separated from the changing rooms and the changing rooms need to be modernised to conform to Building Regulations.
- 2.2 Over the season the club attracts between 1500 – 2000 spectators to support the team. If the club was able to carry out the works it could offer the use of its facilities to other local groups and organisations. The changing rooms are also used by a football team from Penzance.
- 2.3 The Club has requested a grant of £3,300.00 to cover the cost of the proposed works. The club has not approached any other grant funding organisations.
- 2.4 The club has submitted a copy of its latest bank statement which shows a balance of £949.98 as at 28 October 2013.

2.5 The Town Council has made the following previous grant awards to the club:-

- £1,000.00 Jul 2012
- £1,000.00 Feb 2012
- £2,500.00 Feb 2010
- £50.00 Apr 2001

3. Cornwall Air Ambulance Trust

3.1 The Town Council has also received an application for grant funding from the Cornwall Air Ambulance Trust by way of a contribution towards its annual running costs. The Air Ambulance flies 365 days, approximately 1000 rescue missions a year, recently reaching its 23,000th mission, making it the busiest single helicopter in the South West.

3.2 Due to the proportion of elderly people that live in Cornwall, 64% of emergencies are heart attacks or strokes. On average the helicopter is on the scene within 12 minutes of a 999 call being made. Being a predominately rural county, the local community is dependent on the services of the Air Ambulance in times of emergency.

3.3 The grant will go towards the running fuel, maintenance and specialist life-saving equipment. As from December 2014 there will be two helicopters serving Cornwall, along with a change in the law allowing the helicopter to fly at night which will increase the number of missions and therefore running costs.

3.4 The Air Ambulance serves the whole community of Cornwall, often attending patients in St Just and Pendeen.

3.5 The Air Ambulance Trust has not indicated a specific amount grant but has also approached all other local town and parish councils across Cornwall.

3.6 A copy of the Air Ambulance Accounts has been provided to support the application.

3.7 The Town Council has made the following previous awards to the Air Ambulance Trust:-

- £600.00 Jan 2013
- £500.00 Jan 2012
- £500.00 Sept 2010
- £100.00 Sept 2009
- £500.00 Jan 2007

4. Centre of Pendeen

4.1 The Town Mayor to report at the meeting.

5. The Town Council's instructions are sought.

Elaine Baker
Town Clerk

Background papers: Application forms received 27 November 2013, 2 December & 3 December 2013.