

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

21 JUNE 2010

S.137 - APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

1. A request for financial assistance under S. 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 has been received from the Cornwall Animal Hospital.
2. The hospital covers the whole of Cornwall and caters for all types of pets and in particular helps those on low incomes and benefits, as well as the elderly whose pets are their lifeline. The organisation has in excess of 10,000 clients and costs over £23,000 per month to run which is funded through a number of shops, other fundraising activities and donations.
3. No previous grant awards have been made to this organisation.
4. Current bank account details have not been provided.
5. The Town Council has also received an additional request for financial assistance under S. 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 from Pendeen Parish Rooms.
6. Pendeen Parish Rooms has been successful in securing grant funding from the Lottery "Awards for All" towards the installation of a new heating system. However, fundraising has now commenced towards the installation of roof insulation which it is anticipated will cost in the region of £8,000 and it is for this element that the Parish Rooms is now seeking further financial assistance from the Council.
7. You will recall that the Council at its last meeting approved the payment of £1,000 to the Parish Rooms in accordance with the three year financial commitment previously approved by the Council.
8. A copy of the accounts for the Parish Hall and Theatre year to 31 December 2009 has been provided.
9. The Council's instructions are sought.

Elaine Baker
Town Clerk

No Background papers.