

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

**22 APRIL 2103**

**APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – GRANT APPLICATION**

**REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK**

**1. Lafrowda Festival**

1.1 The Town Council has received a request for grant funding from the Lafrowda Festival seeking a financial contribution towards the annual festival held in July.

1.2 The festival is a two week long performing arts festival where all members of the community, especially the schools are actively encouraged to participate, and will end with the main festival day on 20 July 2013.

1.3 Any grant that the Town Council may wish to make will be used to support its local schools and community workshop programme which aims to enable schools and members of the local community to participate in the unique opportunity of being involved in workshops with professional artists and performers culminating in performances and displays of their joint works.

1.4 The Lafrowda Festival is a non-profit making charity organisation and the grant will be used to support its programme within the local community which is open to all to participate.

1.5 The festival has also approached Cornwall Council's "Feast" programme for funding.

1.6 The festival has provided a copy of the unaudited accounts for the period up to 30 September 2012 which shows a net loss of £1,091 on its trading and profit and loss account, and £4,245 on its balance sheet.

1.7 The Lafrowda Festival has not specified the amount of grant it requires but the Town Council has financially supported the organisation by a grant of £2,000 p.a. over the previous four years.

**2. St Just Community Sports Association Ltd**

2.1 The Town Council has also received an application for financial assistance from the St Just Community Sports Association Ltd towards the cost of a project to extend the community gymnasium and a new St Just Spin Bike Club.

2.2 The sports centre wishes to extend the gymnasium onto the current balcony area inside the building as it is too small and can only accommodate 12 people at one time due to health & safety reasons. The extension would provide space for a further 10 people.

2.3 The sports centre would also like to set up a spin bike club which has been requested by the local community. An instructor has been found to undertake the training for free, but the centre needs to purchase the bikes. It is hoped to run five classes per week.

2.4 The project will benefit the community by enabling more people to take up sport, creating a healthier community, and providing more sporting opportunities by the introduction of new types of exercise.

2.5 The centre provides a modern facility for community use at reasonable prices in an area of low income. The centre also adheres to the Equal Opportunities at Work Act.

2.6 The centre has approached Sport England through their small grants fund for a grant of up to £10,000, but a further £1,200 is needed to purchase the bikes. Jewson, Penzance has also agreed to provide materials for free for the gym extension.

2.7 The sports centre has requested a grant of £2,500 which is the amount that the Town Council has been financially supporting the centre over the previous four years.

2.8 The centre has provided a copy of its report of the trustees and unaudited accounts for the period ended 31 January 2012. The balance sheet shows a total fund of £92,080, of which £75,475 is restricted funds. There is a current bank balance of £14,132.69. A copy of the full accounts is available for inspection in the Town Clerk's Office.

### **3. Remaining Budget Provision in 2012 / 2103**

3.1 There is currently £19,000 in the 2013 / 2014 budget for grant applications.

4. The Town Council's instructions are sought.

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Background papers: Applications submitted 11 & 15 April 2013.