

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

3 AUGUST 2015

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – GRANT APPLICATION

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

1. St Just Community ABC Ltd (St Just Old Town Hall)

- 1.1 A request for financial assistance has been received from St Just ABC Ltd. for a further contribution towards the cost of installing new disabled toilets in the Old Town Hall.
- 1.2 The application was initially considered by the Town Council at its meeting on 20 July 2015, but deferred pending the receipt of further information. Representatives from the organisation will be attending the meeting to answer Town Councillor's questions.
- 1.3 The Town Council at its meeting on 7 April 2014 awarded a grant of £3,000.00 to the charity for this project. The cost of the total project at the time was estimated to be £10,300.00.
- 1.4 The Town Council has now been advised that the cost of the work to convert the present gent's toilet area for disabled use and to move the gent's toilets to the mezzanine floor, together with alterations to the ladies toilet area to provide separate facilities has now increased to £12,000.00. The charity has requested a further grant of £3,000.00 which, in addition to the money awarded in 2014, will increase the Council's contribution to £6,000.00. To date no works have commenced on site.
- 1.5 The application states that if a further grant is awarded then the money will be spent on materials and labour for the proposed works.
- 1.6 The Charity has provided copies of unaudited financial statement for year ended 30 June 2014 which show a net surplus in 2014 of £6,631.00, a reduction from the previous year's figures of a surplus of £8,503.00. The surplus in 2014 also includes the £3,000.00 grant awarded by the Town Council.
- 1.7 St Just Community ABC Ltd is a registered charity, run and paid for by volunteers. BBC Radio Cornwall has also been approached for grant funding.

2. St Just in Bloom

- 2.1 The Town Council has also received a request for financial assistance from the St Just in Bloom Group towards its sustainability project.
- 2.2 The project aims to replace at least a third of its half barrel flower containers with sustainable wood containers which will be sourced locally, to invest in two new hoses to ensure that plants and flower beds are adequately watered and to purchase 15 new high visibility vests.

- 2.3 The group has requested a grant of £490.00 to cover the cost of purchasing the required items.
 - 2.4 These items will ensure that the town will look colourful, clean and attractive. The floral displays are much appreciated by the local community and visitors to the town.
 - 2.5 The group has also approached local businesses for sponsorship.
 - 2.6 The Town Council has been financially supporting the group for a number of years and in April 2014 made a grant award of made £1,000.00.
 - 2.7 The group has submitted a copy of its accounts for 2015 which shows a balance of £1,703.07.
3. There is currently £17,660.00 remaining in the 2015 / 2016 budget for grant applications.
 4. The Town Council's instructions are sought.

Elaine Baker
Town Clerk

Background papers: Application submitted on 13 & 20 July 2015.