

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

21 MARCH 2016

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – GRANT APPLICATION

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

1. Pengarth Day Centre

1.1 The Town Council has received a request for grant funding from Pengarth Day Centre which seeks a contribution towards transport running costs to ensure that its specialised day care services and support are accessible to all users who live in the St Just area.

1.2 In addition, the Centre also offers respite to carers. Many of the older people benefitting from the centre's services experience the hardships of lack of mobility combined with low income and are reliant on transport to get to the day centre.

1.3 The centre has requested a grant of £500.00 which would be used to subsidise payments through Cornwall Council's transport policy, otherwise costs would have to be paid by those attending the centre.

1.4 The centre is currently making 104 visits to the St Just area either for access to services and / or meals delivery. The day care and transport fees have been held at their current price for the past three years and kept low to deliberately assist clients and their families in these difficult economic times.

1.5 The continuation of the service benefits the local community by providing continued access to the centre for people living in the parish.

1.6 The centre is a non-profit making charitable trust which serves older people across West Penwith, as well as acting as a liaison with other community services for clients.

1.7 Requests for financial support towards the transport costs have been made to all town and parish councils from whose wards people attend the day centre or to whom meals on wheels are delivered.

1.8 The day centre has also submitted a copy of its independent review of annual financial statements for 2014 - 2015 which shows a year end deficit of £10,835.

1.9 The Town Council has made the following previous grant awards to the day centre:-

- £500.00 June 2014
- £1,000.00 Nov 2013
- £250.00 July 2012

2. Royal British Legion

2.1 An application for grant funding has also been received from the St Just Royal British Legion toward the costs of hosting a birthday celebration for HM The Queen's 90th birthday celebrations.

2.2 The grant would be used to purchase food, entertainment, additional toilets etc. and the Legion has asked for a grant of £400.00.

2.3 The party is being organised to bring the community together to mark the occasion.

2.4 The British Legion is a non-profit organisation. Details of their most recent accounts will be provided at the meeting. The Town Council has made no previous grant awards to the Legion.

3. There is currently £5,940.00 left in the 2015 / 16 budget for grants.

4. The Town Council's instructions are sought.

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Town Clerk