

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT – 24TH NOVEMBER 2020 COUNCIL

6. SOCIAL EMERGENCY FUND UPDATE ON APPROVALS TO DATE AND APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FOR CONSIDERATION

– since the establishment of the Social Emergency Fund earlier in the year the following grants have been approved. Three further applications have been received and are attached to the agenda for consideration. They have been included in the table below to indicate the impact on the remaining funding.

Social Emergency Fund Budget	£20,000
Liskeard Methodist Church	£250
St Martin's Church	£2,940
Real Junk Food Project – 1 st Application	£250
Liskeard School & Community College – 1 st Application	£1,000
Covid Facemask Group	£250
Hillfort School	£2,033
Real Junk Food Project – 2 nd Application	£1,300
Café Abundance	£500
St Martin's Church – 2 nd Application	£1,000
Lighthouse CIC	£700
Liskeard School & Community College – 2 nd Application	£2,000
Young People Cornwall EmpowHER	£350
Royal Voluntary Service – Cornwall Community Transport Liskeard	£750
Approved To Date	£13,323
Left to allocate	£6,677
St Martin's Church – Christmas Food Hampers	£1,000
St Martin's Church – Christmas Toys	£1,000
Lighthouse CIC – Christmas Shoe Boxes	£600
If all approved at the full amount on the 24 th November Council	£15,923
Left to allocate until 31 st March 2021	£4,077

7. CATTLE MARKET UPDATE – NEXT STEPS – c. Cattle Market Makers Project **ii) Lease – reporting the advice of the Town Council's Solicitor**

On 3rd November, the Town Council's Solicitor confirmed that the lease is agreed, subject to the removal of clauses and the supply of a location plan as below.

“To the Cornwall Council solicitor

Thank you for your email.

I can confirm that the lease is agreed, other than clauses 17.3 and 17.4. As you know, courts may interpret a condition in a break clause very strictly and your drafting could have the effect of making the break in effective if there is a minor failure to comply with the condition. Please remove that drafting and let me have a clean copy of the lease for approval.

Before the lease can be executed by LTC, the lease plan will also need to be provided and approved. Has that been finalised yet?

Best wishes

Liskeard Town Council Solicitor”

The amended lease is awaited from the Cornwall Council Solicitor. The location plan will be informed by the finalising of the advice on the planning pre application discussions.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Town Council Solicitors advice is adopted.

19. PERSIMMON HOMES – Transfer of the freehold ownership of a piece of land to the Town Council to provide allotments to approve the transfer of the ownership of the land subject to it meeting the agreed requirements.

Background – a condition of a planning consent obtained by Persimmon Homes is that they are to provide allotments. An initial meeting has been held with Persimmon Homes to discuss the freehold transfer of a suitable piece of land to the Town Council. The attached plan indicates the location of the allotments relevant to the rest of the Persimmon development.

From the draft outline space for 16 allotments could be accommodated on the land. The Town Council currently has 32 allotments which consistently enjoy high rates of take up. The discussions included the need for there to be no outstanding issues before the transfer of the land to the Town Council. It was felt that there was sufficient merit to ask the Town Council to consider whether it would, in principal, subject to any outstanding issues being resolved before transfer, accept the transfer of the land for the purpose of the provision of allotments.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Town Council consider whether it would, in principal, subject to any outstanding issues being resolved before transfer, accept the transfer of the land for the purpose of the provision of allotments.

20. SOCIAL EMERGENCY FUND POLICY REVIEW (attached policy and application form at 20.a) – a). to approve the revised policy. b). to consider whether to retain or modify the current approval process.

Background – the Social Emergency Fund was introduced earlier in the year as a temporary measure to give financial support to those groups and organisations providing direct help and assistance to vulnerable people.

As indicated at agenda item 6 above this has been well received by the community and a number of applications made. It is suggested that the policy is slightly modified to reflect experience these being:

- Council – is now used to consider the application rather than a Committee.
- Individual – The text has been modified to clarify “An individual may not be the direct beneficiary of a grant, although we can fund organisations to provide financial help to individuals. An individual may be a payee if there is not a suitable established organisation, and in this case receipts should be presented before the grant is paid.

Consideration and Approval - Since the commencement of the Social Emergency Fund applications have are considered either by the full Town Council or by the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Chairs meeting whichever, meeting is the soonest. Under the Council’s normal Grants policy, standard grant applications are not considered by the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Chairs, but only by a formal Committee or Council meeting process depending on the size of the grant application. Did Council wish to consider:

- Retain the current approval by the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Chairs meeting and the meeting of the Council.
- Modify the approval process only to Council meetings.

RECOMMEDATIONS: a). That the modified policy is adopted. b). That Council considers where it wishes to retain or modify the current approval process.

24. CORRESPONDENCE - 6th November 2020 – Cornwall Council – Christmas Car Parking

Background – following consideration of the issue of Free Christmas Parking the last Town Council meeting resolved:

“230 / 20 CHRISTMAS CAR PARKING – Following discussion, including the request from the Town Forum, and a vote on a modification of the original recommendation. Councillor Cassidy proposed, the Deputy Mayor seconded and the Council RESOLVED to agree to the Town Council funding two free days parking and writing to ask Cornwall Council to offer a second days free Christmas parking to that already offered.”

A letter was sent to Cornwall Council in accordance with that minute and the following response received:

“6th November 2020

Dear Steve

The current agreement is to offer all towns 1 free day of parking, and regretfully we are unable to extend this to any further days in any area.

I realise that this is a difficult time for all towns but we must remain consistent with the offer that we have made, and not be seen to favour any town. Where other towns are looking to provide additional free parking they are paying for the loss of income as based on last year's income figures.

Please therefore let me know your choice of a CC free provided parking day, and let me know the other dates that you are interested in providing at the cost of the TC and I will provide you with the costs.

Kind regards and keep safe,
Parking Operations Manager"