

NOTES - MAYOR, DEPUTY MAYOR AND CHAIRS' **MEETING – 1ST APRIL 2020**

ATTENDING: – Councillor Simon Cassidy (Chair), Deputy Mayor Councillor Sandra Mitchell, Councillors Goldsworthy and Powell. Yvette Hayward, Jacqui Orange and Steve Vinson.

APOLOGIES: - Mayor Councillor Rachel Brooks.

GUILDHALL TENANTS – All 6 Guildhall tenants have taken up the Council offer of a rent free period during the Coronavirus – expressed as a third month period reviewed monthly thereafter.

FORESTERS HALL – The Museum, Shop and TIC were closed. Vicky would look to re programme, the cash register with the new prices along with updating the Tourism website. Karen is working on the new Forward Plan which renewed museum accreditation is conditional upon, encouraging people to contribute to an archive documenting living through this time, which will be valuable for the future, and continuing to coordinate volunteer research projects, from home.

PUBLIC HALL AND THE TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES – are now closed. Trudy will access the Rialtas system and make payments etc. twice a week (this will need to be undertaken in the office). The timing of the caretaking staff building checks will occur twice at the same time as Trudy is working to avoid lone worker issues. Steve V, Yvette, Mandy and Steve N will work from home all the time and Trudy when not in the office.

TOILETS – Sungirt and Dean Street had been closed. (post meeting note – Westbourne is now also closed).

CORONAVIRUS LEAFLET / HELPLINE – was being printed. Steve N, Vicky and Louisa will be taking calls on the information line.

SOCIAL EMERGENCY FUND APPLICATIONS

LISKEARD RADIO - £500 – it was felt that the project would not be immediately useful to the most isolated and vulnerable people. The OFFCOM license might take time to achieve. Regarding the rent element, it was noted that there were a number of other vacant properties that might be rented more cheaply. **DECISION – NO**

LISKEARD METHODIST CHURCH - £368 – A proportion of the beneficiaries would not be residents of Liskeard, however, this reflected the area covered by the Liskeard Methodist Church. It was felt that a proportion of the membership were most likely to respond well to a newsletter type approach. **DECISION – YES £250**

LIGHTHOUSE COMMUNITY CENTRE CIC – £2,436 – A £3,000 grant had been forthcoming from the Government via the Cornwall Community Foundation. The project appears to duplicate other community groups activities and is not as cost effectively delivered. **DECISION - NO**

LISKEARD ST MARTINS CHURCH - £4,980 – there were four elements to the application as set out below –

1. We will be working with Café Abundance to help provide food for those who can't afford it due to changed circumstances. St Martin's Church will need funding for Café Abundance's to provide this food. We will then get it to the people in need. We estimate this will cost around £200 per week for an initial 12-week period = £2,400.

2. Shopping deliveries for those who can afford it but can't get out, whether due to illness or social isolation. This will simply be mileage and a dedicated mobile phone. Estimated at 20 miles per day, 5 days a week for 12 weeks at 45p per mile = £540.

3. Care and befriending for lonely and isolated people. Our plan is to try to phone our contacts throughout the community to identify as many vulnerable people as

possible and then contact those individuals. This is a very big job and it will need someone part-time to coordinate our volunteers. 3 hours a day for 5 days a week at £10 per hour for 12 weeks = £1,800.

4. Additional costs to cover phone costs and electricity for the cooking. Estimated at £4 per day, 5 days a week for 12 weeks = £240.

Total grant requested is £4,980. Elements 1 and 2 would have the most immediate impact on the isolated and vulnerable residents of Liskeard.

DECISION – YES to the complete funding of 1. £2,400 and 2. £540 = Total approval £2,940 – for those two activities.

JUNK FOOD PROJECT- £200 – This application covered a limited time frame and under the current level of activity. It was agreed to support this project with a grant of £250 and invite the project to be mindful of the possibility of further grant should the project cover a greater time period and develop in extent to submit a further application. **DECISION – YES £250 – Please consider a further grant application if the project increases in scope or goes on for a longer time period.**

DOBWALLS/LISKEARD CORONAVIRUS SUPPORT GROUP - £50 WEEKLY OPERATING COST – whilst the group covered Dobwalls and Liskeard some of the beneficiaries would be Liskeard residents. To assist in assessing future applications a brief indication as to the whether the person lived in Liskeard (name and address were unnecessary.) would help. On the only one weeks operating costs with the application, it was difficult to estimate the ongoing costs. Therefore, fund for £200 for the first month conditional upon a record of mileage being kept to help with future applications. **DECISION – YES to an initial £200 for one month. Future, applications to be supported some mileage estimates and indication of the number of Liskeard residents. (POST MEETING NOTE THAT THE APPLICATION HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN)**

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING TBC.