

Community Grant Assessment April 2021

Applicant: Menheniot Parochial Church Council
Amount applied for: £1200.00
ASSESSMENT
Overview & what benefits to the community (Section B1.5 and B1.7)
The applicant explains that this funding is to pay for: 'Upkeep of Graveyard'
Other funding from their own resources and alternative sources. (Section C1.1-1.3)
The applicant is asking for £1200 which is £720 less than their application in 2020, and £200 more than their award of £1000 last year.
If the PC supports the full application, this will amount to 50% of the costs. Any shortfall in funding from the parish council is made up by the PCC.
The Church has received small donations in the past as contributions towards other project work: Parish Council £1000 (2020) £1900 (2019) for upkeep of graveyard; £726 from CCC (2020) for young people's facility; £2000 from Allchurches Trust for updated lighting (2020); £1000 CHCT for Merrymeet roof repair (2020).
Numbers benefitting (Section B1.7)
The applicant indicates that 'Open all year to whole community' they have previously estimated that at least 5,000 each year will visit the church and burial ground. <i>This figure may have been impacted due to the Covid-19 pandemic.</i>
Other resources (eg volunteering) (Section C1.4)
'PCC working parties plus £1200 from fundraising/donations. We have negotiated a significant decrease in costs (nearly 40% reduction) by designating some areas as a 'living churchyard' ie environmentally friendly. (see note below)
Priorities as identified by the applicant, and those of the council (Section C1.1)
No priorities listed by the applicant.
Notes
The most recent set of audited accounts (for year ending 31 December 2020) are unaudited. They show that the PCC showed a cash deposit of £20, 041 but this needs to be reduced because of payments due £17,400 that are not shown in the accounts. The final cash balance would be a surplus of £2641.
In 2019, the church showed a deficit of £2,308. In 2018 a deficit of £12,072; 2017 deficit £1941; 2016 deficit £1941.
The applicant includes this note: <i>£10000 already gone from account in early Jan) and the significant excess of expenditure over income in past 12 months, demonstrating pressure on financial resources which will not improve in 2021. The pandemic has significantly reduced income but many items of expenditure remain eg insurance and maintenance.</i>
Living Churchyard The Cornwall Living Churchyards Project is a joint initiative between the Diocese of Truro and Cornwall Wildlife Trust. Its aim is to work with the local community (not just the church congregation) to promote the sympathetic management of Cornwall's churchyards which can provide an important refuge for a diversity of wildlife as well as a pleasant, reflective sanctuary for the local community. St Lalluwys may make an application from the Donations Fund to support this work: this would be entirely separate from the Community Grants application that you are deciding on now.

This extract from Rev Becca Bell was sent to the Clerk's Office on 22 April 2020 following your last award of £1000.

Each parish pays an amount to Truro Diocese known as 'MMF' (mission and ministry fund)... In your summary document presented to the PC you mention the headline figures of our costs at present as we appear to run at a £2000 loss. However this doesn't include the shortfall in MMF which, whilst it does not appear as a legal debt, it is a debt which is accrued and which will, as I have already explained, impact the future of ministry at St Lalluwly's and Merrymeet. Our shortfall is much larger than £2,000.

Recommend £1,200.

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