

Community Grant Assessment April 2020

Applicant: Safe A38
Amount applied for: £554.75
ASSESSMENT
Overview & what benefits to the community (Section B1.5 and B1.7)
Ongoing lobbying of Cornwall Council, Highways England and government to improve safety on A38 in Cornwall. Publicity via banners, stickers, website, Facebook.
Other funding from their own resources and alternative sources. (Section C1.1-1.3)
The applicant is asking for £554.75 which is the full cost of stake signs, vinyl banners and car stickers. If the PC supports the full application, this will amount to 100% of the costs. In response to my request for more information on who else has donated money: <i>Apart from Cornwall Council and St Germans we have not approached any other local councils so far. Our sticker sales/collection tins, up until the Covid outbreak, were bringing in £40-£50 per month, enough to cover our regular outgoings (website etc). We have applied for grants when we want to make a new publicity push.</i> <i>In due course we will most likely approach Landrake and St Erney as, besides Tideford (St Germans) and Menheniot, they are the most affected by the state of the current road.</i>
Numbers benefitting (Section B1.7)
The applicant says that their campaign has popular support and that over 2,500 people have signed the online petition.
Other resources (eg volunteering) (Section C1.4)
All committee members have made cash donations and volunteer their time.
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 accounts (for year ending March 2019) show an income of £1744.60 and expenses of £1,229.36, with a bank balance at 1 April 2019 of £517.22. All the expenses that the group incurs relate to the purchase of publicity materials. 64% of income comes from Cornwall Council and St Germans Parish Council. The applicant explains that: <i>Menheniot and Lean Quarry junctions need urgent upgrades. These are the first major works we are pressing for. Local residents will benefit most from these.</i> Councillors are reminded that the Community Grant is restricted to those organisations which are based inside the parish boundary and which benefit Menheniot residents. However, this group has no registered office and its work covers the whole of the A38 within the county. If councillors are minded to make an award, they will be bound by S137 of the 1972 Local Government Act which limits the amount of any sum that can be awarded to groups operating outside of the parish. The maximum sum the council may award is set by the number of electors (at December 2018 1402 ¹) at a rate of £8.32 per head, equivalent to £11,665 which is greater than the application. If the amount applied for is less than £500, the council may award up to 100% of the application.

¹ Cornwall Electoral Review Panel Dataset Dec 2018

Given the importance of the junctions on the A38 in the parish, Cllr Tucker would like to be more involved with this group, and asks that if councillors do agree to approve the grant that it is given subject to him having a seat on their management committee. Our Terms & Conditions (see below) allow the council to include this proviso as part of your decision making.

Support and advice

We want your project to succeed. If this is your first event, we strongly advise you to make time to meet with anyone that we recommend who can support you. In certain circumstances, the Parish Council may delegate one of its own officers or a councillor to attend your planning meetings to ensure that you have the necessary skills to make your event a success.

Recommend £500.00

10/4/20