Community Grant Assessment April 2020

Applicant: Menheniot Old School Trust

Amount applied for: £6000.00

ASSESSMENT

Overview & what benefits to the community (Section B1.5 and B1.7)

This funding is a contribution to the renewal of the roof at Menheniot Old School. The Old School is a well-used facility in the centre of the village.

Many people from Menheniot and other villages attend, even some from Liskeard! A full-time playgroup and weekly mother and toddler afternoon. The Thursday Coffee Shop is always busy with coffee and cake in the morning and bacon baguette, soup and scones for lunch. For lonely people this is a lifeline. The Coffee Shop is run by different pairs of volunteers or groups to raise funds. Each month there is Phoenix group (once the WI) talks and activities: Village suppers; Farmers Market selling meat, veg, fruit, bread, and another Coffee Shop – often full to bursting!; the Cinema saves a journey to Plymouth; the village drama group rehearse for the Play in Autumn and the pantomime in January. The Parish Council meets once or twice a month. Occasional events are; birthday parties all ages; wakes; HGV Drivers courses; a Dog Show; fund raising events; Scouts AGM; there is also a free community library on the shelves.

Other funding from their own resources and alternative sources. (Section C1.1-1.3)

The applicant has already raised £15,000 Bernard Sunley and Lottery Community fund and donations of £7594 making a total of £22,594 which is 38% of the total cost.

Numbers benefitting (Section B1.7)

The applicant has not given a specific number, but the listing of events above will give an indication as to how the building is used.

Other resources (eg volunteering) (Section C1.4)

No indication is made of the use of volunteers.

Priorities as identified by the applicant, and those of the council (Section C1.1)

No priorities listed by the applicant because this is to part fund a package.

Notes

The most recent set of accounts (for year ending December 2019) show an income of £8,618.64 and expenses of £9,466.45. This is a net loss of £847.81. The Club had reserves of £25,583.76

Of this £13,564 has been raised through fundraising, donations from local businesses and grants. In addition £5000 from our savings has been earmarked towards the roof making a total of £18,564 ringfenced for the roof appeal as of January 1st 2020. We have additional funds added from grants since then of which Jenny has a record.

The council will not usually fund more than 10% of a project (£2,000 maximum), but will expect the applicant to have raised other substantial funding from their own efforts within the local community. (Community Grant Conditions)

The full cost of the project is £59, 615.47 and 10% of the cost is £5,961.50.

Recommend £2000.00