### St Austell Town Council



### **Community Committee**

To: All Members of the Community Committee (Councillors: Cohen, Double, Fox, Guest, Kimber, Pearce, Preece, Pears, Rowse, Stephens, Thompson and Young).

Dear Councillor

You are summoned to attend a Meeting of the Community Committee to be held at The Registrar's Office, Carlyon Road, St Austell, Cornwall, PL25 4LD on Monday 25th March 2024 at 6pm.

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19th March 2024

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#### **AGENDA**

#### 1. **Apologies for absence**

#### 2. **Declarations of Interest**

(Purpose: To receive declarations of disclosable pecuniary and other non-registerable interests in respect of items on this agenda).

#### 3. **Dispensations**

(Purpose: To receive requests for dispensations under the Code of Conduct).

### 4. Minutes of meeting held 26th February 2024

Pages 1 to 6

(Purpose: To agree that the minutes of the above meeting be signed as a correct record).

### 5. Matters to Note

A verbal update from the Town Clerk on the actions taken since the last meeting. Note: No decision may be made under this agenda item.

### **6. Public participation** (15 minutes maximum)

The Chairman will invite members of the public to address the meeting in relation to the business to be carried out at the meeting. 15 minutes will be allocated for public participation (this can be extended at the Chairman's discretion). Each person addressing the Council will be allocated a maximum of two minutes.

### 7. Grass Cutting Policy

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(Purpose: To review the Town Council's grass cutting policy).

### 8. The House – Quarterly Report October 2023 to December 2023

Pages 23 to 26

(Purpose: To note the activities of Young People Cornwall (YPC) at The House).

### 9. St Austell Townscape Heritage Scheme - Final Report

(Purpose: To note the St Austell Townscape Heritage Scheme Final Report. https://letstalk.cornwall.gov.uk/staustell-th

#### 10. Small Grants Scheme

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• White River Community Church and Family Centre

#### 11. Projects Update

(Purpose: To receive a verbal report on the projects currently being worked on). (Verbal update).

### 12. Dates of Meetings

(Purpose: To confirm date of forthcoming meeting Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024.

MINUTES of ST AUSTELL TOWN COUNCIL COMMUNITY COMMITTEE held on MONDAY 26<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2024 at The Registrar's Office, Carlyon Road, St Austell, Cornwall, PL25 4LD at 6pm.

**Present:** Councillors: Cohen, Fox, Kimber, Preece, Stephens, Thompson (Chair) and Young.

In attendance: David Pooley (Town Clerk) and Sara Gwilliams (Deputy Town Clerk).

Also in attendance: Councillors Gray and Hamilton.

#### CC/23/46) Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors: Double, Guest, Pearce, Pears and Rowse.

#### CC/23/47) Declarations of Interest

None.

#### CC/23/48) Dispensations

None.

#### CC/23/49) Minutes of the Meeting held on the 27th November 2023

It was **RESOLVED** the minutes of the meeting held on the 27<sup>th</sup> November 2023 be approved and signed as a correct record.

#### CC/23/50) Matters to Note

The Clerk advised that the Ethernet upgrade between St Austell and Newquay and the Bethel Park mine shaft capping works have both been completed. He added that the mine shaft capping work cost just over £12,000 and could not be re-claimed under the Town Council's insurance policy.

Arising from a question, the Clerk advised that he is in negotiations with Cornwall Council regarding the renewal of the Enabling Agreement.

#### CC/23/51) Public Participation

The member of public in attendance did not wish to speak.

#### CC/23/52) Mr Gray - A Band of Brothers

The Chair welcomed Mr Gray to the meeting.

Mr Gray explained that A Band of Brothers is a mentoring organisation that pairs trained mentors with young men (18 to 25) who are, or at risk of, being in the criminal justice system. Referrals usually come from Probation, Police Pathfinder and Exeter Prison.

Mentors are generally aged 35 years and above and need to be able to commit to 4 hours a week to mentor young people on a 10 week mentoring programme. The young people can disengage at any time. If after the 10 week programme the young person feels that they need more help, they can continue with the same mentor or change mentor.

Mr Gray advised that A Band of Brothers relies on donations to fund a co-ordinator for 2 hours a week, reimburses volunteers at 20p per mile and provide refreshments at the meetings. Mr Gray advised that to keep 1 person in prison for a year costs the taxpayer £46,000 and that for every £1 invested in preventative work it saves the taxpayer £6.

Arising from Members questions, Mr Gray confirmed that they cannot mentor men who are on scripts or are in an addictive situation and that they have a 50% to 70% success rate.

Members thanked Mr Gray for his interesting presentation.

#### CC/23/53) Community Network Highways Schemes

The Clerk advised that a Highways Sub Group of the Community Area Partnership (CAP) has been formed and was due to meet the next day to consider five projects that have been approved and costed up by the Highways Officers for taking forward. The Clerk further advised that the Town Council's representative, Councillor Lanxon, is unable to vote on behalf of the Town Council on CAP proposals unless approval has been given by the Town Council. He added that the Town Council's preferred scheme (pedestrian crossing between Cornwall College and Poltair School) did not get on the final short list.

Members noted the two proposals put forward for St Austell:

- A crossing on Trenowah Road for Wheal Northey surgery
- The purchase of one flashing speed camera for rotation around the Parish

The purchase of the flashing speed camera is conditional on the Town Council taking on its maintenance and figures have been obtained from Cornwall Council which suggest that they would charge between £16,000 and £19,000 for this service for 4 years. The Clerk advised that a neighbouring parish has given indicative costs based on their experience of procuring a flashing sign and the associated maintenance which is a lot cheaper than the costs quoted by Cornwall Council.

The camera would not record personal data, only average speed details and the recommendation is that a camera should only remain in situ 2-8 weeks at a time.

During discussion, Members expressed their disappointment that the pedestrian crossing between Cornwall College and Poltair School did not make the short list and expressed a view that it is more urgent than a crossing at Trenowah Road.

Broad support was given for the procurement of a speed sign, but Members were concerned at the costs suggested for the purchase of the sign and that the four year maintenance agreement offered poor value for money.

#### It was **RESOLVED** that:

- 1. Councillor Lanxon be authorised to vote for:
  - a. The purchase of one flashing speed sign for rotation around the Parish on condition that the Town Council reserves the right to procure the sign and maintenance arrangements to obtain better value for money;
  - b. A crossing on Trenowah Road for the Wheal Northey surgery.

It was **FURTHER RESOLVED** that Councillor Lanxon should express the Town Council's disappointment that the Tregonissey Road crossing proposal between Cornwall College and Poltair School did not make the short list of projects to proceed.

#### CC/23/54) Trewhiddle Pedestrian Crossing

The Town Clerk advised that following concerns expressed by the Town Council and the neighbouring Parish Councils, a slightly revised scheme has been submitted for consideration. The revision reflects an increase in the width of the build out. Due to budget constraints Cornwall Council has advised that they are unable to procure a scheme that involves a lighted crossing.

During discussion, Members reiterated their strong concern for the proposal and felt that the revision did not improve the proposal greatly. Members stressed that it would be mainly primary school children using the crossing walking to and from St Mewan School and that the proposal is not robust enough, due to its close proximity to the brow of a hill, the speed of traffic approaching and leaving the roundabout and the strong concerns expressed by the neighbouring parishes.

It was **RESOLVED** to reiterate the Town Council's strong concerns with regard to the proposal but to reluctantly accept the proposal if Cornwall Council is unable to offer a more acceptable solution.

#### CC/23/55) Small Grants Scheme

The Deputy Town Clerk advised that the funding available for the small grants between now and the year end stands at £1,000 and suggested that the Committee reviews each grant and prioritises accordingly.

Biscovey Youth Football Club

Members noted that the Biscovey Youth Football Club is not based within the Parish and felt that at this time applications from within the Parish should take priority.

It was **RESOLVED** to make no grant to Biscovey Youth Football Club at this time and to suggest that if they have not already done so, contact Treverbyn Parish Council for funding towards a replacement generator.

Cornwall International Male Choral Festival

It was **RESOLVED** that a grant in the sum of £250 should be awarded towards the Cornwall International Male Choral Festival gala festival due to take place in St John's Church on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

Devon & Cornwall Community Watch Association - The Feel Safe Scheme

It was **RESOLVED** that a grant in the sum of £250 should be awarded towards The Feel Safe Scheme.

Imerys Singers

It was **RESOLVED** to make no grant to Imerys Singers as a grant has been awarded to this organisation in the current financial year.

St Austell & District Camera Club

It was **RESOLVED** not to make a grant on this occasion and to advise the St Austell and District Camera Club accordingly suggesting that they re-apply in the new financial year.

St Austell Library Support Association (SALSA)

It was **RESOLVED** not to make a grant on this occasion and to advise SALSA accordingly suggesting that they re-apply in the new financial year.

St Austell Town and Youth Band

This application was withdrawn.

Stepping Stones Childcare

It was **RESOLVED** not to make a grant on this occasion and to advise Stepping Stones Childcare accordingly suggesting that they re-apply in the new financial year.

## CC/23/56) Carlyon Bay Surf Life Saving Club

It was **RESOLVED** to note the update.

### CC/23/57) CHAOS Radio

It was **RESOLVED** to note the update.

## CC/23/58) NALC Dementia Friendly Communities

The Deputy Town Clerk advised that Councillor Brown was impressed by a presentation on dementia at a recent meeting of the Cornwall Association of Local Councils (CALC) and felt that it would be beneficial for the Town Council to consider the NALC publication "Dementia Friendly Communities". She advised that a while ago the library hosted a series of dementia support workshops, singing and dance sessions for memory therapy, gardening/art workshops and visits to Trevarna residents for singing and story sessions.

During discussion Members agreed that there are very few Dementia support groups in St Austell and endorsed the principles contained within the NALC paper and dementia awareness support groups at the library.

It was **RESOLVED** to endorse the principles contained within the NALC – Dementia Friendly Communities paper and work towards becoming a Dementia Friendly Council.

#### CC/23/59) Project Update

#### Town Centre Regeneration

The roof top garden stage 2 report is due to be finalised within the next few days and the outcome of the visual concrete testing site visit is awaited. The final stage 2 report is likely to reflect a scaling back of the project due to the lack of large scale funding and commercial viability.

A funding bid for feasibility work for the churchyard improvements has been approved and a funding bid for the replacement of the Poundland banners will be submitted by the end of the week. Cornwall Council has indicated support in principle for this project.

#### CCTV

All cameras are working across the town on winter monitoring hours. The police have identified a few gaps in the monitoring and the Town Clerk has agreed to take this to Newquay Town Council for their views. The Finance and General Purposes Committee has agreed that if the year end budget allows, up to 2 further CCTV cameras can be purchased for the town centre and a further re-deployable camera that can be used outside of the town centre.

#### Poltair Park

The toilet block demolition and making good of the two properties behind is almost complete. The bat house was finished a few weeks ago and located on the wall adjacent to the police station.

#### Bethel Park

The Bethel Park opening event was cancelled due to inclement weather and is hoped to be re-arranged in the spring.

#### Cornwall Councillor Community Chest Funds

The Operations Manager has submitted a grant application to Councillor Rowse's community chest fund for funding towards wildflowers at Daniels Lane, a picnic bench at The Meadows and painting of the skateboard ramp.

#### Poltair Park Café

The café has re-opened after a winter break with the same tenant who has agreed to take on the business rates with effect from April. It is operating under a Tenancy at Will and will be reviewed again at the end of the year.

#### Priory Car Park Toilets

There have been a few incidents of ASB in the priory car park toilets over recent weeks. The cleaning arrangements are excellent with no complaints from the public.

#### **ASB**

A letter has been written to Cornwall Council about the increase in ASB in the town centre following an increase in reports from partner agencies and complaints from the public. A Cornwall Council report on supported housing/temporary accommodation should be available at the end of February. The security guards continue to work well with the Police and have assisted with a number of ASB and welfare issues in the town.

#### Library

The Library continues to perform well and was the top performing library for issues in January. SALSA have held and continue to plan community events and baby classes, lego classes, reading/writing classes and support groups are regularly on offer.

#### **Allotments**

Following the departure of a tenant, Plot 9 has been re-let.

### Young People Cornwall

Young People Cornwall have confirmed that they would be happy to be involved in any consultations that the Town Council or Regeneration Partnership may have in due course.

#### Grounds Maintenance

The winter maintenance jobs are nearing the end in preparation for the grass cutting season. Work completed include:

- Hedge cutting and tree management works
- Play equipment maintenance
- Shrubbery maintenance
- · Winter cut of rural footpaths

#### Weed Spraying

The Town Council contracts three sprays a year.

#### CC/23/60) Dates of Meetings

It was noted that the next meeting of the Community Committee is scheduled for Monday 25th March 2024.

The meeting closed at 8.01pm.



# **St Austell Town Council**

# **Grass Cutting Policy**



Poltair Park



# St Austell Town Council Grass Cutting Policy

#### **Background**

The Town Council is committed to maintaining and providing access to as much safe, well managed open space as possible. It has declared support for the "climate emergency" initiative and is actively working to off-set carbon emissions by planting shrubs and trees and choosing plants which will encourage pollinators.

The Council has reviewed all of the parks, open spaces in residential areas and roadside verges in its management to determine how they should be managed in the future. The individual sites and their treatments are as shown in schedule 1.

### **General Practices**

- All operatives will have Highways accreditation and be qualified to operate ride on mowers, push mowers and brush cutters in a safe and appropriate manner.
- Grass cutting commences in March/April and continues until September or October.
- The Council has insufficient resource to maintain any open spaces to the standard of a domestic lawn.
- It is not possible for the Council to collect and remove all grass cuttings as it would require a very large storage space.
- Where practical, wildflowers will not be cut back until they have seeded and died back.
- Bulbs will not be cut back until they have died sufficiently to allow the nutrients to be absorbed back into the bulbs.
- Signage where appropriate to publicise the wildflower areas.

#### **Standards**

The following standards will be adopted:

### Parks and Open Spaces - standard 1

- Grass to be cut every 2-3 weeks (subject to suitable weather and ground conditions).
- Grass cuttings not collected to allow nutrients to be absorbed back into the ground.

#### Parks and Open Spaces - standard 2

- Grass to be cut every 3-4 weeks (subject to suitable weather and ground conditions).
- Grass cuttings not collected to allow nutrients to be absorbed back into the ground.

#### Parks and Open Spaces - standard 3

- No regular mowing to encourage wildflowers.
- Grass to be cut back once a year and grass to be removed.

#### **Residential Estates**

- Grass to be cut regularly and opportunities for trees and pollinator friendly shrubs to be explored. Where it is practicable, orchards should be considered.
- Grass cut approximately every 3 weeks between April and September.
- Grass cuttings not collected to allow nutrients to be absorbed back into the ground.

### Roadside verge - standard 1

- Grass cut approximately every 3 weeks between April and September.
- Grass cuttings not collected to allow nutrients to be absorbed back into the ground.

#### Roadside verge - standard 2

- A strip of grass approximately 1 metre wide to be mowed next to the highway and remainder to be allowed to grow wild until September/October.
- Wild areas to be cut once a year in September/October after seeding.
- Grass cuttings/arisings to be collected where possible.

### Roundabout - standard 1

• Grass cut every 2-3 weeks where formal planting adopted.

### Roundabout - standard 2

- Wildflower areas cut once a year in September/October after seeding.
- Grass cuttings/arisings to be collected where possible.
- Visibility splays maintained.



Truro Road Park

## Schedule 1

St Austell - Central & Gover Ward				
Description	Maintenance Standard	<u>Notes</u>		
Clinton Drive	Residential Estate			
Truro Road Park	Parks and Open Spaces Standard 1			
St Mewan to Truro Road A390 (north side)	Roadside Verges standard 1			
St Mewan to Truro Road A390 (south side)	Roadside Verges standard 2			
Edgcumbe Triangle	Parks and Open Spaces standard 1	Consider adding some fruit trees and wildflowers		
	Parks and Open Spaces standard 3 (areas defined for bulbs and wildflowers)	around base of trees		

		Small section of wildflower added for Queens Jubilee
A390 McDonalds/Asda side	Roadside verge standard 2	200
A390 residential side	Roadside verge standard	
Westbourne Drive	Residential Estates	
Chy Pons	Parks and Open Spaces standard 2	Consider adding some fruit trees  Edible St Austell are looking into this for 2023
Higher/Lower Woodside	Residential Estates	
Eastbourne Road and Tolcarne Close junction	Roadside verge standard 1	Plant fruit trees  Operations Manager (OM) does not think this site is suitable for tree planting
Queens Estate	Residential Estates	
Cemetery Park	Parks and Open Spaces standard 1	Cut strips of grass in front of gravestones for easy access
	Parks and Open Spaces standard 3	Plant pockets of wildflowers. Differential mowing throughout the park.

		MS4N has completed this work
Margaret Avenue grassed area	Parks and Open Spaces standard 2	Consult residents on the possibility of planting fruit trees  4 Cherry trees have been planted by the TC
Chipponds adjacent to Quarry	Parks and Open Spaces standard 2	Plant blackthorn or fruit trees on grassed area in front of the fence



Penmere Road Park

St Austell - Bethel & Holmbush Ward				
Description	Maintenance Standard	Notes		
Field of Hope	Parks and Open Spaces standard 2 Parks and Open Spaces standard 3	Differential mowing i.e. in circles around the bases of trees		
		This has been implemented in order to preserve any wildflower in spring and early summer		
Bird sanctuary estate	Residential Estates			
Mitchell Road	Residential Estates	Plant fruit trees		
Penmere Open Space	Parks and Open Spaces standard 2 Parks and Open Spaces standard 3	Plant more trees e.g. Birch, Sycamore, Maple. Keep the banks long.		
		Completed		
Longpark Way	Residential Estate	Consult residents to find out what they would like to see in the area. Possible planting of fruit trees in the squares		
Sandy Hill Park	Parks and Open Spaces standard 2	Plant wildflowers and cherry trees		
Sandy Hill (inside fence)	Parks and Open Spaces standard 3	2 Maple trees to be planted in winter 2022		

<u>Description</u>	Maintenance Standard	Notes		
Killyvarder Way	Residential Estate	Potential to plant cherry trees. Perhaps a theme of cherry trees		
Boldventure	Residential Estate	Potential to plant trees on grass area where the stones are. Consult residents to find out what they would like for the area.		
Chapel Field Estate	Residential Estate			
Chapel Field Park	Parks and Open Spaces standard 2			
Bethel Park	Parks and Open Spaces standard 1	In need of an upgrade – bland area. Potential for trees on the corner of Trenowah Road (Highways approval). Grass – cut into a maze? Funding application submitted		



Chapel Field Park

St Austell - Bethel & Holmbush Ward			
<u>Description</u>	Maintenance Standard	Notes	
Bucklers Lane	Residential Estate	Plant more trees/fruit trees. Wildflower planting. Wildflower planting on land next to the church.  OM to look at implementing this in 2023	
Lyons Road	Residential Estate	Plant wildflowers  Operations Manager has assessed the site as not suitable for wildflowers.	
Daniels Lane	Roadside verge standard 1	Keep wildflower area (by the telephone box)	

Jubilee Meadow	Residential Estate	Potential to plant more trees (possibly sweet chestnut). Southern end of Jubilee Meadows plant more trees.
		Forest for Cornwall donating 12 trees to be planted in Dec 2022
Manfield Way	Parks and Open Spaces standard 3	Keep path clear
The Meadows	Parks and Open Spaces standard 1  Parks and Open Spaces standard 2  Parks and Open Spaces standard 3	Keep existing wild area. Potential to plant more trees on the Retallick Meadows boundary.  2 Silver birch planted in 2022
Parkway/Manor Close/Meadway	Residential Estate	Manor Close/Parkway junction – potential to plant more trees



Thornpark Road Park

St Austell - Poltair & Mount Charles Ward				
Description	Maintenance Standard	Motes  Wildflowers under the trees. Plant more trees.		
Prince Charles Park	Parks and Open Spaces standard 1			
		Area not suitable due to ASB		
Prince Charles Estate	Residential Estate	Estate entrance - plant daffodils		
Lostwood Garden	Parks and Open Spaces standard 2	Kept as a community garden		
Poltair Avenue/Lostwood junction	Residential Estate			
Area adjacent to community garden	Residential Estate	Residents' survey/speak to		

		Poltair residents association
Poltair Park	Parks and Open Spaces standard 1 Parks and Open Spaces standard 3	Wildflower areas (rye grass check type). Plant trees and wildflowers along the north edge
Library Garden	Parks and Open Spaces standard 1	SALSA
Library Front Garden	Parks and Open Spaces standard 1	Plant trees/wildflowers  Japanese Umbrella Pine to be planted in winter 2022
Sycamore Avenue	Residential Estate	
Sycamore Avenue Large grass area	Residential Estate	Leave as it is for the present time. Consult residents to find out what they would like for the area. (Possible strips of wildflowers)
Thornpark Road	Parks and Open Spaces standard 2	Pocket park funding project
Ropehaven Road	Residential Estate	
Polmarth Close	Parks and Open Spaces standard 2 Parks and Open Spaces standard 3	Plant wildflower meadow on sloping area OM to implement in 2023
Landrew Road verges	Roadside verge standard	

Landrew Road Park	Parks and Open Spaces standard 2	
Phernyssick Road	Roadside verge standard	Plant daffodils
Asda roundabout	Roundabout standard 1	
Cromwell Road	Roadside verge standard	
Polmear Road junction	Roadside verge standard	Plant magnolia trees
Mount Charles roundabout verges	Roadside verge standard 1	
Woodland Road Park	Parks and Open Spaces standard 1	In the bottom corner by the children's centre add more trees
		Completed
Eliot Road verges	Roadside verge standard 1	
Eliot Road and Bramley Close junction	Roadside verge standard 1	
Woodland Close Park	Parks and Open Spaces standard 2	Play area – cut short
	Parks and Open Spaces standard 3	Park boundary – Fruit trees/wildflowers



**Woodland Road Park** 

# **The House Quarterly Report Oct - Dec 2023**

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TOTAL YP Attending						*Grandon or state of the state	
Drop-ins	18	9	57	41	4	1	130
Assertive Outreach							
Mental health/wellbeing 1 to 1s	2	1	8	6	4	1	22
Single Gender Groups	3		9				12
Turn Around	1		10	2			13
Victim of Crime Support group / MUSIC			12	5	4	1	23
Sports activities							
NEET group work					4	1	5
Youth Council/Involvement/Voice YP steering group							
Attune	1			3			4
Boxing	5	2	22	6	2		38
Connect		3	3	3			9

## **Achievements**

 Youth Club - Youth sessions are continuing to be well attended. Average sessional attendance of 40yps each session and 3 new young people weekly. We have been focussing



- on building better relationships with core group members and positive behaviours. The centre is continuing to provide sports and promote positive activities to engage young people as well as offering wellbeing support, information workshops and develop life skills and new interests.
- Sound Waves Music Project We continue to provide the soundwaves music project at the house, giving young people the chance to take part in music sessions during weekly open sessions. Young people would like to have a DJ station within the sessions allowing young people to play to others and also learn from other. Our Music worker Jack also provides 1-1 music therapy sessions to local young people struggling with their wellbeing.
- Young Men's Group The group provides an opportunity for young men aged between 11-16

years to attend a weekly group taking part in different activities. The group gives young men a chance to socialise and work on their social skills and wellbeing in a safe environment as well as taking part in sport, cooking and workshops.

- Support Hub Mental The Support Hub is continuing to provide a service that allows children and young people and parents/ guardians to access quick support and sign posting from both qualified well-being practitioners and youth workers. This service has extended as it is also available to access online which was available over the Christmas period.
- Connect Our neurodiversity youth group has taken off and has been popular with young people, parents and the community who have stated that this provision is well-needed. The group provides an inclusive youth led space, with limited numbers and the aim to build confidence, self-esteem, make friends and have fun.
- Youth Justice Turn Around -YPC has continued to support the delivery of this Youth Justice funded programme. We are working with young people who have committed a crime to build trusting relationships through 1-1 support and diversionary activity with the aim of preventing recurring ASB.
- Training Youth workers have had lots of different training over the last quarter to help meet the needs, trends and risks for young people and the risks of working with them to provide more effective, confident staffing e.g Knife Crime awareness.

## **Developments and Opportunities**

- Football Youth 5-aside. Young people would like to develop 5-aside football teams and come together monthly to play matches.
- Young Men's Group We will be continuing with the areas which are going well such as eating and discussing as a group and taking part in group activities but including further workshops focussing on working to improve young men's life skills and have group discussions on issues such as vaping and racism.
- Additional Youth sessions Development of more targeted groups such as a younger youth group, young women's groups and day-time provision such as alternative education.
- Funding We have recently submitted a number of small bids to help support the work we do at the house and to provide young people with broader opportunities.
- Trips We are planning a few different trips over the next couple of months, e.g. BF Adventure and YHA residential.
- Youth Action Young people share their ideas of what they would like to see happen within youth sessions, such as more discos, events and sports.
- Community open day To be developed with young people with the plan to provide an event in March.





## **Concerns**

• Safeguarding / Child exploitation concerns - Working with local services, schools, young people and their families to provide and ensure suitable support is in place via a multiagency approach.

## **Positive outcomes**

'My son doesn't really go anywhere to be with friends, due to there not being anywhere that is appropriate locally. Since attending we are happy as parents that he is safe and his needs can be met, whilst allowing him to develop independence. This group is the highlight of his week'

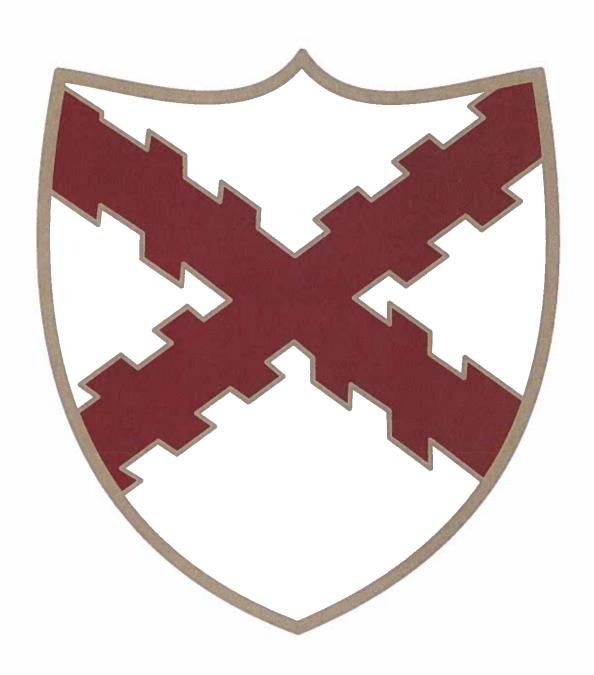
Young man aged 14 who has autism and physical disabilities attends the connect group weekly, During the session he is able to join in with group activities and be with friends outside of school.





'The young men's group has really helped me start to understand and manage my anger. I have been doing boxing and really enjoy being able to use my anger in a positive way. I used to hit things and walls which was hurting me. Now I can put on gloves and work with a person on pad' Young man aged 16.

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## **St Austell Town Council**



## **Small Grants Scheme**

## **Application Form**

### **PART B**

## 1. Your organisation

Name of Organisation	WHITE RIVER COMMUNITY CHURCH & FAMILY CENTRE
Charity/company number (if applicable)	Charity No:1199453 Company No:
Are there any Members of St Austell Town Council on your Committee? (if so, please list them)	NO
What are the aims and objectives of your organisation?	TO SERVE THE LOCAL COMMUNITY IN PROVIDING AN EXCELLENT WELL EQUIPT SPACE FOR CHILDREN, THEIR PARENTS AND FAMILIES. TO SUPPORT AND CARE FOR THE VULNERABLE CHILDREN AND ADULTS AND HELP TO SUPPORT GOOD NETWORKS CENTRED AROUND THE MENTAL & PYSICAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING OF ALL WHO USE THE CENTRE.

Please demonstrate you
organisation's
commitment to equal
opportunities (please
enclose any relevant
policies)

All children and parents are welcome to use our services. Everyone has equal access to what we provide here. We have a safeguarding policy that can be found at www.wrcchurch.org.uk

## 2. Purpose for which the grant is sought

Project title:	FUN DAY	
Description of project (please continue on a separate sheet if necessary):	TO PURCHACE EQUIPMENT FOR FUNDAY ACTIVITY FACEPAINTS, PRIZES, SAND PLAY	
How would this grant be of benefit to the community in St Austell? (please continue on a separate sheet if necessary):	The grant would enable us to have a variety of activities for a funday in the town	
What arrangements do you have in place to ensure safeguarding of children and young people (applicable only if your project involves working with this client group).	This is a public event held in the open air children would be supervised by their caregiver and not left with anyone at the activities.	

### 3. Finance

What is the total cost of the project?	£
Amount of grant applied for	£150
(Up to £250) *	
Have you previously received a grant from St Austell Town Council?	No
	No
	F - 4 1800

<sup>\*</sup> Should you wish to apply for a grant over £250, the Council may consider a larger grant in exceptional circumstances, but you may be asked to provide a presentation to the Town Council.

Please list any applications you have made for funding from other organisations.

Organisation	Contribution Sought (£)	Applied (please tick as appropriate)	Granted (please tick as appropriate)

### 4. Further information enclosed

Information	Enclosed (please tick)
A copy of your organisation's most recent bank statement(s) (mandatory)	1
A copy of your constitution (or similar document showing the organisation's status)	
A copy of your organisation's latest set of accounting statements (if any exist)	

### 5. Publicity

Please explain how you will publicise and acknowledge the Town Council's grant.

POSTERS WILL BE MADE AND PUBLICISED ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND AROUND
THE TOWN

Please return your completed form to:

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