

# St Austell Town Council



## Community Committee

**To: All Members of the Community Committee** (Councillors: Cohen, Clemo, Hamilton, Hawken, Kimber, Lingham, Preece, Rowse, Stephens, Taylor, Thompson, Whitehouse, Williams-Pears 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 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025 at 6pm.**

*S. Sullivan*

ff David Pooley  
**Town Clerk**

27<sup>th</sup> May 2025

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### AGENDA

- 1. Election of Chair**
- 2. Election of Vice-Chair**
- 3. Apologies for absence**
- 4. Declarations of Interest**

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

**5. Dispensations**

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

**6. Minutes of meeting held 24<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

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

**7. 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.

**8. 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.*

**9. General Wolfe Building**

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(Purpose: To receive an update on discussions with Cornwall Council officers with regard to the future use of the General Wolfe Building). (Report attached).

**10. Grounds Maintenance Service**

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(Purpose: To receive an update on the Grounds Maintenance Service). (Report attached).

**11. Small Grants Scheme**

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- St Austell Hockey Club
- No Limits
- Sunshine and Showers

**12. PULSE – Information Boards**

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27 to 38**

(Purpose: To consider a proposal from PULSE with regard to installing electronic information Boards in the Town Centre). (Correspondence attached/Verbal update).

**13. Schedule of Events**

(Purpose: To note the updated events schedule).

**14. Projects Update**

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

**15. Dates of Meetings**

(Purpose: To confirm date of forthcoming meeting 9<sup>th</sup> September 2024).



**MINUTES of ST AUSTELL TOWN COUNCIL COMMUNITY COMMITTEE held on MONDAY 24<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2025 at The Registrar's Office, Carlyon Road, St Austell, Cornwall, PL25 4LD at 6pm.**

**Present:** Councillors: Cohen, Fox, Kimber, Pearce, Preece, Pears, Stephens and Thompson.

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

**Also in attendance:** Councillor Hamilton

**CC/24/51) Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Double, Guest, Rowse and Young.

**CC/24/52) Declarations of Interest**

None.

**CC/24/53) Dispensations**

None.

**CC/24/54) Minutes of the Meeting held on the 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025 be approved and signed as a correct record.

**CC/24/55) Matters to Note**

The Clerk advised that the grants to the St Austell Sea Cadets and Merlin Neuro Therapy Centre have been approved and will be paid when confirmation is received that the projects are ready to go ahead.

*The Chair advised that the Salutem Care and Education presenters were running late and that he would like to bring Agenda Item 9 forward after public participation.*

**CC/24/56) Public participation**

Mr Keast thanked the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for attending the Festival of Music and Speech/final concert and the Town Council for their financial support. Mr Keast advised that, along with professional soloists, the St Austell Choral Society is due to perform Handel's Messiah on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2025 and will be of a quality only usually seen in larger towns. He added that most professional performances require grant funding and hoped that the Town Council would look favourably upon the application.

**CC/24/57) Small Grants Scheme**

*St Austell Choral Society Concert – 17<sup>th</sup> May 2025*

Members thanked Mr Keast for his grant application and expressed their unanimous support for St Austell Choral Society.

It was **RESOLVED** to award a grant in the sum of £250 to the St Austell Choral Society for their concert at St Johns Methodist Church on the 17<sup>th</sup> May 2025.

#### *WILD Young Parents*

Members expressed their support for the Soft Play Fun Day proposed by WILD Young Parents.

It was **RESOLVED** to award a grant in the sum of £250 to WILD Young Parents for their Soft Play Fun Day at St Austell Leisure Centre.

#### **CC/24/58) Meadows Pump Truck**

The Clerk advised that a bid has been submitted to Cornwall Council's Community Levelling Up Programme for funding in the sum of £86,000 with a contribution of £10,000 from the Town Council. During discussions, Members expressed a preference for the pump track that allows better accessibility and has a more aesthetically pleasing layout.

It was **RESOLVED** to note the designs and, if approved, consult Young People Cornwall before agreeing a final design.

#### **CC/24/59) Leanne Bovey, Regional Director - Salutem Care and Education**

*\*\*The Chair welcomed Leanne Bovey and Jasmine Sutherland to the meeting\*\**

Ms Bovey and Ms Sutherland advised that Salutem has recently moved from Polgooth to their new premises on Priory Road (previously Cornwall Council Audiology Unit) and provides specialist services for adults with complex needs.

Ms Sutherland advised that their enabling service helps people to live independently within their communities and can help with shopping trips, social activities, education, community engagement and transport. In addition, the team can assist with housework and provide companionship. At the present time, 35 individuals are being helped at Priory Road. Referrals to the service are mainly through Cornwall Council, but direct referrals from the customer can be made.

Members thanked Leanne and Jasmine for their very interesting presentation.

#### **CC/24/60) CCTV**

Members noted the CCTV statistics for January 2024 to December 2024 and January 2025 to February 2025.

During discussion, Members queried the spike in incidents in September 2024 and January 2025 and the increase in incidents in January 2025 compared to January 2024. The Deputy Town Clerk **AGREED** to ask for clarification from the CCTV Manager.

It was **RESOLVED** to note the CCTV statistics for January 2024 to December 2024 and January 2025 to February 2025.

## **CC/24/61) Schedule of Events**

The Deputy Town Clerk advised that the organisation of events is going well and that the Community Projects Officer is currently concentrating on the Easter event due to take place in Poltair Park on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2025.

Other events scheduled to take place are:

- VE Day Reflection – Library - 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025
- Climate Awareness Event – Library - 30<sup>th</sup> May 2025
- Community Plant Swap – Library - 29<sup>th</sup> June 2025
- After school games events in the parks (if funding bid is successful)
- Community Picnic in Bethel Park – July (date to be determined)
- Fun Day/VJ Event, Town Centre – 14<sup>th</sup> August 2025
- Christmas activities at the Market House (to be determined)

## **CC/24/62) Projects Update**

### ***Shared Prosperity Fund (Round 1)***

The roof top garden feasibility study has been finalised and shared with the Town Council and Town Centre Revitalisation Partnership.

#### ***Town Vitality Fund***

The banner is due to be erected after the Easter holidays and the Church Piazza ground work should commence week commencing 28<sup>th</sup> April. The student accommodation feasibility work for High Cross Street is almost complete. The finalised report is expected to conclude that the number of students looking for accommodation in St Austell is not as high as first anticipated. The highways work looking at improvements to the traffic flows around the church and Fore Street is almost complete with a report due by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025.

#### ***Community Capacity Fund***

The Duke Street consultation has taken place. Comments received include:

- The need to keep the road wide enough to allow deliveries through
- Low level planting so that the shops are not obscured
- The potential for 20 minute parking spaces to be created to allow people to make a quick visit to the town centre

These comments are being reviewed by Mei Loci.

### ***Shared Prosperity Fund (Round 2)***

#### ***Community Capacity Fund***

A bid has been submitted for a trailer and large garden games for use by schools and Town Council/BID events. Outcome awaited.

### *Community Levelling Up Programme*

A bid has been submitted for a pump track at The Meadows. Lots of community support has been received for the project. The Town Council has approved £10,000 by way of match funding should the grant be approved.

### *CCTV*

The CCTV monitoring will revert to summer monitoring hours in April. Five cameras are on order for installation at Biddicks Court Steps, McDonalds roundabout, Cross Street, top of Victoria Place and South Street.

### *Young People Cornwall (YPC)*

The YPC steering group meet quarterly and has Town Council representation on it. The organisation is extremely busy, particularly as Cornwall Council has cut their contract with Action 4 Children.

### *Car Park*

The car park income remains better than budget and a further section of resurfacing has been carried out. Re-lining is due to commence after Easter. This work is being done on a phased basis so that the car park can remain open. The contactless payment system is working well and the season tickets are steady with a number of regular users. Cornwall Council is in discussions with St Johns Methodist Church regarding the creation of an access from the short stay car park to St Johns.

No response has been received from Cornwall Council regarding the future operation of Clifden Road Car Park.

### *Anti-social behaviour*

The hotspot funding for the security guards expires at 31<sup>st</sup> March. It is hoped that the Police second homes council tax income will fund further hours. The security guards are keeping an eye on a few new faces around the town and assisting where they can with shop lifting which remains an issue. The guards are now CSAS trained.

### *Grounds Staff*

The winter maintenance across the town is almost complete and the summer grass cutting has commenced. All the rural footpaths have been cut.

Landrew Road and The Meadows have both received new playing ground equipment utilising CIL Funding. The paths in the parks have been edged and a further 2,500 bulbs have been planted across the parish. The centre of Asda roundabout has been re-planted and a flower tower installed at Porthpean Road roundabout. A selection of summer bedding plants are being grown on in the polytunnel.

### *Public conveniences*

The Town Council has approved the refurbishment of the changing places toilet at Priory Car Park which will include a new hoist to replace the existing one which is beyond economic repair.



Arising from questions, the Clerk confirmed that the oak tree stump in cemetery park will remain in situ as a wildlife habitat and that he would speak to the Operations Manager about the potential for more daffodils on Southbourne Road.

Members congratulated the grounds staff on the beautiful flower displays across the town.

### **CC/24/63) Dates of Meetings**

It was noted that the next meeting of the Community Committee is scheduled for Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025.

The meeting closed at 7.24pm.



**ST AUSTELL TOWN COUNCIL**  
**COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING – 2<sup>ND</sup> JUNE 2025**  
**GENERAL WOLFE BUILDING**

**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To provide Councillors with an update on the General Wolfe building.

**2. LEGAL AND RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES**

The General Wolfe building was purchased by Corserv Facilities Ltd, a wholly owned company of Cornwall Council, in 2020 to house homeless families.

The building does not meet current housing standards and due to the passage of time since the original purchase of the building, the cost of improvements is likely to be prohibitive.

Part of the building is listed which restricts how it might be changed. There is flying freehold to the side of the building. Traffic around the building is a major source of danger.

The site has attracted a lot of anti-social behaviour and is a drain on resource for Cornwall Council, Corserv Facilities Ltd, the Police and the BID to evict squatters and board the building up.

Due to its listed status, Heritage England has advised Cornwall Council that they are opposed to demolition of the building.

**3. RESOURCE ISSUES**

Cornwall Council estimates that conversion and updating costs are likely to be between £2 million and £3 million depending on the end use if the building is retained.

There is no large-scale funding at the present time to facilitate any improvement identified.

#### **4. EQUALITIES ISSUES**

Accessibility is a major problem for this building as it is on a steep, sharp corner and adjacent to the very busy Bodmin Road.

#### **5. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES**

None.

#### **6. RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that Members note the content of this report.

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#### **Background**

The following bullet points are provided by way of update on the General Wolfe to keep Members informed.

- Previously a public house and hotel, toy shop and then flats.
- Purchased by Corserv Facilities Ltd in 2020 for housing homeless families.
- Cornwall Council, as part of a negotiated devolution deal was granted money by the Government to develop the building for housing but this was insufficient and the project stalled.
- Cornwall Council and Corserv Facilities Ltd now recognise that the lack of amenity space and poor access is not suitable for homeless families so if it were to be converted into homeless accommodation it is likely that only single persons would be housed there.
- It was anticipated that the General Wolfe building could provide 13 flats. As the site is unsuitable for families, it could in theory accommodate 13 single homeless people.
- Statistics from Cornwall Council show that there are currently around 90 people placed in or close to St Austell town centre with chaotic lifestyles/complex needs. At any one time, a further 40-70 people are placed in emergency accommodation in the town centre by Cornwall Council.
- The building does not meet modern housing standards and has been unoccupied and neglected ever since.
- It is a prominent town centre building on a very busy road.

- The building has been the subject of regular anti-social behaviour (break ins and squatting) and the police have been called on a number of occasions to assist Corserv Facilities Ltd with re-securing of the building.
- Part of the General Wolfe building is listed which limits alterations. Heritage England is opposed to demolition.
- Land and buildings adjacent to the General Wolfe (Globe Yard) are believed to be for sale or coming onto the market imminently.
- The costs of conversion/improvement are now deemed to be prohibitive and represent poor value for money.
- Noah Law MP has undertaken high level surveys which appear to support demolition. He has recently called for expressions of interest from community groups willing to take on this building for community use.
- The Town Centre Revitalisation Partnership favour demolition and creation of a public realm area to improve accessibility, visibility and greening in this part of town.
- The Town Council's Planning and Regeneration Committee when discussing this building a few months ago expressed concern at the use of this building for homeless individuals and was fairly evenly split on the question of demolition.

### **Potential Options**

1. Demolition of the building and turn it into a public amenity space that the Town Council could maintain.
2. Partial demolition of the building, with the listed part of the building being turned into community use (eg museum or adult education facility).
3. Refurbish the building for a mixture of housing and community use.
4. Refurbish the building and rent rooms out to key workers/professional people or homeless people.
5. Cornwall Council/Corserv Facilities Limited sells it on to a developer.

Notwithstanding the limited information available, Members' initial views are sought to assist Cornwall Council with their deliberations on the future of the building.

DAVID POOLEY  
TOWN CLERK

**ST AUSTELL TOWN COUNCIL**  
**COMMUNITY COMMITTEE – 2<sup>nd</sup> JUNE 2025**  
**GROUNDS MAINTENANCE UPDATE**

**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To update members on the work carried out on the Parks and Open Spaces over the winter and into the spring.

**2. LEGAL AND RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES**

The annual independent play area inspections by RoSPA inspectors was carried out in January and February this year and whilst a few age-related faults with equipment were identified, overall, the parks and open spaces equipment achieved the lowest risk-rating in the 8 years it has been under Town Council management. This is largely down to having a robust maintenance schedule and a skilled, hard-working maintenance team.

In December 2024, the Operations Manager undertook the annual review of all risk assessments and safe systems of work, and new fire risk assessments have been completed for the Stable Block office premises and St Austell Library by the Town Council's Health and Safety consultants, WorkNest.

The annual Tree Safety Surveys were carried earlier this year, and a number of management works were recommended for trees in Linear Park, Polmarth Close, Chapel Field Park, the library, and Prince Charles Park. These works have been completed.

**3. RESOURCE ISSUES**

All power tools, grass cutting machinery and trailers have been serviced over the winter by Vincent Tractors and Grahams Garden Machinery, ahead of what will undoubtedly be another busy grass cutting season. Four new petrol Strimmers and 3 petrol blowers have been purchased to replace old machines which had come to the end of their serviceable life.

The annual RoSPA play reports carried out on the parks and open spaces recommended that a number of replacement parts are required on some items of play equipment at Truro Road Park. The parts have been purchased, and the grounds team are in the process of fitting them.

The Town Council has an annual budget of just over £500,000 for the Grounds Maintenance Service. This budget includes transport, salaries, play equipment, footpath maintenance, grass cutting, horticultural activities (trees and flowers) and general maintenance (fences, hedges, benches etc).

#### **4. EQUALITIES ISSUES**

Since the last grounds maintenance update, a new accessible roundabout has been installed at The Meadows and the Changing Places Toilet at Priory Car Park has been refurbished.

#### **5. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES**

In October 2024, roughly 6,750 winter bedding plants and shrubs for the horticultural displays in the parks were delivered by Hay Nurseries.

In mid-May, Hay Nurseries delivered 6,000 summer bedding flowers for the summer displays around the town, and the grounds team planted these in a little over a week.

The grass cutting season resumed in early-May 2025, and as in previous years, the team will leave the areas where they find wildflowers until they have died-off or gone to seed.

The Town Council has one battery operated blower which is used for smaller areas.

#### **6. RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that members note the contents of the report.

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#### **Background**

The grounds maintenance team is made up of 8 members of staff, who maintain 17 parks and open spaces, over 100 items of play equipment, 10 miles of highways grass verges, 2 car parks, an allotment site, 23 flower displays housing nearly 7,000 plants, 6 wildflower areas, and 5km of rural public rights of way.



Grass cutting – Whilst the parks are owned by the Town Council, the highways grass verges are cut under a Local Maintenance Agreement with Cornwall Council. Cornwall Council is responsible for trees, walls, kerbsides and drains on these verges.

Play equipment – The Town Council operates a robust, 3-tier inspection regime regarding play equipment. Routine inspections are carried out weekly by the Operations Manager, this involves a walk-over visual inspection of each item of equipment which is recorded and kept on file.

Operational inspections are carried out every 3-months, this requires a more hands-on approach to moving parts of equipment, checking chains/shackles/bolts for signs of wear and ensuring any moving parts are working correctly. Again, these inspections are recorded and any faults found are repaired.

Annual inspections are carried out by an independent, RoSPA-accredited inspector and comprehensive reports are then sent to the Operations Manager to be actioned.

#### Horticulture and trees

As well as planting over 12,000 seasonal bedding plants annually, the Town Council has a small plant and tree nursery which grows around 800 plants a year to compliment the flower displays. The nursery has approximately 75 young trees in stock which will be nurtured until they are large enough to be planted in the parks and open spaces, to add to the 700+ trees that the team have planted since 2017.

DAVID POOLEY  
TOWN CLERK

Reported prepared by:  
Steve Skinner, Operations Manager



# St Austell Town Council



## Small Grants Scheme

### Application Form

#### PART B

##### 1. Your organisation

<b>Name of Organisation</b>	St Austell Hockey Club
<b>Charity/company number (if applicable)</b>	Charity No:  Company No:
<b>Are there any Members of St Austell Town Council on your Committee? (if so, please list them)</b>	No
<b>What are the aims and objectives of your organisation?</b>	To get the hockey club back to St Austell
<b>Please demonstrate your organisation's commitment to equal opportunities (please enclose any relevant policies)</b>	Equal opportunities are important to the club and all abilities are welcome at the club. We offer coaching from complete beginners at all ages. In the future as we become more successful walking and disabled hockey are things we are looking at setting up in the town.

## 2. Purpose for which the grant is sought

<b>Project title:</b>	Temporary Floodlighting
<b>Description of project</b> (please continue on a separate sheet if necessary):	To enable us to return to St Austell to train for our hockey teams (senior ladies and juniors) we need floodlights to be able to use the Astro pitch at Penrice school. Although this pitch is too small for our ladies to play matches on it is big enough for training. Our ultimate goal is to raise enough funds to extend the Astro or develop a new pitch to play league matches on. But in the first instance getting training here would be a start. Our juniors have been training on the only night available at Charlestown which is a Friday, they have also outgrown this pitch as we have been increasing our numbers all season, so would like to be able to move to Penrice to a much bigger pitch.
<b>How would this grant be of benefit to the community in St Austell?</b> (please continue on a separate sheet if necessary):	It would enable junior and senior hockey to be played in the town instead of travelling to Truro
<b>What arrangements do you have in place to ensure safeguarding of children and young people</b> (applicable only if your project involves working with this client group).	We have a safeguarding policy in place and have persons in the club trained in safeguarding

## 3. Finance

<b>What is the total cost of the project?</b>	£7000
<b>Amount of grant applied for</b> (Up to £250) *	£250
<b>Have you previously received a grant from St Austell Town Council?</b>	No

<p><b>If "Yes" please indicate:</b></p> <p>a) When</p> <p>b) Amount received</p> <p>c) For what purpose</p>	
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\* 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) <b>(mandatory)</b>	
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.

<p>It will be placed on our Facebook page which has many followers and if we are successful in the local press</p>
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Please return your completed form to:

Sara Gwilliams  
Deputy Town Clerk  
The Stable Block  
Pondhu House



# St Austell Town Council



## Small Grants Scheme

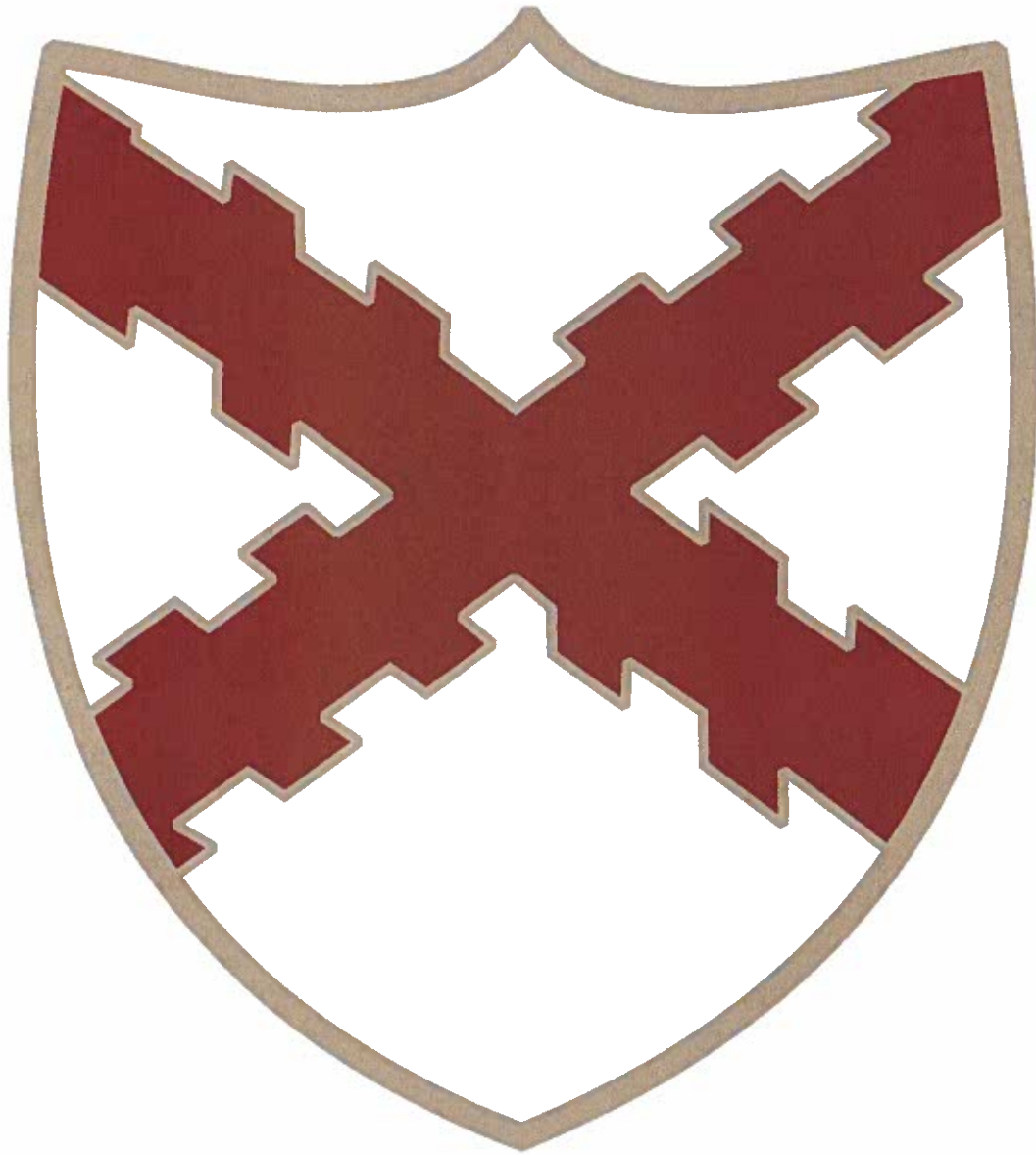
### Application Form

#### PART B

##### 1. Your organisation

<b>Name of Organisation</b>	No Limits Personal Training & Wellbeing CIC
<b>Charity/company number</b> (if applicable)	Charity No: Company No: <b>14894617</b>
<b>Are there any Members of St Austell Town Council on your Committee?</b> (if so, please list them)	No
<b>What are the aims and objectives of your organisation?</b>	To provide personal training and wellbeing services free of charge to service users suffering hardship, in order that they regain confidence and re-enter the workplace.

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<b>Please demonstrate your organisation's commitment to equal opportunities</b> (please enclose any relevant policies)	As a mixed race individual, I provide services to female football groups, parkinsons charities and minority groups.
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## 2. Purpose for which the grant is sought

<b>Project title:</b>	Reclaim
<b>Description of project</b> (please continue on a separate sheet if necessary):	Looking to aid those with mental health issues referred to me by social subscriber groups in the area.
<b>How would this grant be of benefit to the community in St Austell?</b> (please continue on a separate sheet if necessary):	By helping those on unemployment benefits regain confidence, physical health and mental wellbeing, they will be able to rejoin the workforce removing a financial and social burden on the town.
<b>What arrangements do you have in place to ensure safeguarding of children and young people</b> (applicable only if your project involves working with this client group).	N/A

## 3. Finance

<b>What is the total cost of the project?</b>	<b>£700</b>
<b>Amount of grant applied for</b> (Up to £250) *	<b>£250</b>
<b>Have you previously received a grant from St Austell Town Council?</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>If "Yes" please indicate:</b>	a) 2023 b) £250

a) When b) Amount received c) For what purpose	c) Purchase of equipment
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\* 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)	x
A copy of your constitution (or similar document showing the organisation's status)	x
A copy of your organisation's latest set of accounting statements (if any exist)	x

#### 5. Publicity

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

I will acknowledge the contribution via social media posts about the project.

Please return your completed form to:

Sara Gwilliams  
Deputy Town Clerk  
The Stable Block  
Pondhu House  
Penwinnick Road, St Austell, PL25 5DP

E-mail: [sara.gwilliams@staustell-tc.gov.uk](mailto:sara.gwilliams@staustell-tc.gov.uk)

## St Austell Town Council



### Small Grants Scheme

### Application Form

### PART B

#### 1. Your organisation

<b>Name of Organisation</b>	Sunshine + Showers
<b>Charity/company number</b> (if applicable)	Charity No: Company No:
<b>Are there any Members of St Austell Town Council on your Committee?</b> (if so, please list them)	No
<b>What are the aims and objectives of your organisation?</b>	To make local Watersport + Scuba activities available to lower income families + disabled to help improve Community Connections self esteem + improve mental Wellbeing
<b>Please demonstrate your organisation's commitment to equal opportunities</b> (please enclose any relevant policies)	I am myself a disabled adult + SAS has been supporting people from all walks of life since 2012 with a proven track record in this area

## 2. Purpose for which the grant is sought

<b>Project title:</b>	SAS Access to Scuba
<b>Description of project</b> (please continue on a separate sheet if necessary):	SAS is already running a kids club in Truro at a local swimming pool. I have the plan and in process to set up an adult + kids scuba club with activities in tywardreth school pool. We are seeking
<b>How would this grant be of benefit to the community in St Austell?</b> (please continue on a separate sheet if necessary):	this money to go towards pool fees + kit in order to keep the participation price down considerably to what it would normally cost for the weekly session to allow locals to afford to join the clubs long term and progress
<b>What arrangements do you have in place to ensure safeguarding of children and young people</b> (applicable only if your project involves working with this client group).	We have DBS for instructor trainers + our volunteers actively participate in safeguarding training + equality/diversity.

## 3. Finance

<b>What is the total cost of the project?</b>	£ 5904
<b>Amount of grant applied for</b> (Up to £250) *	£ 250
<b>Have you previously received a grant from St Austell Town Council?</b>	Yes <u>No</u>
<b>If "Yes" please indicate:</b>  a) When b) Amount received c) For what purpose	

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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)
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#### 4. Further information enclosed

Information	Enclosed (please tick)
A copy of your organisation's most recent bank statement(s) <b>(mandatory)</b>	
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.

The project is very active on social media in many groups locally so will advertise + thank the town council publicly.

Please return your completed form to:

Sara Gwilliams  
Deputy Town Clerk  
The Stable Block  
Pondhu House  
Penwinnick Road, St Austell, PL25 5DP

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# Pulse Hub

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TOWN CENTRE MANAGERS  
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Bridge the digital divide by creating  
state-of-the-art street furniture  
that incorporates digital services  
and life-saving equipment to make  
people feel better connected and  
safer in their communities





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## An established company



- ◆ A British SME who has created the Pulse Hub which has revolutionised the humble telephone kiosk.
- ◆ We are passionate about engagement. Our approach is personable and sociable, echoing the voices of the communities we work with.
- ◆ Started the process of transforming our business into a B-Corp to concretise our ethos of maximising social value.
- ◆ Changing the legal structure of the business so that it exists to serve the needs of stakeholders alongside shareholders.
- ◆ Externally audited to ensure we meet and adhere to a high standard of social and environmental performance.







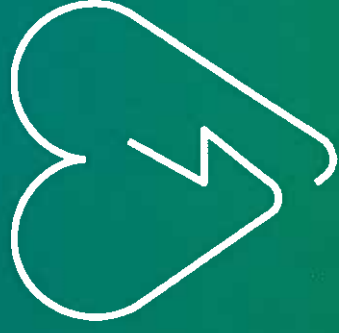
## An established product

- ◆ Pulse has designed and developed a network of Pulse Hubs that were installed in Belfast 6 years ago.
- ◆ Having tested and developed our product we are now rolling out to other towns and cities across the UK.
- ◆ Our vision is to provide everyone, free of charge, the ability to connect to information, communicate, feel safe and have access to emergency lifesaving equipment.

# What we offer



Keeping  
people  
connected



Saving  
lives



Smart  
city  
platform



Sharing  
information

# Our solution: The Pulse Hub



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Say hello to  
the Pulse Hub

Whilst having a substantially smaller footprint than a traditional telephone kiosk design, the Pulse Hub provides a multitude of additional services in comparison. Each feature carefully considered and designed to serve a specific purpose for the local community.

Feature types	The Pulse Smart Hub	Telephone Kiosk
<b>Feeding People Connected</b>		
Paid calls	X	✓
Free phone calls	✓	X
Free charging for devices (including wireless)	✓	X
Small cell technology (to support mobile offloading - 5G)	✓	X
Free public WiFi	✓	X
LoRaWAN (long range wide area network) ready	✓	X
<b>Smart City Platform</b>		
Internet of Things (IoT) connectivity	✓	X
Open-source data collection and sharing	✓	X
Air quality monitoring	✓	X
Footfall counting - advanced (in development)	✓	X
Evolutionary technology - built to stand the test of time	✓	X
<b>Saving Lives</b>		
Public access defibrillator	✓	X
Hasal Naloxone opiate antagonists and bleed control kit	✓	X
Specific 999 call function	✓	X
Emergency call button and emergency service protocols	✓	X
Built-in CCTV monitoring for evidentiary purposes	✓	X
<b>Information Sharing</b>		
Override protocols for policing purposes	✓	X
Public and emergency messaging	✓	X
5% - free community advertising	✓	X
Public interface and local information	✓	X
Local maps and wayfinding	✓	X
Digital advertising to modernise streetscapes	✓	X



## Who benefits from the Pulse Hub?

Pulse delivers a community-focused network of smart street furniture with life-saving equipment in towns and cities across the UK.



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### The individual

Delivering free phone calls, WiFi, phone charging and free access to real-time hyper-local information, enabling people to feel connected and informed on the street and in the community.



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### Councils inc., town and city management

Free access to smart data including air quality monitoring, and free advertising space, enabling better management of our streets, greater support for local initiatives and a more informed community.



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### Police and other emergency services

Direct access to life-saving equipment and ability to override screen content if required to spread messages to the public in response to real-life scenarios.



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### Life-saving equipment

Increase the availability of defibrillators, blood control kits and nasal oxymeter on the street, along with emergency buttons to improve community resilience, public safety and security.



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### Tourism and local businesses

Public access to free live hyper-local mapping, local tourist attractions, what's on information, and free advertising for businesses providing a crucial role in promoting the local area to visitors.



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### Charities and outreach organisations

Free to use advertising and messaging space, direct access to hotlines to support the vulnerable and provision of life-saving equipment to better support the vulnerable in our society.

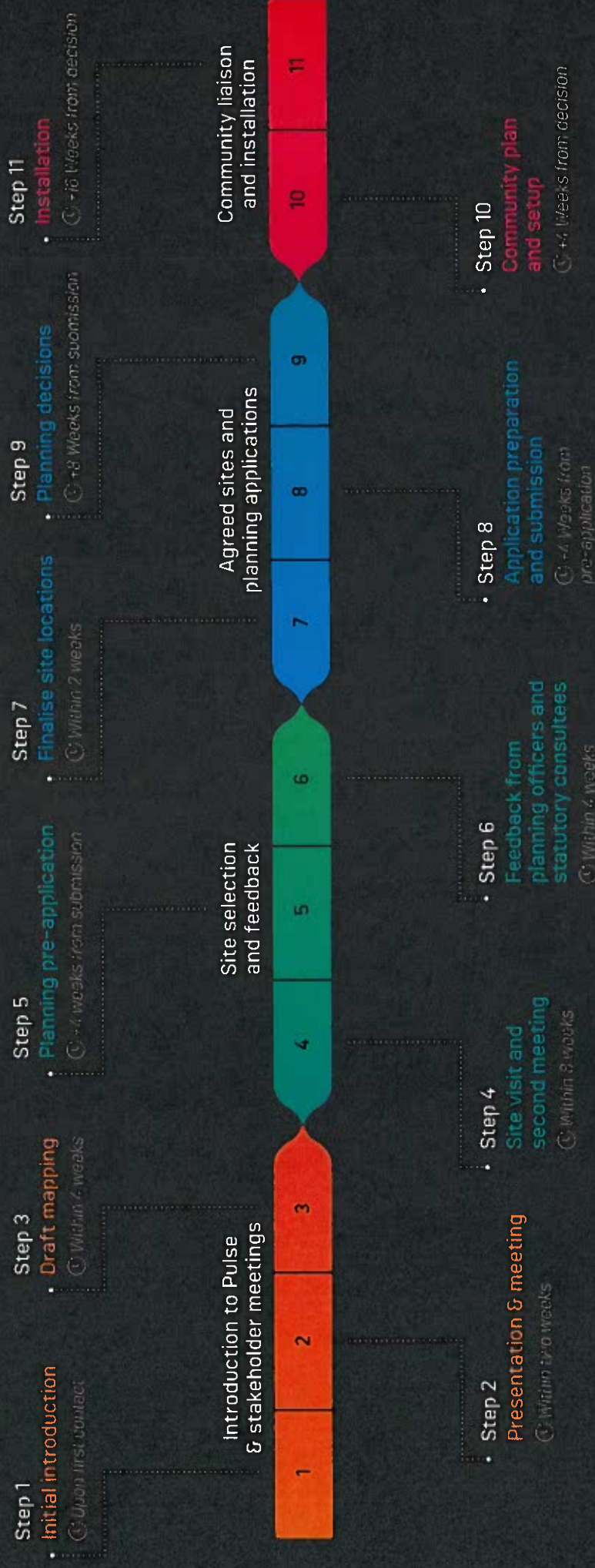
# The user experience





# Timeline to installation

Our timeline runs from initial introductions with key stakeholders, through to the planning process, community engagement and installation.





Communication is at the heart of everything we do. The relationships and partnerships we establish are for now and the future.

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Date	Time	Event Name	Location	Activity	Age Group	Lead Organiser	If not the lead organiser - Potential support from the Town Council	Estimated Budget	
Saturday 1st March 2025	TBD	St Prans Day	Town Centre	Cornish themed events across the town	All ages	St Austell St Prans Community Group	Grant approved	£250.00	
Saturday 19th April 2025	TBD	Easter Fun Day	Poltair Park	Easter Egg Hunt, Bouncy Castle, Giant Lawn Games, Easter Day workshop	Primary School Children	St Austell Town Council		£983.00	Actual
Thursday 8th May 2025	TBD	VE Day Reflection (Light of Peace)	St Austell Library	1940's memorabilia, cream tea afternoon, commemoration service	All age groups	SALSA	Potential Grant	£150.00	
Saturday 17th May 2025	TBD	Party in the Park	Poltair Park	Town Council presence - to be firmed up after the elections.	All age groups	Stepping Stones Nursery	Mayor attended.	0	
Friday 30th May 2025	10am - 3pm	Climate Awareness Event	St Austell Library	Repair, Re-use, Recycle. Re-think Reduce Awareness Event	All age groups	St Austell Library/SALSA		0	
Friday 30th May 2025	10am - 3pm	Community Plant Swap (as part of Climate Awareness Event)	St Austell Library Front Garden	Host a plant swap on the lawn in front of the library. Childrens activities to include garden badge and seed bomb making	All age groups	St Austell Town Council		£200.00	
Friday 13th/Saturday 14th June 2025	TBD	St Austell Festival of Childrens' Literature	Town Centre and Library	Authors Workshops across the Town	Primary school children	St Austell Festival of Childrens' Literature CIC	Grant awarded	£1,000	
Wednesday 18th June 2025	6.30pm	Mayor Making Ceremony	Holy Trinity Church	Ceremony to commemorate the election of the new Mayor	Predominantly adults	St Austell Town Council		£2,000	
Saturday 21st June 2025	11am to 4pm	School Garden Welly Boot Competition (judging by the Mayor at 12pm)	White River Place (Summer Fayre Event)	Work with schools to create a colourful plant filled welly competition	Primary School Children	BID (Summer Fayre) St Austell Town Council (Welly Boot Competition)		£630.00	
Monday 7th July 2025	TBD	After school games in the park	Bethel Park	Traditional primary school games	Primary school children	St Austell Town Council		£100.00	
Wednesday 9th July 2025	TBD	After school games in the park	Truro Road Park	Traditional primary school games	Primary school children	St Austell Town Council		£100.00	
Thursday 10th July 2025	TBD	After school games in the park	Woodland Road Park	Traditional primary school games	Primary school children	St Austell Town Council		£100.00	
Monday 14th July 2025	TBD	After school games in the park	The Meadows	Traditional primary school games	Primary school children	St Austell Town Council		£100.00	
Wednesday 16th July 2025	TBD	After school games in the park	Linear Park	Traditional primary school games	Primary school children	St Austell Town Council		£100.00	
Thursday 17th July 2025	TBD	After school games	Poltair Park	Traditional primary school games	Primary school children	St Austell Town Council		£100.00	
Saturday 26th July 2025	TBD	Love Parks Week - Community Picnic In The Park	Bethel Park	Community picnic, childrens activities, music and dancing	All ages	St Austell Town Council		£2,000.00	
Thursday 14th August 2025	TBD	VJ Day Celebrations	Town Centre	Town Centre Fun Day - VJ Themed Event	All ages	St Austell Town Council		£3,000.00	
Saturday 23rd August 2025	TBD	Summer Fun Day	Truro Road Park	Stalls, animals, tombola and childrens games	All ages	Gover Community Group	Potential Grant	£0.00	
Saturday 13th September 2025	TBD	St Austell Pride	Town Centre	Pride celebration across the town	All ages	Cornwall Pride CIO/St Austell BID	Potential Grant	£0.00	
Mid October	TBD	Health & Wellbeing Fair	Town Centre	Local organisations promoting their health and wellbeing services. Speakers/music and entertainment	All ages	St Austell TC		£1,500.00	
Friday 31st October 2025	TBD	An afternoon of Halloween themed activities	Town Centre	Halloween Story telling, face painting and arts and crafts activities.	Primary school children	Town Council		£600.00	
Sunday 9th November 2025	TBD	Remembrance Day Parade and Church Service	Town Centre	Parade and church service	Children, young adults, adults and veterans	Town Council		£1,500.00	
November/December 2025	TBD	Christmas Celebrations	White River Place and Fore Street	Christmas activities across the town	All ages	St Austell BID	Christmas grotto and Father Christmas in the Market House on each of the four Saturdays on the run up to Christmas. Snow machines outside the Market House, bands and choirs singing and playing Christmas carols.	£5,000.00	
01 March 2026	TBD	St Prans Day	Town Centre	Cornish Themed events across the town	All ages	St Austell St Prans Community Group	Potential Grant	£0.00	
								<b>£19,413.00</b>	

NB: Funding for providing personnel/security to run the events is not included within the budget identified. This will be determined as the event organisation evolves.

Updated 23rd May 2025

