

St Austell Town Council



Community and Environment Committee

To: All Members of the Community and Environment Committee

(Councillors: Bullock, Cohen, Clemo, Hawken, Kimber, Lingham, Nott, Preece, Rowse, Stephens, Taylor, Thompson, Whitehouse and Young).

Dear Councillor

You are summoned to attend a **Meeting** of the **Community and Environment Committee** to be held at **Chi Austel, White River Place, St Austell, Cornwall, PL25 5AZ** on **Monday 14th September 2026** at **6pm**.

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Town Clerk

8th September 2026

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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 on 6th July 2026

**Pages
1 to 6**

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

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. Small Grants Scheme

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- Cornwall Performing Arts CIC
- SALSA
- St Austell Community Land Trust Ltd
- St Austell St Piran's Event

8. The House

(Purpose: To receive an update on progress with the renewal of the lease on The House). (Verbal update).

9. Remembrance Day Parade and Church Service – Sunday 8th November 2026

(Purpose: To receive an update on the arrangements for the Remembrance Day Parade and Church Service). (Verbal update).

10. CCTV Statistics

**Pages
35 to 36**

(Purpose: To note the CCTV statistics for the period January 2026 to August 2026). (Attached).

11. Climate Emergency Action Plan

**Pages
37 to 44**

(Purpose: To review and approve the updated Climate Emergency Action Plan). (Attached).

12. Projects Update

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

13. Dates of Meetings

(Purpose: Monday 19th October 2026 (if required) and 23rd November 2026).

MINUTES of ST AUSTELL TOWN COUNCIL COMMUNITY COMMITTEE held on MONDAY 6th JULY 2026 at Chi Austel, White River Place, St Austell, Cornwall, PL25 5AZ at 6pm.

Present: Councillors: Cohen, Clemo, Lingham, Nott, Preece, Stephens, Taylor, Thompson, Whitehouse and Young.

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

Also in attendance: Councillor Hamilton and A Etheridge (interpreter) and four members of the Youth Council.

CC/26/18 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Hawken and Kimber.

Councillor Taylor advised that she needed to leave early.

Councillor Preece took the opportunity to welcome Josh, Aurielle, Jabez and Henry, members of the newly formed Youth Council, to the meeting.

CC/26/19) Declarations of Interest

Councillor Clemo declared an interest in agenda item 9 (Imerys Singers), by virtue of the organisation using the Arts Centre as a venue to perform of which he is a Trustee and agenda item 9 (Sea Cadets) by virtue of his daughter being a member.

Councillor Hamilton declared an interest in agenda item 9 (Sea Cadets) by virtue of being involved with the organisation.

CC/26/20) Dispensations

None.

CC/26/21) Minutes of the Meeting held on 1st June 2026

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 1st June 2026 be signed as a correct record.

CC/26/22) Matters to Note

Further to minute number **CC/26/10** The Clerk advised that he had met with Mr Holbert from Mavericks to discuss the procurement process and now has a number of tender documents for review.

The Clerk advised that Cornwall Armed Forces Day was a success on Saturday 20th June 2026 (**CC/26/16**) and that a number of Town Council staff and contractors were in attendance to oversee the road closures.

CC/26/23) Public Participation

None.

CC/26/24) Youth Council

The Chair asked Members of the Committee and the Youth Council to introduce themselves.

The Chair explained the governance arrangements for the Youth Council and asked each Youth Council member to advise why they had volunteered to sit on the group.

During discussions, the young people advised that they would like to purchase some bug hotels, pollinators and refurbish the goal posts at Poltair Park and asked if they could draw on the Youth Council's budget to do this.

During discussion, Members thanked the Youth Council members for their update and supported their proposals.

The Clerk confirmed that the Youth Council has a budget of £1,000 and suggested that the Operations Manager costs up the purchase of bug hotels, pollinators and the refurbishment of the goal posts for discussion at the next Youth Council meeting on the 14th July.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Operations Manager costs up the purchase of bug hotels, pollinators and the refurbishment of the goal posts for discussion at the Youth Council meeting on the 14th July.

CC/26/25) Cornwall Council – PSPO Renewals – Dog Controls

The Clerk advised that Cornwall Council has four dog related Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPO) for renewal and has consulted key stakeholders, including Town and Parish Councils for their views.

Arising from a question, the Clerk confirmed that Poltair Park is the subject of a dog exclusion order, but it would be hard to enforce as there is a public footpath running through the park. He advised that it would be helpful to keep the dog exclusion order in force to enable enforcement should it be needed.

It was **RESOLVED** support the Public Spaces Protection Order renewals as outlined.

CC/26/26) Small Grants Scheme

Gunners Kids CIC

It was **RESOLVED** to award a grant in the sum of £250 towards the cost of their outreach work in St Austell.

Imerys Singers

It was **RESOLVED** to award a grant in the sum of £250 towards the cost of room hire, travelling expenses to support local charities and musical accompaniment fees.

Pondhu School

It was **RESOLVED** to award a grant in the sum of £250 towards the cost of purchasing new football and netball kits.

St Austell Sea Cadets

Councillor Hamilton advised that the Sea Cadets, after a lot of fundraising and grant assistance from the Town Council, purchased a mini-bus at the beginning of the year but it has left them with very little funds.

The club would like to upgrade the use of the minibus by purchasing a tow bar and trailer to enable them to transport boats and equipment for boating and other activities for the young people. Councillor Hamilton added that the Sea Cadets play an active role in the community and recently participated in the very well received Cornwall Armed Forces Day parade and always support the annual Remembrance Day parade.

A proposal to award the Sea Cadets £250 was lost.

A proposal to award the Sea Cadets £500 was carried 8 votes for, no votes against and no abstentions.

It was **RESOLVED** to award the St Austell Sea Cadets £500 towards the purchase of a tow bar and trailer.

St Austell Canoe Club

It was **RESOLVED** to award St Austell Canoe Club £250 to upgrade their kayak store.

CC/26/27) Eden Geothermal Liaison Group

Councillor Hamilton advised that if there were no volunteers from the Committee, he would be happy to be nominated.

It was **RESOLVED** that Councillor Hamilton be nominated to attend the Eden Geothermal Community Liaison Group meetings.

CC/26/28) Cornwall Destination Agenda

The Clerk advised that Visit Cornwall entered voluntary liquidation in 2025 and since then Cornwall Council and partners have been working together to shape a future model for a new sustainable destination organisation.

The group leading on the project have suggested that the new organisation could be funded through a four-tiered membership scheme, but it requires funding in the meantime to keep the existing website and social media presence running over the next few months whilst the changes take place. In addition, it is hoped that a Business Improvement District can be set up to manage the new organisation, but this will take 2-3 years to set up.

Private businesses have pledged funding to help plug the gap and all Town and Parishes are also being approached for contributions.

During discussion concerns were expressed about funding something that might not be sustainable but Members felt that on balance to provide a one-off contribution towards the setting up of a new organisation to replace Visit Cornwall is a positive for Cornwall's greater good.

It was **RESOLVED** to contribute a one-off grant in the sum of £500 towards the setting up a new organisation to replace Visit Cornwall.

CC/26/29) Cornish Language Policy

The Clerk advised that it would be a positive for the Town Council to adopt a Cornish Language Policy and would support Cornwall Council in their recent efforts to keep the Cornish culture and identity alive.

During discussion, it was suggested that the Policy could also be translated into Cornish.

It was **RECOMMENDED** to approve the Cornish Language Policy.

CC/26/30) Climate Action Plan

It was **RESOLVED** to note the updated Climate Action Plan.

CC/26/31) Projects Update

CCTV

The Clerk is still struggling to get more CCTV cameras at Polkyth due to connectivity. Enverveo has been chased to see if a solution can be found. A grant has been obtained from the OPCC for the additional cameras.

Young People Cornwall

Young People Cornwall remains an important local service and has agreed to facilitate the After School Games in the parks during July and August utilising the Town Council's trailer of games.

Anti-social behaviour

Priory toilets have been severely hit over the last 4-6 weeks with over £1500 worth of damage which has led to long periods of closure for repair. The Police are putting a business case together for the OPCC to extend the Hotspot funding for street marshals until 2028. No further details are known. The temporary/emergency accommodation figures have not been received from Cornwall Council so the Clerk will chase.

Grounds Maintenance Service

The bedding plants have been planted out and the grounds team have resumed the grass cutting round with the 6th cut underway. A full report on the grounds maintenance service is due to be considered at the Council meeting on Monday 13th July 2026.

Trinity Street closure

The partial closure of Trinity Street after some minor teething problems appears to be working better than expected and Classic Builders have a dedicated staff member in White River Place to answer any queries. The BID has advised that footfall is down, but Priory Car Park is not showing any adverse impact at the present time.

Arising from the above, concern was expressed with regard to the parking at the top end of Truro Road close to the Edgcumbe Triangle.

Library

Cornwall Council has commissioned a second survey of the library building but due to a lack of resource within the property team at Cornwall Council, negotiations have stalled.

CC/26/32) To consider excluding the Press and Public

It was **RESOLVED** that under Section 1 (ii) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the next agenda item in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

CC/26/33) Poltair Café

It was **RESOLVED** to:

1. Note the departure of the current tenant with effect from September 2026;
2. Authorise the Town Clerk to enter into a new Tenancy at Will, on a 6-month trial basis on condition that the café is regularly open and marketed well with assistance from the Town Council.

CC/26/34) To re-admit the press and public

It was **RESOLVED** to re-admit the press and public.

CC/26/35) Dates of Meetings

It was noted that the next meeting of the Community Committee meeting is on Monday 14th September 2026.

The meeting closed at 19:23

Small Grants Scheme

Application Form

PART B

1. Your organisation

Name of Organisation	Cornwall Performing Arts CIC
Charity/company number (if applicable)	Charity No: CIC No: 11883202
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?	Attached CIC 36 form which details the community aims of the organisation.

Please demonstrate your organisation's commitment to equal opportunities (please enclose any relevant policies)	We are committed to providing equal opportunities and our projects are open to all sections of the community. We have a very diverse group of students and trainees including members of the LGBT communities and participants with disabilities.
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2. Purpose for which the grant is sought

Project title:	St. Austell Zombie Walk and Halloween Workshop 2025
Description of project (please continue on a separate sheet if necessary):	The St. Austell Zombie Walk is a very popular annual event for all the family. It includes a Halloween Party, singing, Halloween picture making, Parade, Children's entertainment, Dance performances and a Dance along.

How would this grant be of benefit to the community in St Austell? please continue on a separate sheet if necessary):	The St. Austell Zombie Walk is suitable for all the family and brings many members of the local community together. It is open to all sections of the Community and has something for everyone to enjoy. It also utilises several of the Town's important spaces such as the Market House and White River Place. The Zombie Walk also benefits several local businesses in the Market House and the town centre who enjoy increased business and awareness. As well as St. Austell residents, the event also brings in people from other towns and villages, helping to promote St. Austell. There is disabled access to the upstairs of the Market House where the walk gathers, and Aylmer Square in White River Place where the workshop activities will take place is fully accessible. The event itself has a very feel-good atmosphere and encourages members of the community to interact with each other. It provides a safe activity and friendly for local residents to enjoy during the Halloween period and provides an opportunity for the community to come together and for people to celebrate Halloween with friends and family. We feel we work very hard to create and offer a range of Halloween activities for the town centre that families and the community as a whole can enjoy together. The event also provides opportunities for local people to get involved in volunteering, and also provides a performance opportunity for local students.
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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).	Attached safeguarding policy in addition
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3. Finance

What is the total cost of the project?	£550
Amount of grant applied for (Up to £250) *	£550
Have you previously received a grant from St Austell Town Council?	Yes
If "Yes" please indicate: a. When b. Amount received c. For what purpose	£250 for Zombie Walk £250 for Creative Writing

* 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)
St. Austell Bid	There will be a contribution, we don't have the figures as yet		Yes

4. Further information enclosed

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

5. Publicity

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

Dedicated thank you post on Facebook and Instagram, logo on flyers, mentions in Facebook and instagram posts and stories, verbal mention and thanks on the evening.

Please return your completed form to:

Sara Gwilliams
Deputy Town Clerk

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PART B

1. Your organisation

Name of Organisation	SALSA – St Austell Library Support Association
Charity/company number (if applicable)	Charity No: Company No: N/a
Are there any Members of St Austell Town Council on your Committee? (if so, please list them)	Yes - Sara Gwilliams – Deputy Town Clerk

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What are the aims and objectives of your organisation?	To support the Library staff and borrowers in arranging events for all ages and of all abilities, events that can be attended by all by either offering free entrance or at a minimal cost. To help combat isolation, loneliness and isolation in the local community by offering a chance to come and enjoy themselves in a safe, friendly environment. We have hosted talks by local authors, created a community garden for all to enjoy. It is a place of reflection where you can sit and read in peaceful surroundings. We have arranged children's entertainers, musical evenings, workshops for people with dementia, gardening parties for disabled people. Working in partnership with local schools/youth groups to learn how to play musical instruments and creating a book on WW1 and developing their artistic skills. Our main achievements include our Library garden make-over in 2014, our "There But Not There" commemoration of WW1 centenary and a successful event, straight out of the pandemic, with cream tea for the public to celebrate the Tour of Britain cycle race which Cornwall hosted in 2021. The very successful 65th Birthday and commemorations of V.E. Day & V. J Day, this year in 2025.
Please demonstrate your organisation's commitment to equal opportunities (please enclose any relevant policies)	St Austell Town Council's policies and CC policies

2. Purpose for which the grant is sought

Project title:	Benches for Bottoms
Description of project (please continue on a separate sheet if necessary):	New bench seating to allow easier access to tables for projects and workshops.

How would this grant be of benefit to the community in St Austell? (please continue on a separate sheet if necessary):	The staff / volunteers would find it easier to move and store without risk to themselves by carrying heavy weights. The benches would allow more people to access whatever project workshop the library was hosting.
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).	SALSA has its own Safeguarding Policy – 08/2026

3. Finance

What is the total cost of the project?	£520
Amount of grant applied for (Up to £250) *	£250
Have you previously received a grant from St Austell Town Council?	Yes/No yes
If “Yes” please indicate: a) When b) Amount received c) For what purpose	18/7/12 £250 SALSA start up 5/4/13 £250 community garden 8/7/14 £250 Leaflets 25/6/15 £250 garden 29/6/16 £250 Furniture 29/1/18 Mugs and cooker 13/6/18 There But Not There 22/1/2020 Mural, calendar and Tour of Britain, calendar on hold until 2020, but others events took place under Covid rules. 2/3/22 Jubilee £250 6/12/2024 £250 VE & VJ day & 65 th Birthday 01/12/25 – Christmas extravaganza-reindeers. 02/26 - £250 Easter bunnies event & other animals

* 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)
Salsa	£270	yes	yes

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.

Using the library webpages, Facebook and Instagram accounts, posters, word of mouth, local media, mailing lists.
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PART B

1. Your organisation

Name of Organisation	St Austell Community Land Trust Limited
Charity/company number (if applicable)	Charity No: Company No: Mutuals Register (no. 9797)
Are there any Members of St Austell Town Council on your Committee? (if so, please list them)	-

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What are the aims and objectives of your organisation?	The CLT is determined to make St Austell an attractive, vibrant, safe and affordable place to live. Its Steering Committee, which first met in December 2025 with members drawn from people with key areas of expertise and a determination to make a difference for the town, has created a 3-phase plan to create quality affordable housing for local people working in the town, and is looking for Members to join on the first phase of its mission. By redeveloping unused properties in St Austell, the CLT will create accommodation to suit working people and small families locally. Working with other groups and Stakeholders, the CLT are focused on making St Austell a great place to live, and a great place to visit. Our town used to be a jewel in the Cornish crown, and the CLT is passionate about rekindling the lost love for St Austell and its surrounding areas. Our stated Community Objectives are as follows: The CLT is formed for the benefit of the community in St Austell and the wider County of Cornwall. Its objects shall be to carry on with the express purpose of relieving financial hardship. The CLT will do this by providing and managing housing (including social housing) and providing assistance to help house people and associated facilities, amenities and services; the advancement of education, training or retraining, particularly amongst unemployed people, and providing unemployed people with work experience; the provision of workspace buildings and/or land on favourable terms, financial assistance, technical assistance, or business advice or consultancy in order to provide training and employment opportunities for unemployed people in cases of financial or other charitable need through help: in setting up their own business; or to existing businesses.
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Please demonstrate your organisation's commitment to equal opportunities (please enclose any relevant policies)	St Austell Community Land Trust believes that everyone deserves the opportunity to access safe, affordable housing and to participate fully in the life of their community. We value the diversity of the communities we serve and are committed to creating an organisation that is welcoming, respectful and inclusive for everyone. In delivering affordable housing and related services, the CLT will: • operate fair, transparent and objective allocation processes; • ensure policies are applied consistently; • provide information in accessible formats where reasonably practicable; • consider the needs of disabled applicants and tenants when designing or adapting homes; • work with managing agents and partner organisations to promote equality and inclusion; • respond appropriately to incidents of discrimination or hate-related behaviour affecting tenants or residents. A full copy of our EDI policy has been attached.
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2. Purpose for which the grant is sought

Project title:	St Austell CLT – Phase 1: 9 Truro Road
Description of project (please continue on a separate sheet if necessary):	The CLT has selected the vacant townhouse at 9 Truro Road as its first target property, having compiled and reviewed a pipeline of over 10 different potential sites for Phase 1 in and around St Austell town centre which could be suitable for conversion or redevelopment into affordable housing and mixed-use units. We see the initial Phase 1 project for the CLT as the: • Provision of 4 community-owned homes at LHA-rate rents, contributing to local affordable housing need; • Revitalisation of 1 large, prominent vacant site in St Austell; • Retention of housing as a community-owned, asset-locked resource in perpetuity with the ability to deliver further on these goals in future; • Increased housing security and stability for local residents; • Contribution to local economic resilience through increased occupancy and footfall in the town centre; and, • Improvement of EPC rating for all homes to at least a rentable rating.

	The CLT's targets in terms of expected community benefit are straightforward and, for the most part, measurable with relatively limited additional research. If agreed, this funding would be used as match funding for finance funding for Stage 2 of Cornwall Council's Early Stages Feasibility Bridging Fund, which requires 10% match funding. The funding would go towards legal costs associated with purchasing the building, costs related to technical/condition surveys and valuations, promotional campaigns for fundraising for our community share offer, site designs and drawings, and pre-application costs. Any underspend will be absorbed into other deliverables as a part of this Phase 1 project, including all elements mentioned in the Share Offer and Business Plan. Please see the full details of the project our Share Offer and Business Plan (click to open): • Community Share Offer • Business Plan • Rules • Find us on Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn
How would this grant be of benefit to the community in St Austell? (please continue on a separate sheet if necessary):	Much of the real estate in the town centre remains in poor condition, with buildings suffering from poor energy efficiency and the need for structural work. Accordingly, property values are significantly lower than in other parts of Cornwall, rendering them an attractive investment proposition to a social developer able to undertake the additional work required to ensure the success of the project. Like many town centres across the county and beyond, St Austell suffers from a high number of vacant properties. These voids lead to the perception that the town centre is in decline, which brings with it a number of problems for the local community. St Austell was once a vibrant and wealthy area. Many of the buildings that have not been maintained carry significant history great aesthetic value. We believe that these buildings can be brought back into use, in order to allow the town centre to become the heart of the community once more. Therefore, we see great benefit in starting our project with our Phase 1 proposal, to create 4 LHA-rate homes owned and managed directly by the community, for local working people and families, in a property which has remained vacant for a number of years. Target customers are local key workers, professionals and small families with a strong connection to St

Austell and its surrounding parishes who are unable to access suitable, secure, and genuinely affordable housing through the open market.

Analysis of the housing rental market in St Austell town in May 2026 shows the average rental price per calendar month for a studio or 1-bed property being £682, and a 2-bed property being £1,029. However, it is important to note that this is a small sample size with high variance, with studios and 1-beds varying from £500 to £895 depending on individual factors, and with high-quality or newly-renovated 2-bed properties going for up to £1,150. Whilst affordable rents are pegged at 80% of market value, we are focusing on delivering self-contained LHA-rate private rental properties of a high quality, as we believe social-rate rentals are the right thing to deliver for St Austell.

Evidence from the CLTN Report – [The Housing Crisis in St Austell and Newquay: Community-led Solutions](#) – highlights acute unmet need among:

- Single people and small households, who make up the majority of local households, but who are poorly served by the existing housing stock, which is dominated by larger family homes
- Low- and modest-income working households, including those employed in key local sectors such as health, social care, hospitality, retail, education, and local services, where wages are significantly below the national average and housing costs are out of reach
- People in housing need on the Cornwall Homechoice register, including households experiencing homelessness, overcrowding, poor housing conditions, or insecurity in the private rented sector, with particularly high levels of need in St Austell and nearby communities
- Local residents displaced by high house prices, second home ownership, and short-term lets, which have reduced the availability of homes for year-round occupation and weakened community cohesion

The CLTN report also identifies strong demand for smaller, affordable rental homes and genuinely affordable routes to long-term housing security, delivered through community-led models that retain homes in perpetuity for local benefit.

Traditional property developers do not find the revitalisation of town centres to be attractive propositions. They perceive the risk to reward ratio to not be adequate enough to warrant taking on such projects, a perception that is hampered by high levels

	of institutional ownership of town centre properties, where landlords are able to stand the financial cost of the vacancies, and are not prepared to invest in alternative solutions. The CLT's projects are focused on changing that mindset and meeting long-term local housing needs, prioritising affordability, security of tenure, and stewardship for future generations, by revitalising town centres rather than serving the wider or speculative housing market.
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).	N/A

3. Finance

What is the total cost of the project?	£495,731 (£11,000 for Early Stages sub-project)
Amount of grant applied for (Up to £250) *	£250 We would like to be considered for a larger grant if possible. We would be happy to present. We would particularly welcome the Council to provide the grant in the form of withdrawable shares (as per our Share Offer), to provide the Council membership of the CLT and a vote within our organisation.
Have you previously received a grant from St Austell Town Council?	No
If "Yes" please indicate: a) When b) Amount received c) For what purpose	N/A

* 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)
Cornwall Council	Up to £160,000	In part – various application stages and funds to apply for in rounds £100 Community Chest – applied £10,000 Stage 2 Early Stages Feasibility Bridging Fund – applied £30,000 Stage 3 Early Stages Feasibility Bridging Fund – awaiting other stages £120,000 Remediation Fund – awaiting survey work and building acquisition	Yes In progress - -
Community Share Offer through Crowdfunder	Minimum £200,000 Optimum £250,000 Maximum £350,000 Includes match funding and other finance	Community Share Offer open 4 th July to 4 th October	£18,282 raised as of 28/08, plus £4,000 match funding from Innovation Nursery
Co-operatives UK Booster Share Fund	£50,000 match funding	Yes	In progress

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)	N/A

5. Publicity

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

The CLT will ensure that the Council is named and recognised as a funder on our website, and will recognise its donation through its social media channels. We would be very happy to display a supportive quote from the Council on our pages, too, as a testimonial for our project. We will also ensure that the Council are invited to any events that we run, including an eventual opening ceremony once the project is complete.

Please return your completed form to:

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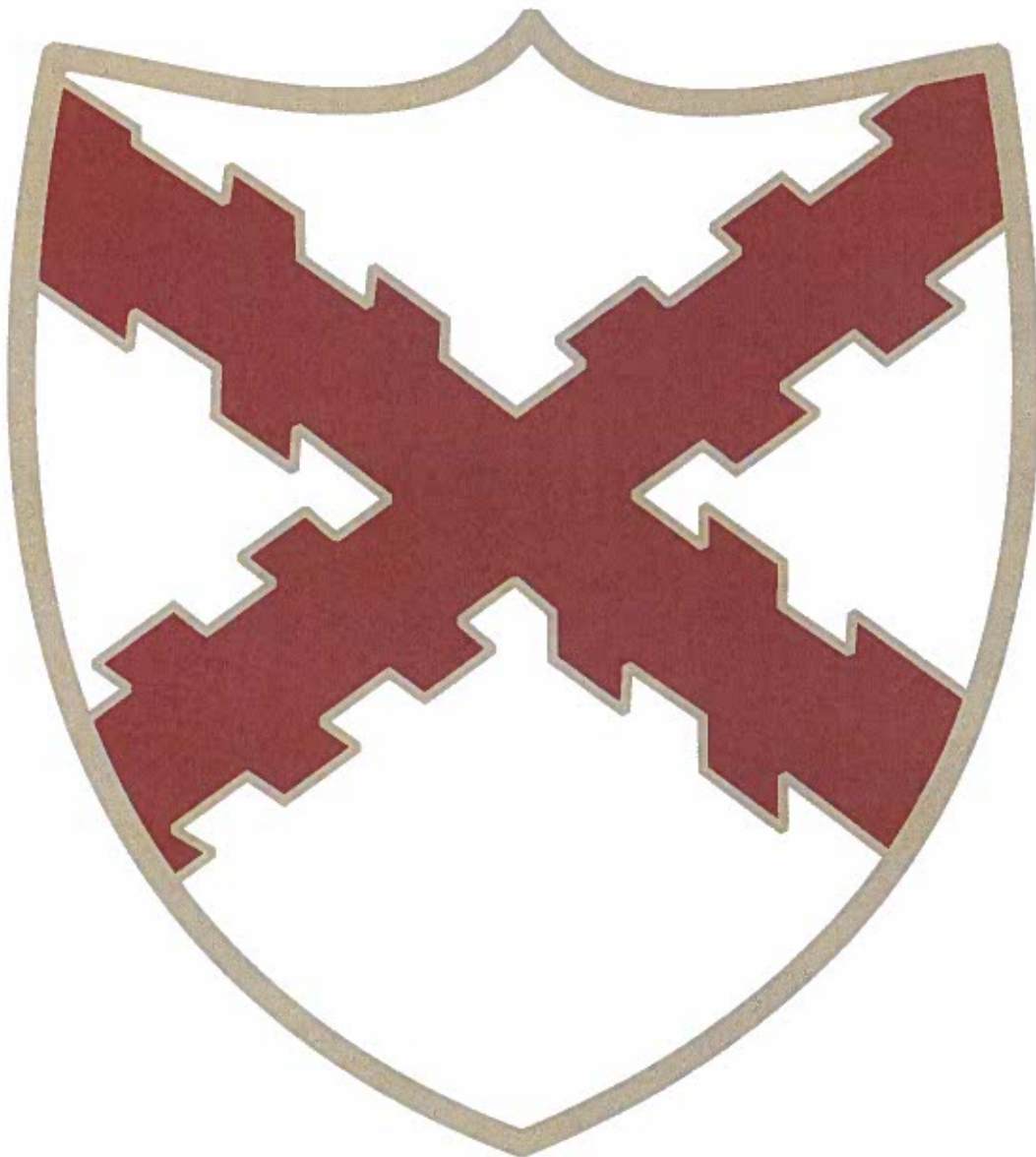
Application Form

PART B

1. Your organisation

Name of Organisation	St Austell St Piran's Event
Charity/company number (if applicable)	Charity No: Company No: N/A
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 celebrate St.Piran's Day in the St.Austell area - to encourage the goodwill and involvement of the wider community. - to foster community spirit and encourage civic pride.

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Please demonstrate your organisation's commitment to equal opportunities (please enclose any relevant policies)	We will promote the health and wellbeing of the residents of the area and to work together as residents irrespective of age, sex, ethnicity, ability, religion or political view. We will work with groups of a similar nature and exchange information, advice and knowledge with them, including cooperation with other voluntary bodies, charities, statutory and non-statutory organisations. We will involve volunteers (who shall not be members of the Management Committee) as are necessary to conduct activities to meet the objectives. We will be inclusive at all times.
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2. Purpose for which the grant is sought

Project title:	St Austell St Piran's Day Event
Description of project (please continue on a separate sheet if necessary):	This is a one-day community event for the whole of St Austell and outlying areas which has grown into a yearly event. St Austell is a large town that has not had a St Piran's event like other large towns. We want to bring the people together to have pride in their community and to be able to support the town centre trade. This is a free event for people to attend and experience Cornish culture in its music, history and language. As part of the event, we have: craft stalls which are free pitches. There are also Kernewek sessions run by a local Cornish language group. St Austell BID have previously funded the event insurance as part of their annual series of events in St Austell town centre. White River Place kindly give us event space for free. We hired the White Hart conference room for the Kres series of talks. Professional first aid cover will be provided at the St Piran's event due to new guidance. The St Austell St Piran's event is a not-for-profit event. On the day there is: a craft fair, Cornish cultural/heritage stalls, performances by local musicians and there is a parade around the town centre. The Kres Cornish Cultural Conference in the White Hart was very well attended and it is very popular. I am hoping to have a children's entertainer or children's ride at the 2027 event. The Market House hosted a craft fair on the same day as the St Piran's event this year which I promoted and I was able to put

	a few stalls in there. We utilise the whole town centre as much as possible so that it brings people into St Austell which will benefit local traders.
How would this grant be of benefit to the community in St Austell? (please continue on a separate sheet if necessary):	The grant will benefit the people of St Austell as it will enable us to stage the cultural/ heritage element of the event. It will also enable us to pay for a road closure and first aid cover. The grant will help to foster community spirit in St Austell and educate the people of St Austell about Cornish culture/ music.
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).	All children that attend the event are under adult supervision. We also have 4 volunteers that are DBS checked who are marshals. See attached our safeguarding policy and missing child policy.

3. Finance

What is the total cost of the project?	£1,073 for the 2027 event.
Amount of grant applied for (Up to £250) *	£500
Have you previously received a grant from St Austell Town Council?	Yes/No
If "Yes" please indicate: a) When b) Amount received c) For what purpose	Monday 28th March 2022 £500 The money was spent on hiring local performers/ musicians and for a film regarding the history of Mid Cornwall which was shown at the Kres conference. A Grant was awarded on the 05/06/23 of £250 The money was spent towards the cost of the Kres conference.

	A grant was awarded on the 10/09/24 of £250 and the money was spent on the Kres conference. A grant was awarded on the 25/11/25 for £500 of which £425 I paid back due to receiving other funding. £75 was spent towards the cost of one of the musicians.
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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)
St Austell Brewery Charitable Trust	£500	✓	
Cornwall Council's Community Chest from 2 Reform Cllrs	£400	✓	

4. Further information enclosed

Information	Enclosed (please tick)
A copy of your organisation's most recent bank statement(s) (mandatory)	✓
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)	I have provided a costings with starting balance and outgoings.

5. Publicity

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

The Town Council logo will be on the event poster PNG which will be promoted on: Facebook, on the St Austell St Piran's event social media page, What's on Cornwall 365 website. White River's website/ social media page, St Austell BID website/ social media page and lot's of event promoting social media pages.

CCTV STATISTICS 2026

	NEWQUAY INCIDENTS (LIVE)	NEWQUAY ARRESTS (LIVE)	NEWQUAY ATVS (footage requests)	ST ALUSTELL INCIDENTS (LIVE)	ST ALUSTELL ARRESTS (LIVE)	ST ALUSTELL ATVS (footage requests)
JANUARY	308	22	11	166	11	14
FEBRUARY	372	26	11	175	8	7
MARCH	383	20	11	180	10	10
APRIL	450	19	18	226	11	15
MAY	512	26	21	182	16	15
JUNE	462	14	13	209	10	19
JULY	585	19	26	210	18	16
AUGUST	588	27	29	168	12	15
SEPTEMBER						
OCTOBER						
NOVEMBER						
DECEMBER						
Total						

	Incidents	Arrests	ATVs
Totals overall			

St Austell Town Council



Climate Emergency Action Plan 2026

Action	Responsible Officer/Committee	Deadline	Progress	Complete
Explore the potential to purchase energy from renewable sources for Priory Toilets, Poltair Park and town centre electric point.	Town Clerk Finance and General Purposes Committee	Sept 2026	A high proportion of the energy purchased is renewable.	Closely monitoring
Develop a tree planting programme to compliment the Forest for Cornwall	Operations Manager Council	Ongoing	737 trees planted since 2017. All larger trees planted are logged with Forest for Cornwall. Around 25 trees are being brought on at the Town Council's nursery.	Ongoing

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Installation of a polytunnel to allow the re-cycling of plants and growing on of trees/shrubs and creation of a tree nursery.	Operations Manager Community Committee	Ongoing	Polytunnel well used since 2022 for the growing on of plants and trees. 150 plants have this year been grown plugs in the polytunnel and the nursery is currently housing around 25 young trees to be brought on for planting when they are mature enough.	Fully operational.
Review horticulture service/employ a horticultural apprentice dependent on workloads.	Town Clerk/Deputy Town Clerk/ Operations Manager Council	February 2021/ ongoing	Town Council has authorised the employment of another apprentice.	Recruitment late summer 2026.
Development of a Parks and Open Spaces Strategy	Town Clerk/Operations Manager Community Committee	March 2021/ ongoing	Signed off by Council 22.03.21. Review due in Autumn 2026	
Develop Environmental Policy based on good practice identified by Cornwall Council.	Deputy Town Clerk Community Committee	April 2021/ ongoing	Reviewed and approved July 2024. Biodiversity Policy reviewed in January 2026.	
Assist Community Groups to enter SWIB In Your Neighbourhoods	Deputy Town Clerk Community Committee	August 2026	Library entered in 2026. Result awaited.	

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Street Lights. Explore energy saving measures for Town Council owned street lights.	Operations Manager Finance & General Purposes Committee	Ongoing	Town Council street lights being replaced with LED's on a phased basis. Comprehensive replacement cost prohibitive. Survey will determine which lights are end of life and should be converted to LED	Awaiting Eneveo to complete the remaining 20% of the survey
Community Engagement	Operations Manager Climate & Environment Committee	Ongoing	TC worked closely with CASA. Councillors support CASA events where they can. Rotary Club carrying out planting and litter picks across various sites.	Ongoing
Explore carbon accounting for Town Council activities.	Town Clerk Climate & Environment Committee	December 2021/ongoing	Potential solution identified. Insufficient resource currently to complete project.	To be progressed

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Consider suitable buildings for photovoltaic panels and explore viability	Town Clerk Finance and General Purposes Committee	May 2025	Priory Car Park Toilets identified and approved by full Council. Mount Charles Social Club To be explored	To be progressed. To be explored
Consider how best to engage with the town's residents to raise awareness of climate change issues.	Deputy Town Clerk Community Committee	Ongoing	A further climate awareness event and plant swap took place at the library on 5 th June 2026.	Event took place at the Library 05.06.26
Enhancement of current wildflower areas	Operations Manager Community Committee	Ongoing	Wildflower areas maintained at various locations across the town.	Areas reseeded in spring 2026
Follow a buy local policy to support local businesses and reduce miles travelled by goods.	All officers Council	Ongoing	Unless mitigating factors prevail, local suppliers and contractors are used.	
Improvement of Multi Use Trails	All officers Council	Ongoing	Signage improved by Sustrans and Rotary Club in partnership with Town Council. Trail at Tremena Gardens improved.	Signage due to be cleaned and painted again by the Rotary Club - Completed

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Provision of battery-operated grounds maintenance equipment	Operations Manager Community Committee	Ongoing	2 battery operated blowers acquired.	Foreman attended a recent battery operated machine demonstration day and reported that the technology has improved. OM organising a trial of battery operated strimmers with the dealership

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Engagement with young people to encourage environmental issues	Deputy Town Clerk Community Committee	Ongoing	Litter picks in Poltair Park and new litter bin purchased for the park on the recommendation of Young People Cornwall. YPC facilitating Summer Games in the Parks. Youth Council created.	Last event 28.08.26 Funding approved for the Youth Council to install bug hotels – OM to organise the purchase
Landrew Road community garden	Operations Manager Community Committee	Ongoing	Growing group of volunteers at the garden. Compost toilet created, covered area erected utilising re-claimed wood and regular composting at the site	Ongoing

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Planning & Regeneration Committee to look favourably on planning applications where it can be demonstrated that consideration has been given to the impact the proposal has on the environment and mitigating actions put in place.	Town Clerk Planning & Regeneration Committee	Ongoing	National policy changes introduced regarding biodiversity. Committee has raised environmental concerns and issues for a number of planning applications and will continue to do so.	
Purchase re-cycled material where possible	Operations Manager Community Committee	Ongoing	All new benches, tables and safety surfacing in parks are now made from recycled materials.	
Repairing play equipment rather than buying new.	Operations Manager Community Committee	Ongoing	Winter maintenance includes comprehensive repairs and servicing which should extend the life of play equipment. Local engineering company used to manufacture and repair some parts.	

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Review of the grounds maintenance service. • Grass cutting • Footpath maintenance • Wildflower areas • Weed control	Town Clerk/Operations Manager Council	July 2026	A report is being produced for Councillors to consider at the full Council meeting on 13 th July 2026.	Further report being prepared for Oct Council meeting.