

St Austell Town Council

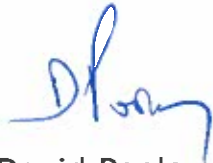


Community Committee

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 24th February 2025 at 6pm.**



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Town Clerk

18th February 2025

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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 25th November 2025** **Pages 1 - 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. Small Grants Scheme** **Pages 7 to 42**
- Barney & Echo, Mindfulness and Internet Safety Project
 - Go Shopmobility St Austell
 - Merlin Neuro Therapy Centre
 - St Austell Festival of Children's Literature CIC
 - St Austell Sea Cadets (to follow)
 - The Farming Mother
 - Three Bays Wildlife (to follow)
- 8. Draft Events Programme** **Pages 43 to 52**
- (Purpose: To consider a draft events programme for the 2025/26 financial year). (Report attached).
- 9. Countrywide 20mph Speed Limits – Phase 3 St Austell Re-consult** **Pages 53 to 58**
- (Purpose: To respond to the consultation received from Cornwall Council). (Correspondence attached)
- https://www.engagespace.co.uk/cornwall/consultation_Dtl.aspx?consult_Id=2370&status=2&criteria=I&DisplayMode=Details

10. Application for pharmacy

(Purpose: To note the NHS decision regarding an application for a pharmacy at Carclaze). (Verbal report).

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 24th March 2025).

MINUTES of ST AUSTELL TOWN COUNCIL COMMUNITY COMMITTEE held on MONDAY 25th NOVEMBER 2024 at The Registrar's Office, Carlyon Road, St Austell, Cornwall, PL25 4LD at 6pm.

Present: Councillors: Double, Fox, Kimber, Pearce, Preece, Stephens, Thompson and Young

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

Also in attendance: Councillor Hamilton

CC/24/28) Apologies for absence

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

CC/24/29) Declarations of Interest

Councillor Fox declared an interest in Agenda Item 8 (Small Grants Scheme) as follows:

- St Austell Market House CIC – by virtue of knowing Mr Netherton and other Board Members;
- St Austell Amateur Operatic Society – by virtue of the production taking place at Cornwall College (Keay Theatre) where she is employed;
- Young People Cornwall – by virtue of being a Town Council representative on The House Steering Group.

CC/24/30) Dispensations

None.

CC/24/31) Minutes of the Meeting held on the 9th September 2024

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 9th September 2024 be approved and signed as a correct record.

CC/24/32) Matters to Note

The Clerk advised that a representative from Action for Children will attend the full Council meeting in January and a response has been received from Beryl Bikes confirming that they will not extend the trial in St Austell.

CC/24/33) Public Participation

There were two members of the public present. Mr Netherton (Market House CIC) and Mr Lewis (Pegasus Men's Wellbeing Centre CIC).

CC/24/34) Adult Education

The Chair welcomed Rob Sweetzer-Sturt, Head of Adult Education and Stacey Sleeman, Head of Skills (Cornwall Council) to the meeting.

Ms Sleeman advised that in August 2025 the Government's Adult Education budget will be devolved to Cornwall Council giving the Council complete control of the delivery of adult education in Cornwall. Through this deal, Cornwall Council will commission adult education across many service providers including Cornwall College.

Ms Sleeman advised that due to financial pressures and a drop in adult learners there is a need to rationalise the service which has resulted in a number of centres being earmarked for closure, including St Austell. Ms Sleeman advised that the affected learners have been contacted and arrangements are being put in place for them to complete their course. The options that have been offered to learners to complete their course are online learning, attending a learning centre in either Bodmin or St Dennis or attending Cornwall College. Funding is being offered for travel costs or loan of equipment or connectivity to learn online.

Mr Sweetzer-Sturt advised that they are gathering data to help them review and re-set adult education across Cornwall.

During discussion, Members raised the following:

- Disappointment that the Adult Education Team will not move into the new White River Place offices;
- The importance of Adult Education, particularly in St Austell where academic achievement is low;
- Concern that Cornwall College might not be able to provide an adult education ICT course;
- The need for face-to-face courses rather than on-line.

The Chair thanked Ms Sleeman and Mr Sweetzer-Sturt for their presentation.

CC/24/35) Small Grants Scheme

Pegasus Men's Wellbeing Centre CIC

Mr Lewis explained that the CIC has been in existence for 10 years and was set up to provide mental health support to men. Since Covid the referrals to the service have increased considerably and support is now provided to both men and women. Each referral receives 6 free counselling sessions after which time there is a sliding scale of cost depending on individual circumstances. The service in St Austell operates from the CN4C building in High Cross Street. Referrals come from the NHS, Mental Health Services, Social Prescribing and GP services.

It was **RESOLVED** to award a grant in the sum of £250 to Pegasus Men's Wellbeing Centre CIC for funding towards mental health support services in St Austell.

Councillor Fox left during the next item

St Austell Market House CIC

Mr Netherton explained that they had the opportunity to take possession of a Trudgeon Pipe Organ from Nanstallon Church, but they do not have the funds to re-build and re-furbish it. The Trustees are very hopeful that the organ once refurbished can be used for a regular programme of live events and concerts which would generate footfall into the town centre and boost the night-time economy.

It was **RECOMMENDED** that a grant in the sum of £1,000 be awarded to St Austell Market House CIC for funding towards the re-building and refurbishment of the Trudgeon Pipe Organ which has been re-located from Nanstallon Church to the Market House.

Councillor Fox returned to the meeting

Cornwall Air Ambulance Trust

It was **RESOLVED** to award a grant in the sum of £250 to Cornwall Air Ambulance for funding towards their HELi2 Appeal.

Councillor Kimber left the meeting

SALSA

It was **RESOLVED** to award a grant in the sum of £250 to St Austell Library Support Association (SALSA) for funding towards a new television/monitor screen.

St Austell Amateur Operatic Society

It was **RESOLVED** to award a grant in the sum of £500 to St Austell Amateur Operatic Society for funding towards their 2025 production "Legally Blonde".

White River Community Church

It was **RESOLVED** to award a grant in the sum of £78.89 to White River Community Church and Family Centre for funding towards childrens' face painting in the Market House over the festive period.

Young People Cornwall

It was **RESOLVED** to award a grant in the sum of £250 to Young People Cornwall for funding towards the installation of a bike rack outside The House.

CC/24/36) White River Project

The Deputy Town Clerk advised that Councillor Clemo is currently the Town Council's representative on the White River Project Steering Group and that it would be helpful to have another representative if Councillor Clemo is unable to attend. She added that the meetings are during the day, usually in the morning.

It was **RECOMMENDED** that a second Town Council representative on the White River Project Steering Group is nominated at the next full Council meeting.

CC/24/37) Projects update

The Clerk and Deputy Clerk provided an update as follows:

Town Centre Regeneration

- **Roof Top Garden.** Hayhurst Consultants are finalising the report which should be available by the end of December.

- **Poundland Banner.** The public voted for Banner B and this design along with the top 16 photographs, chosen by the public have been sent to the designer for a final draft to be produced.
- **Holy Trinity Church.** Two tenders were received and evaluated by the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Mei Loci, Heather Batho (Holy Trinity Church) and the Town Clerk. The preferred tenderer is local and is due to meet with Mei Loci and the Clerk later this week to discuss timescales and the materials specified.
- **Student Accommodation.** This project is progressing well, and initial feedback suggests that there is enough demand for student accommodation to justify further feasibility work.
- **Highways Improvements.** The terms of reference have been agreed with Cornwall Council with work on the project due to start shortly.

CCTV

5 additional cameras, approved by the Council have been ordered and should be installed shortly. The mobile camera is currently in the Bethel area.

Priory Car Park

The income is better than budgeted and the machines are working well. The Operations Manager has obtained planters for the lamp posts to increase the floral display in the car park and it is hoped to re-tarmac another section of the car park before the year end.

Anti-Social Behaviour

The Police and Crime Commissioner hotspot funding for additional security patrols has been well received but the funding is due to run out in January. Gatherings on the Market House steps are still a frustration to the public and Market House tenants. As with other towns, shop lifting is fairly prevalent, but on the whole the levels of reported ASB are low.

Allotments

The grounds staff will clear a vacant plot over the winter in time for the spring.

Grounds Maintenance

The Town Council's Grounds Maintenance Apprentice is progressing well, he has passed all mandatory qualifications and attends college on a Monday. The summer grass cutting round has finished and a programme of winter maintenance has started. The Regeneration Officer has submitted a CIL application for playground improvements at Landrew Road and the Meadows and the grounds staff have pressure washed all of the play equipment in the Council's parks. The safety surface at Prince Charles Park and Poltair Park has been repaired.

Public conveniences

The mens' toilets have had new urinals installed, and the disabled toilets are closed until the hoist has passed a stress test. This should take place tomorrow.

CC/24/38) Dates of Meetings

It was noted that the next meetings of the Community Committee are scheduled for Monday 24th February 2025 and Monday 24th March 2025.

The meeting closed at 7.40pm.

ST AUSTELL TOWN COUNCIL

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE – 24TH FEBRUARY 2025

SMALL GRANTS SCHEME - APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To consider funding requests received under the Town Council's Small Grants Scheme.

2. LEGAL AND RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES

The Council has the legal power to grant funding under the General Power of Competence which was formally re-adopted by the Town Council on the 17th May 2021.

3. RESOURCE ISSUES

The Council has earmarked the sum of £8,000 for the small grants scheme in the 2024-25 financial year. To date £6,459 has been awarded leaving a balance of £1,541.

4. EQUALITIES ISSUES

The Small Grants application form asks organisations to demonstrate their commitment to equal opportunities.

5. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

The environmental impact for proposed projects will vary for each grant application received.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Members:

- (i) Consider and determine whether they wish to support the grant applications received.

Background

The application forms for the funding requested are reproduced with this report. Supporting information for the grant applications (including financial) can be viewed upon request prior to this meeting.

1. Barney & Echo, Mindfulness and Internet Safety Project

A request has been received for funding towards a mindfulness and internet safety project in collaboration with Pondhu School.

2. Go Shopmobility St Austell

A request has been received for funding towards the printing of new leaflets promoting the service.

3. Merlin Neuro Therapy Centre

A request has been received for funding towards the replacement of an Anti Gravity Treadmill (AGT) and two Thera Trainer Bikes.

4. St Austell Festival of Children's Literature CIC

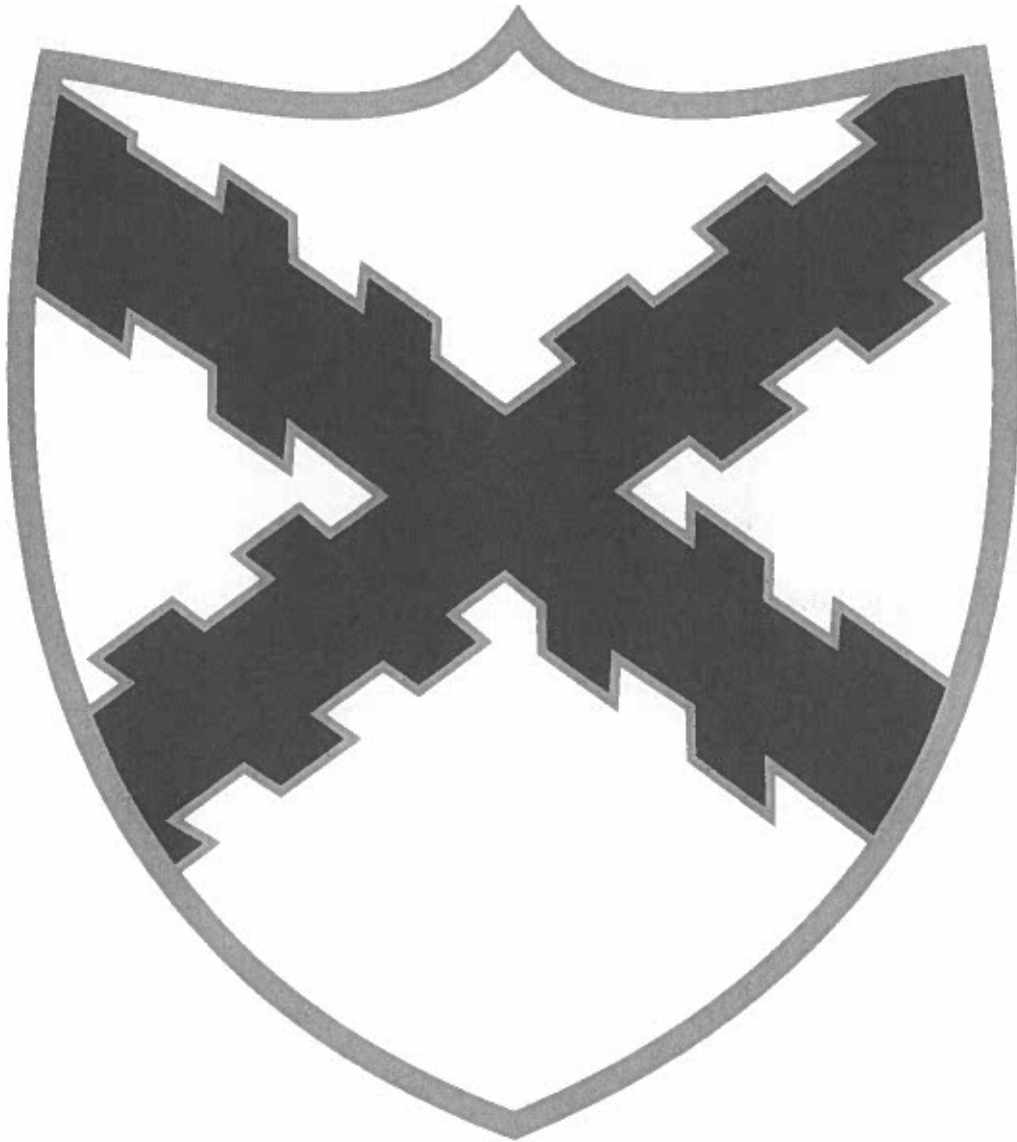
A request has been received for funding towards the St Austell Festival of Children's Literature 2025.

5. The Farming Mother

A request has been received for funding towards mental health support for parents of SEND children.

SARA GWILLIAMS
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK

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Small Grants Scheme

Application Form

PART B

1. Your organisation

Name of Organisation	Amber Bee CIC
Charity/company number (if applicable)	Charity No: Company No: 13992355
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?	The objects of the Company are to carry on activities which benefit the community and in particular (without limitation) to the provision of educational projects and activities in UK schools.
Please demonstrate your organisation's commitment to equal opportunities (please enclose any relevant policies)	Please find Equal Opportunities Policy attached.

2. Purpose for which the grant is sought

Project title:	Barney & Echo, Mindfulness and Internet Safety Project
Description of project (please continue on a separate sheet if necessary):	<p>School leadership teams in Cornwall are facing challenges related to children especially the 9-11yr olds who were socially isolated during the Covid-19 pandemic, misusing the internet, particularly concerning social media platforms. Meanwhile, a lack of education has left parents unequipped to manage their children's internet usage at home, bringing about more safeguarding and well-being issues in school. Children's mental health is being impacted, which may result in challenges in the future.</p> <p>To address these issues, we have collaborated with (junior) primary schools to offer educational support both in classrooms and at home. Our goal is to empower young children to protect their mental wellbeing and navigate online platforms safely.</p> <p>Specifically in St Austell, we have collaborated with Pondhu Primary School, liaising with the Head Teacher, Rachel Clift. We are applying for 35 participants in Key Stage 2 to access the Barney & Echo Project.</p> <p>Summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Benefit children between the ages of 9-11-years-old and their support network. • Interactive workbooks with parental input, teacher pack including lesson plans, supporting resources and material. • Implementation through the school network with live learning sessions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ten sessions, lasting 30-60 minutes. In-class study, as well as extra-curricular sessions. ➤ Home study, with prescribed parent/guardian activities to include wider family, with outcomes and feedback. ➤ Play script for either an intra- or inter-school production, allowing for community involvement. <p>The two project themes:</p> <p>Mindfulness is a program to help children cope with their emotions and make good choices. The focus of the project is to help children appreciate their community, understand their impact on others, increase optimism for the future and create resilience.</p> <p>Caught in the Web is a program to help inform children about safe use of the internet. The focus of the project is to raise children's awareness and comprehension of interaction with others online, cyber-bullying, misuse of gaming & social media and data protection.</p> <p>The project motivates participants to discuss openness, confidence and how they feel in stressful situations and discuss internet security, aspects that may cause harm and the potential lasting impact caused, in a fun and informative setting. Prior to transition into senior school, the purpose of the project is to inspire discussion between children and their peers.</p>

	<p>significant adults and the wider community, to promote the idea that mental health is just as important as physical health through the adoption of tangible techniques with a solid understanding of the dangers that may be faced when using the internet.</p> <p>We believe that the project themes will facilitate early intervention, promote more joined up health and social care and offer children the opportunity to create a life-long respect for their own mental wellbeing, whilst also providing beneficiaries with the tools they need to be able to use the internet in a consistently responsible, confident and independent manner, thus supporting the digital revolution by providing information to encourage users to make the most of their experience whilst staying safe.</p> <p>Please visit www.barneyecho.co.uk for a detailed insight.</p> <p>Post Project: Schools will be encouraged to create a 'Mindfulness & Internet Safety Club' which will be run by a panel of children with adult supervision, useful for communicating any new information and putting theory into practice in a safe environment.</p>
<p>How would this grant be of benefit to the community in St Austell? (please continue on a separate sheet if necessary):</p>	<p>Benefit for the Community:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased opportunity for open and honest discussion between children, their peers, parents and teachers. • Increased knowledge for parents, to educate and support their children competently. • Children moving to secondary school with confidence and online competence. • Help children to value their communities, with the potential for reduction in anti-social behaviour. • Help children appreciate that their time spent online can be detrimental to quality time spent in the physical world. • In addition, the staging of the Play(s) to a local audience may inspire the community to create platforms to discuss the topics. <p>Legacy: Early intervention at 9-11 years old can mean that young minds are educated and influenced for life. Well-educated children turn into well-educated adults, who are more likely to influence their own children and will ultimately comprise the next generation. The idea being that mindfulness and wellbeing may be generally improved for all. Mindfulness education has been shown to reduce stress, anxiety, reactivity and bad behaviour, which may lead to fewer instances of anti-social behaviour, crime or substance abuse. Educating children at an early stage can improve working memory, enhance planning, problem solving and reasoning skills ultimately improving their suitability for employment and their life chances can be greatly enhanced.</p> <p>£227.50 would contribute towards 35 participants, as well as significant adults and siblings, we estimate there will be approx. 90-100 individuals who will benefit within St Austell from this amount.</p>

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).	Please find Safeguarding Policy attached.
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3. Finance

What is the total cost of the project?	£227.50
Amount of grant applied for (Up to £250) *	£227.50
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	

* 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)	✓
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.

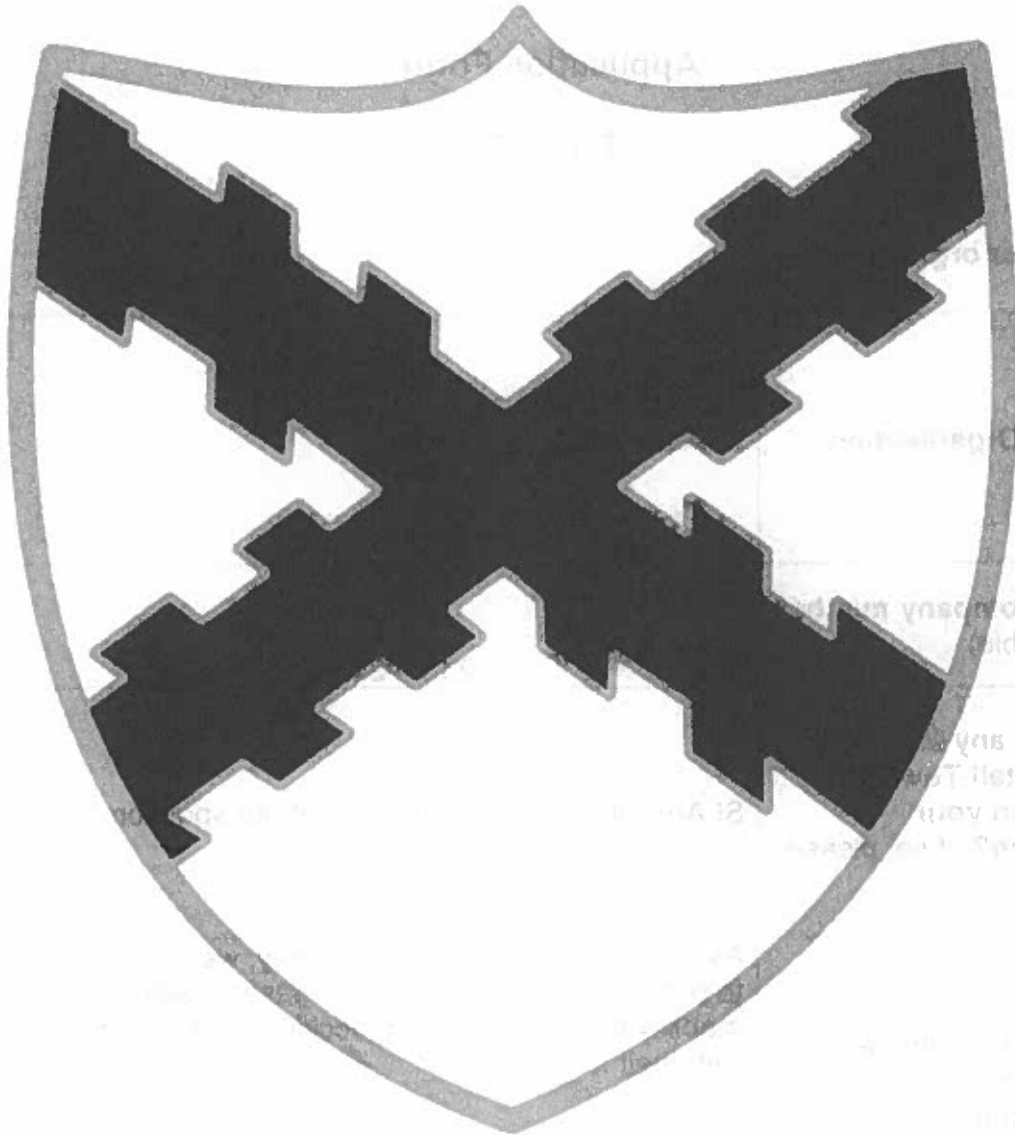
Beneficiaries will be aware that specific support has been provided for the project for the school by means of a specific logo or message included on the material provided. We will also publicise the project via social media platforms.

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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Application Form

PART B

1. Your organisation

Name of Organisation	Go Shopmobility St Austell
Charity/company number (if applicable)	Charity No: 1138033 Company No: 7151924
Are there any Members of St Austell Town Council on your Committee? (if so, please list them)	St Austell Town Council is one of our sponsors
What are the aims and objectives of your organisation?	As a wholly volunteer based charity, we are dedicated to providing those with mobility-based disabilities, poor mobility or recovering from accidents the require help with their mobility, but

2. Purpose for which the grant is sought

Project title:	Printing of new updated leaflets
Description of project (please continue on a separate sheet if necessary):	To print new updated leaflets to assist the charity with advertising and to make local people aware of the vital service we provide
How would this grant be of benefit to the community in St Austell? (please continue on a separate sheet if necessary):	It would benefit to the local community, by making them aware of the vital service we provide for people with disabilities or poor mobility, to empower them to attend appointments, shopping, days out and dining with their families, enabling them to enjoy our town and surrounding areas, allowing to maintain their independence, Although the charity has been going since 2010 it is surprising how many local people in and around St Austell are not aware of this vital service. We also hire out longer term equipment to those who travel here on holiday, which in turn helps the local economy.
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).	As a charity based around disabilities and wholly run by volunteers, most have learning difficulties, we also from time to time have a volunteer that is blind. Powered equipment is available to hire to anyone with poor mobility from the age of fourteen, and manual equipment that can be used from any age.

3. Finance

What is the total cost of the project?	£240-£250
Amount of grant applied for (Up to £250) *	£250
Have you previously received a grant from St Austell Town Council?	No; Not to our current committees Knowledge
If "Yes" please indicate: a) When b) Amount received c) For what purpose	

<p>Please demonstrate your organisation's commitment to equal opportunities (please enclose any relevant policies)</p>	<p>Go Shopmobility St Austell is a wholly volunteer run charity, most of our staff have learning difficulties, and other mental medical issues including from time to time a volunteer that is blind, all are treated as equals and if needed if there are any adjustments we are able to realistically make, to make it easier for them to be comfortable in the work place</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) (mandatory)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
A copy of your constitution (or similar document showing the organisation's status)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
A copy of your organisation's latest set of accounting statements (if any exist)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

5. Publicity

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

<p>As a current sponsor. St Austell Town Council already appears on our current literature</p>
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Please return your completed form to:

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Application Form

PART B

1. Your organisation

Name of Organisation	Merlin Neuro Therapy Centre
Charity/company number (if applicable)	Charity No: 1093691 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?	Merlin Neuro Therapy Centre, located in Mid-Cornwall supports adults, young people and children living with long-term neurological conditions and/or neuro diversities to access specialist therapies, support, and information in a safe, supportive environment to help them improve their physical and mental well-being.

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

1. **Diversity and Inclusion:** We prioritise diversity across all levels of the organization, ensuring that people from different backgrounds, cultures, and perspectives are represented and respected. Our hiring practices aim to be unbiased and are designed to attract a wide range of talent.
2. **Equal Access:** We focus on providing equal opportunities for growth and development for all employees, regardless of their background or identity. This includes offering training, mentorship, and career development programs that are accessible to everyone.
3. **Inclusive Work Environment:** We strive to create a supportive and respectful work culture, where all individuals feel valued and included. We foster open communication, encourage diverse viewpoints, and actively work to prevent discrimination, harassment, and bias.
4. **Accessibility:** We are champions in ensuring that our services, and workplaces are accessible to individuals with disabilities or any other challenges they may face. This includes accessibility features in our technologies and workplace accommodations for employees.
5. **Ongoing Education and Accountability:** We invest in ongoing education about diversity, equity, and inclusion for our employees and leadership. This includes training programs and regular assessments to ensure that our practices align with our commitment to equal opportunities.

2. Purpose for which the grant is sought

Project title:	Every Step Counts Campaign – Help Us Fun Vital Equipment
Description of project (please continue on a separate sheet if necessary):	<p>We are the only specialist neurological therapy Centre in Cornwall, providing support for people with neurological conditions. Our physiotherapy service is currently delivered in a purpose-built gym and hydrotherapy pool, utilising specialist adapted equipment, including an AGT, and five Thera Trainer bikes.</p> <p>Our Physiotherapy service aims to help individuals access specialised physical therapy and exercise activities as part of their physical therapy program at the Centre. In 2023, 288 beneficiaries accessed our physiotherapy service; an increase of 47% on 2022, with 2,438 sessions being delivered. Due to their chronic neurological condition most of our clients engage with the charity over many years. Anti-Gravity Treadmill™: Our current AGT was acquired in 2016, and was Cornwall's first AGT. Approximately 120 beneficiaries have used it in its lifespan. On average, 35 beneficiaries use the equipment annually, as part of their ongoing physical therapy program, amounting to approximately 720 annual sessions utilising the AGT.</p> <p>The AGT has been an invaluable part of many of our clients' rehabilitation programs. We can assist people to stand, walk and run with their body weight supported. They can move without the need for mobility equipment and carers or therapists supporting them, providing freedom of movement. It allows the team to work on building confidence, facilitating normal gait patterns, increasing exercise tolerance, balance, fitness and strength. There is also a significant psychological benefit from enabling people to move with greater freedom and independence. Our AGT supplier has informed us that from 2024, they will no longer be able to source parts for our current model, and will therefore be unable to safely service our AGT. We are therefore looking to secure funds to cover the costs of a replacement model.</p> <p>Thera Trainer Bikes: Our five Thera Trainer bikes are used on approximately 12,500 occasions annually in physical therapy sessions. The bikes can be used with almost every beneficiary at the Centre, and are adapted for almost every type of disability. Cycling promotes enhanced joint and muscle mobility and improves joint stability. Exercise can be graded according to muscle tone, and it can be used to develop strength and fitness, providing effective</p>

	<p>rehabilitation outcomes. Evidence shows that stationary cycling exercise, which employs reciprocal movement of the lower limbs and requires coordination of corresponding muscles, effectively improves people's gait and mobility. Using the arm bike function means beneficiaries can work on range of movement, strength, cardiovascular fitness and developing functional use of upper limbs, as well as supporting gait rehabilitation. Beneficiaries report improvements in mood, psychological and mental health by being able to exercise safely, and with increased independence. The two additional Thera Trainer bikes will be utilised by an additional 110 beneficiaries</p>
<p>How would this grant be of benefit to the community in St Austell? (please continue on a separate sheet if necessary):</p>	<p>As the only specialised neurotherapy Centre in Cornwall, we support people from all communities, but as St Austell is our closest town, we consistently see huge numbers of the St Austell community needing our therapy services. We currently have 214 clients from St Austell that use our services which equates to 36% of our total client base.</p> <p>Our volunteer led accessible transport van supports individuals from St Austell to receive our services if they cannot drive.</p> <p>Our volunteer led cafe offers fairly priced refreshments and lunch options to our local community who may be facing difficult financial times.</p>
<p>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).</p>	<p>The Merlin Centre is committed to putting in place safeguards and measures to reduce the likelihood of abuse taking place within the services it offers and is committed to ensuring that all those involved with The Merlin Centre will feel safe and be treated with respect. We offer children and young people the same protection regardless of age, disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sex, or sexual orientation.</p> <p>The Merlin Centre believes that everyone has a responsibility to promote the welfare of all children, young people, and vulnerable adults, to keep them safe and practice in a way that protects them.</p> <p>The Charity works with children and families as part of its activities, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of Sensory Integration Therapy, Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy. • Provision of Hydrotherapy. • Provision of Oxygen Therapy. <p>We believe that children and young people should never experience abuse of any kind. We have a responsibility to promote the welfare of all children and</p>

	young people, to keep them safe and to practice in a way that protects them.
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3. Finance

What is the total cost of the project?	£ 53,000
Amount of grant applied for (Up to £250) *	£ 250 (But we would like to be considered for any maximum amount available to our project)
Have you previously received a grant from St Austell Town Council?	Unsure
If "Yes" please indicate: a) When b) Amount received c) For what purpose	

* 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)
Claire Milne Trust	£12,000	x	Not known yet
National Lottery	£20000	x	Unsuccessful
Morrisons Foundation	£7,000	x	Not known yet
Aviva Community Fund	£25,000	x	Unsuccessful

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)	

5. Publicity

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

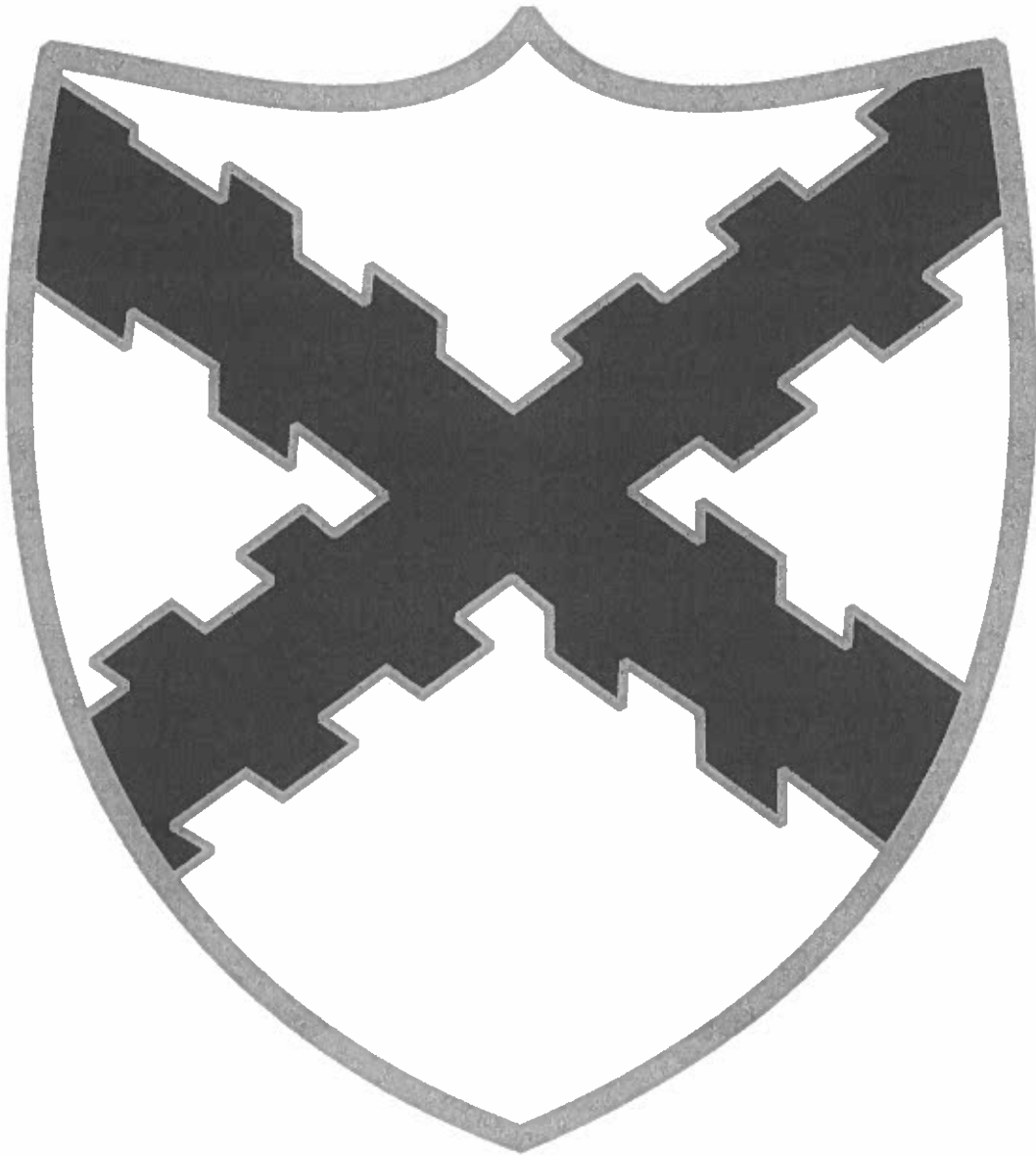
We will share St Austell Town Council's generosity using our online social media platforms and depending on the amount awarded, we have many other options for publicly acknowledging St Austell Town Council to our unique beneficiaries and growing audience.

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St Austell Town Council



Small Grants Scheme

Application Form

PART B

1. Your organisation

Name of Organisation	S Austell Festival of Children's Literature CIC
Charity/company number (if applicable)	Company No: 16170176
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?	Making a difference to young lives through the power of reading. Celebrate the fact that choosing to read improves life outcomes enable children to experience a live author event support families in choosing to read together inspire a community that embraces reading for pleasure.

<p>Please demonstrate your organisation's commitment to equal opportunities (please enclose any relevant policies)</p>	<p>The maximum ticket price will be £1 with free tickets given to families eligible for pupil premium funding.</p> <p>We have also attached our equality and inclusion policy</p>
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2. Purpose for which the grant is sought

Project title:	St Austell Festival of Children's Literature 2025
Description of project (please continue on a separate sheet if necessary):	Following the continued success of the festival we wish to continue the momentum. We have now registered as a Community Interest Company. This year the festival will take place on 13 th and 14 th June 2025. It involves a variety of workshops with a wide range of authors and illustrators of interest to families with children aged 2- 16. The events will take place in a number of venues within St Austell including vacant shop units, Studio 4 Dance, The Library, and two churches.
How would this grant be of benefit to the community in St Austell? (please continue on a separate sheet if necessary):	<p>Research shows that children choosing to read for pleasure has the biggest impact on life outcomes (even more than their parents going to university). Families reading together helps to sustain reading for pleasure as children grow up.</p> <p>Research from Book Trust and The National Literacy Trust shows that the number of children choosing to read, nationally, is still reducing. We want to reverse this trend in St Austell and the surrounding area.</p> <p>We know that footfall in the town car parks and shops increases on festival days. As part of the festival we want to underline in the community that good events happen in St Austell and we can be proud of our town.</p>
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).	Lead volunteers have level 3 safeguarding training. All volunteers will be given applicable safeguarding training. Safeguarding policy in place.

3. Finance

What is the total cost of the project?	£ 15000
Amount of grant applied for (Up to £250) *	£ 1000
Have you previously received a grant	Yes

from St Austell Town Council?	
If "Yes" please indicate: a) When b) Amount received c) For what purpose	November 2022 £500 festival in 2023 June 2024 £1000 Festival for 2024

* 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)
Children in Need	12000	Yes	
Community Chest	500	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.

We will add the Town Council logo to printed programmes and leaflets plus the festival website.

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St Austell Town Council



Small Grants Scheme

Application Form

PART B

1. Your organisation

Name of Organisation	The farming Mother CIC .
Charity/company number (if applicable)	Charity No: Company No: 14391004
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?	The farming Mother CIC's main aim is to enhance mental health and wellbeing support for SEND children and their parents. Providing accessible and inclusive
Please demonstrate your organisation's commitment to equal opportunities (please enclose any relevant policies)	Support and education sessions and resources through tailored sessions. We strive to empower families and advocate for their needs. The farming mother CIC is deeply committed to promoting equal opportunities for all regardless of background, Socio-economic status, or circumstances.

2. Purpose for which the grant is sought

Project title:	Empowering families: Support for SEND Parents and their wellbeing
Description of project (please continue on a separate sheet if necessary):	The farming mother CIC aims to address the critical issues of physical exhaustion and emotional distress experienced by parents, particularly those with children who have (SEND)
How would this grant be of benefit to the community in St Austell? (please continue on a separate sheet if necessary):	This grant will significantly benefit the community by addressing the pressing need for mental health and wellbeing support for parents of SEND children with 49.4% of parents reporting that they struggle to ask for help. Our project will create the supportive environment
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 members of the team are DBS checked and follow a strict safeguarding Policy guidance. please see attached documents

3. Finance

What is the total cost of the project?	£1000 → 10 weeks 1 session per week for 5 families.
Amount of grant applied for (Up to £250) *	£250
Have you previously received a grant from St Austell Town Council?	Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/>
If "Yes" please indicate: a) When b) Amount received c) For what purpose	

* 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)	
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.

as a Contributor to the Support project you would be promoted across our website and social media and any Press coverage locally and nationally with feedback from Parents testimonials stating the benefits of the Support

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Grant Application Proposal

Project Title: Empowering Families: Support for SEND Parents and Their Wellbeing

Description of Project:

The Farming Mother CIC aims to address the critical issue of physical exhaustion and emotional distress experienced by parents, particularly those with children who have Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). Based on recent feedback from our community, 63.9% of parents report feeling totally exhausted, with many struggling to ask for help. Our project will focus on providing tailored support services that empower parents to navigate their challenges while finding joy in their parenting journey.

Key components of the project will include:

1. **Wellbeing Workshops:** These sessions will equip parents with practical tools for self-care, stress management, and effective advocacy for their children.
2. **Peer Support Networks:** Establishing support groups where parents can share experiences and strategies, fostering a sense of community and reducing feelings of isolation.
3. **Resource Development:** Creating accessible online materials that provide guidance on managing physical exhaustion and maintaining a healthy work-life balance while advocating for SEND children.

How would this grant be of benefit to the community in St Austell?

This grant will significantly benefit the community by addressing the pressing need for mental health and wellbeing support for parents of SEND children. With 49.4% of parents reporting that they struggle to ask for help, our project will create an environment where seeking support is encouraged and normalised. By enhancing parents' wellbeing, we can improve their capacity to advocate for their children, thus fostering a more inclusive environment for SEND families in St Austell.

Moreover, by increasing overall parenting satisfaction—currently only 43.4% of parents feel reasonably joyful in their parenting experience—we can help families thrive emotionally and socially. This, in turn, will contribute to a stronger, more resilient

community, where families feel supported and empowered to engage fully in community life.

What arrangements do you have in place to ensure safeguarding of children and young people?

The Farming Mother CIC prioritises the safeguarding of children and young people in all our initiatives. We have established the following arrangements:

- Staff Training: All staff and volunteers undergo comprehensive safeguarding training, ensuring they are equipped to recognize and respond to any safeguarding concerns.
- Policy Framework: We have a robust safeguarding policy in place, which outlines our commitment to protecting children's welfare and the procedures for reporting concerns.
- Parental Consent: We will obtain consent from parents for any activities involving their children, ensuring transparency and trust in our processes.
- Confidentiality Protocols: We maintain strict confidentiality regarding all personal information shared by families during workshops and support sessions.

By implementing these measures, we aim to create a safe and supportive environment where families can thrive. We believe that with the support of this grant, we can make a meaningful difference in the lives of SEND families in St Austell. Thank you for considering our proposal.

Aims and Objectives of The Farming Mother CIC

Aims:

The primary aim of The Farming Mother CIC is to enhance the mental health and wellbeing of parents, particularly those with children who have Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). We strive to empower families by providing tailored support services that foster resilience, reduce feelings of isolation, and promote joy in parenting.

Objectives:

1. **Provide Wellbeing Support:** To offer workshops and resources that equip parents with practical self-care strategies, stress management techniques, and advocacy skills for their children with SEND.

2. **Establish Peer Support Networks:** To create safe and welcoming peer-led support groups, enabling parents to share experiences, challenges, and successes, thereby fostering a sense of community.

3. **Increase Access to Resources:** To develop and disseminate accessible online materials that guide parents on managing physical exhaustion, advocating for their children, and maintaining a healthy work-life balance.

4. **Enhance Parenting Satisfaction:** To improve the overall parenting experience by promoting joy and fulfilment in daily interactions, thereby contributing to the emotional health of both parents and children.

Commitment to Equal Opportunities

The Farming Mother CIC is deeply committed to promoting equal opportunities for all families, regardless of their background, socio-economic status, or circumstances. Our commitment is demonstrated through the following actions:

1. **Inclusive Programs:** We ensure that our services are accessible to all families, including those from disadvantaged backgrounds. We actively reach out to underrepresented groups within the community to encourage their participation in our programs.

2. **Non-Discriminatory Practices:** Our organization adheres to strict non-discrimination policies, ensuring that all individuals are treated with respect and dignity. We provide an environment where everyone feels valued and included, regardless of their race, gender, disability, or socio-economic status.

3. Feedback and Adaptation: We regularly seek feedback from participants to understand their needs better and adapt our services accordingly. This ensures that our programs remain relevant and effective for all families, allowing us to cater to diverse experiences and challenges.

4. Diverse Representation: We strive to have a diverse representation within our staff and volunteer base, reflecting the community we serve. By fostering a team with varied backgrounds, we enhance our understanding of the unique challenges faced by different families.

Through these initiatives, The Farming Mother CIC is dedicated to creating an equitable environment where all families can access the support they need to thrive, ultimately contributing to a stronger and more inclusive community.

ST AUSTELL TOWN COUNCIL
COMMUNITY COMMITTEE – 24th FEBRUARY 2025
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS – 2025/26

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To consider a draft Schedule of Events for the 2025/26 financial year.

2. LEGAL AND RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES

Each event organised by the Town Council will need to be insured, risk assessed and resourced as appropriate to ensure that it is run professionally and safely.

3. RESOURCE ISSUES

The Council has earmarked the sum of £30,000 for events in the 2025/26 financial year. The civic events identified will be funded from the civic budget.

Officer resource for resourcing events is very limited. Additional resource to help run/manage events will need to be bought in.

Assistance from Volunteers/Members will be sought where appropriate.

4. EQUALITIES ISSUES

Events will take place across the Parish of St Austell and risk assessed to ensure that they are accessible.

5. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

Suitable measures will be put in place if the risk assessment identifies an environmental impact arising from the event.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is RECOMMENDED that Members:

- (i) Consider and approve the draft schedule of events for 2025/26;
 - (ii) Approve match funding in the sum of £2,000 for a bid to the Community Capacity Fund for equipment to support the events programme;
 - (iii) Approve a three-year contract with Eat: Festivals commencing in 2026 subject to St Austell BID contributing to the costs involved.
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Background

A draft Schedule of Events running from 1st March 2025 to 31st March 2026 has been drafted by the newly appointed Library and Community and Projects Officer (Appendix 1).

The document is a working document and will be updated regularly as the events evolve. The updated document will be reported regularly to this committee.

Operating the Events

Insurance

Where the Town Council is identified as the lead organisation, the Town Council will oversee, insure and provide the resource to ensure that the event is run professionally and safely.

Where the lead body for an event has been identified as another organisation, the Town Council might provide an activity or resource for that event but the overall responsibility for the event will lie with the lead organisation. The Town Council will insure and resource its element within the overall event.

Grants

In some instances, providing a grant for an event has been identified as the Town Council's support towards an event rather than providing a physical activity.

In this scenario, we will encourage the lead body to approach the Town Council for funding and Members can determine whether the funding will be taken from the Small Grants Scheme or from the Town Council's Events Budget.

Resourcing the Event

If the Town Council is the lead body for an event, it will be responsible for ensuring that it is fully resourced.

Volunteers/Councillors will be used as much as possible, but some events, particularly the large-scale events will need a number of persons to ensure that it is run safely, and the events budget will be utilised to buy in resource to facilitate this.

Community Capacity Fund – Equipment to support the events

Your officers are mindful to put a funding application to the Community Capacity Fund for equipment to support the events programme. Equipment identified so far:

- Trailer (to take equipment to and from events)
- Giant park games
- PA system

In order to make the funding application more attractive, it is your officers view that the Committee earmarks £2,000 from the Events budget by way of match funding.

Eat Festivals - food and drink festival

The Town Council has been approached by St Austell BID to partner with them to facilitate an “Eat: St Austell” - food and drink festival in May 2026. The commitment would be over a 3-year period as follows:

1st year - £3,500

2nd year - £2,500

3rd year (and subsequent years) - £2,000

The festival would be run by “Eat: Festivals” who have been very successful across the Southwest bringing much needed footfall into town centres.

Bodmin Town Council contracted with Eat: Festivals in 2024 and upon enquiries, advised that the event was a resounding success and attracted approximately 5,000 people to the town.

Due to its success the Eat: Festivals are becoming very popular and if the Town Council/BID wish to proceed a booking needs to be made as soon as possible to secure an event in 2026.

More information on Eat Festivals can be found at the following link:

[eat:Festivals | south-west food and drink festivals](#)

It is RECOMMENDED that Members:

1. Consider and approves the draft Schedule Events at Appendix 1;
2. Approve match funding for a bid to the Community Capacity Fund for equipment to support the events programme;
3. Approve a three-year contract with "Eat Festivals" commencing in 2026 on condition that St Austell BID contributes towards the costs involved.

SARA GWILLIAMS
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK

eat:St Austell



We produce busy one-day local food & drink festivals in the heart of your town



Introduction

We are interested in working with you to create a festival in St Austell that delivers a great free day out for local residents and visitors, engenders civic pride, provides a seasonal opportunity for businesses and creates a busy trading opportunity for local food & drink producers.

Our aims are to benefit local businesses, families, primary food & drink producers from within 30 miles and to showcase the diversity of St Austell.

Who are we?

We are Bev & Sarah Milner Simonds. We are multi award-winning event organisers who are on a mission to celebrate the fantastic food & drink produced here in the West Country. We run a not-for-profit social enterprise that aims to reconnect people to the productive countryside that surrounds them. We have been doing this since 2012 with a steadily increasing number of food and drink festivals.

We run a social enterprise that brings together micro and small producers to curate exceptional community focused food and drink festivals that deliver for the town and the producers.

In 2024 we will deliver 29 local food & drink festivals in 22 towns and cities. Each festival is very much of the place we are hosted by. We work with community groups and local businesses to showcase local food & drink producers from the surrounding countryside. During the day we run free talks, competitions, craft, or immersive theatre as well as the market. The events are a busy, entertaining day and we receive positive feedback from stallholders and participating businesses. We attract in the region of 5-25,000 people per festival, depending on the scale.

What's the plan?

We have been invited to play a role in placemaking projects and economic regeneration work in an increasing number of towns. **As our geographic spread has grown our producer roster has also grown, but our 30-mile target means that some producers in the south of the region don't get to trade with us as often as they would like.**

This will be our first event in St Austell and so we want the scale to be right – we want to include core elements, achieved professionally. Our plan is that this festival is a new regular event in the St Austell calendar.

We will:

- Ensure that the entertainment, seating and elements that maximise dwell time are positioned to ensure pedestrian circulation throughout the chosen area.
- We will attract, vet, book and manage food & drink producers who are, where possible, local to St. Austell. We are not a travelling circus of producers.
- The festival will have non-food stalls too – like growers, makers & creatives, all with a connection to the land.
- Our layout will be agreed with you. Any layout will ensure excellent pedestrian access to any neighbouring businesses and a safe fire route.

We would prefer to develop an annual event, adding to your calendar, growing, developing, and improving year-on-year. We would prefer a multi-year agreement with break clauses to enable long-term planning and relationships: but would not reject a one-year trial.

We will work alongside Discover St Austell, White River Place, St Austell BID and St Austell Town Council to create a festival that gives residents a reason to explore and discover their town centre.

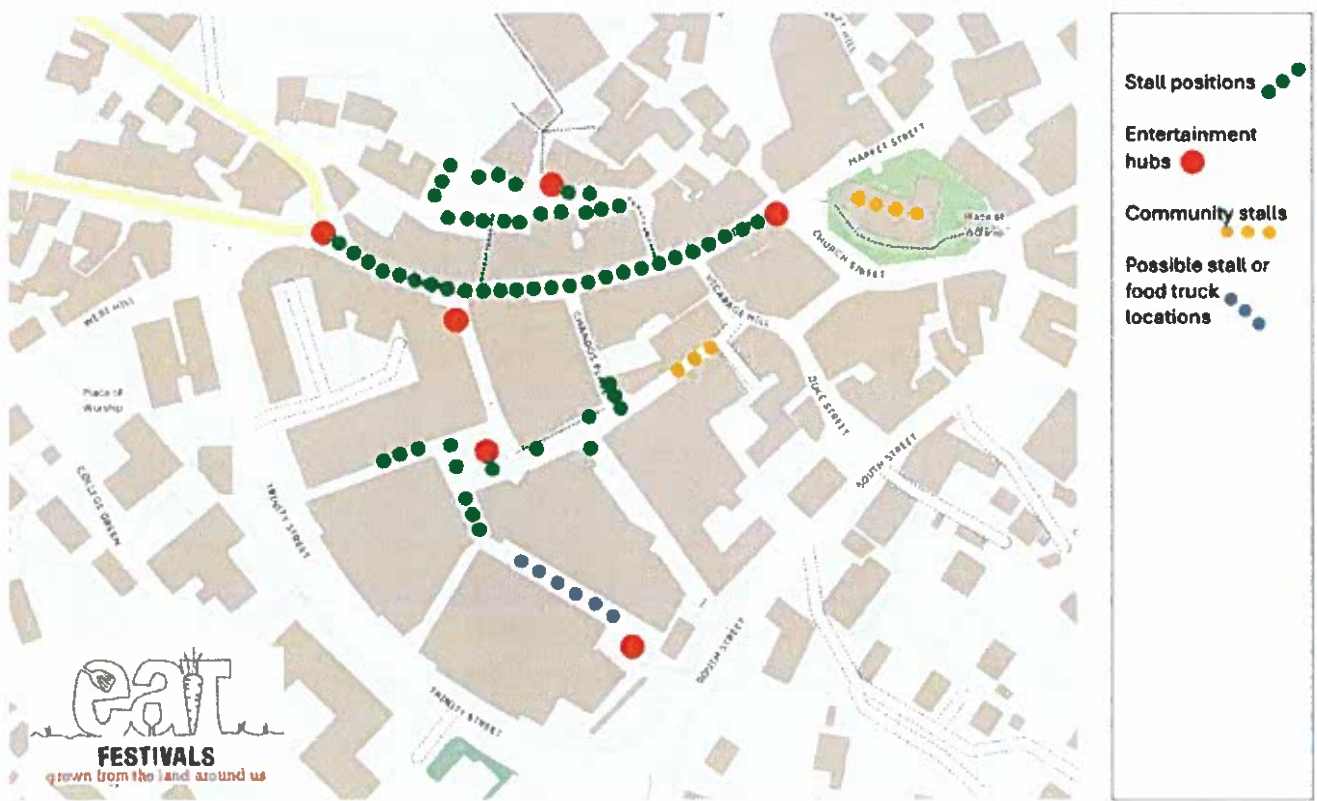
Our proposal is as follows:

To offer a turnkey solution requiring no BID, council member or council officer time commitment. We complete all the consultation, marketing, operational requirements, and licensing.

1. We will book in producers selling artisan produce like bread, preserves, cheeses, pies, sauces, fresh meat, bottled spirits etc. as well as an exciting range of street food with flavours from around the world using local ingredients. The producers we select are of excellent quality, many selling award-winning produce. We would ensure that suitable licenses are in place and check relevant safety certification.
2. We will work with your local hospitality and other businesses to ensure a complementary mix.
3. To optimize pedestrian-flow we would use music as a draw to encourage exploration, but not a destination performance.
4. We will bring additional seating to provide comfortable places for visitors to meet.
5. We will dress the chosen area with large flags and book high-quality street entertainers to build a festival atmosphere.
6. We will deliver comprehensive promotion including traditional press, signage, social media and flyer distribution.
7. We will commission and manage roadside banners in suitable high-volume traffic areas around St. Austell.
8. We work with the BID and/or Chamber to give local businesses opportunities to engage with the festival, including a how-to guide.
9. We'll undertake thorough post festival 360 evaluation and share results with you.

The layout:

We understand that it is vital to create a festival that draws footfall into and around the town centre. After a thorough site visit, we are proposing the following areas.



The numbers:

We fund our work through a combination of sponsorship, pitch fees and grant funding.

We are proposing a staggered three-year option. We will prepare an Agreement that gives reassurances on delivery, break clauses and expectations.

Year 1 – 2026 £3500

Year 2 – 2027 £2500 – as less marketing is required as the festival evolves

Year 3 – 2028 and subsequent years £2000 per festival

In return you get a free to attend one-day event that celebrates and promotes St. Austell as a great place to live, work and visit – building on your existing cultural calendar.

We are proposing Saturday 30 May 2026

We are happy to put you in touch with previous and current commissioners for references.

Operational notes

- Detailed Event Management Plan will be submitted to the local authority for scrutiny.
- We will book producers who are using their own commercial grade gazebos or trailers. The majority of pitches will be 3m x 3m.
- We will work locally to provide opportunities for community groups who will be accommodated free of charge.
- Music will be limited to 65dB at 5m. We discourage the use of generators and when used we insist on super silent, LPG or diesel.
- The stall mix will be not more than 15% street food, the rest ambient producers and a small number of complementary non-food stalls and community groups. Our target number of pitches would be 70 pitches.
- Producers will follow dedicated and timed set up routes, stewards positioned at entry points to ensure correct and safe flow of vehicles.

What do others say about us?

"It was a pleasure to work with you this year on the eat:Weston food festival. Your highly organised and professional approach ensured that you were easy to work with in all the stages of planning, execution and debrief of what was a hugely successful event. We look forward to working with you on future projects."

Sara Pacey, Events & Concessions Manager, North Somerset Council

"I have never attended anywhere better organised, both before and on the day, than any you do."

Janet Thompson, Grown Up Marshmallows

"You have become the benchmark"

Graeme Wallace, Wallace's Farm

"Being awarded a bursary to attend the Food Festival was a massive boost for us at the early stages of establishing our business. We had access to expert advice on how to get the best out of the day, free publicity, as well as being able to trade for free. Due to the huge success it turned out to be (both in terms of sales on the day and follow up business), we intend being at every future festival!"

Sarah Welland, Berrow Beef & Lamb

"Congratulations to you both and your team. This helps to underline Burnham-on-Sea as a destination for all seasons."

Councillor Janet Keen

"I haven't seen the High Street this busy since the eighties."

Local business owner, Taunton



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Your ref:

My ref: Infra23-213 St.A

Date: 10/02/2025

Dear Sir/Madam,

Countywide 20mph Speed Limits – Phase 3 St Austell Reconsult

In August/September 2024 CORMAC, on behalf of Cornwall Council, held a statutory consultation to propose the implementation of 20mph speed limits throughout St Austell. Responses received in relation to these proposals were on the whole not supportive. Most comments raised concerns regarding the potential impact on journey times, highlighting the requirement to provide a strategic traffic route through the town.

After consideration of the points made by respondents to the original consultation Cornwall Council has made the decision to hold a further consultation, whereby the extents of the proposals have been amended. The majority of the C-Class Road network within the town has been removed from the proposals and the proposal is for these to remain at their existing speeds, most of which are 30mph.

Cornwall Council intends to implement a 20mph Speed Limit on most residential streets within St Austell (in most locations the existing speed limit is currently 30mph). Local support has previously been shown by residents and Stakeholders, including local Councillors and the Town Council. Buffer zones will also be implemented leading up to these, where deemed necessary. Please see additional documentation for further details of proposed extents.

It is considered that implementing a reduced speed limit (20mph) on roads within these areas will make a major contribution towards improving road safety, especially for vulnerable road users, and traffic using these roads. This, in turn, will aid in the achievement of the Council's 'Vision Zero' goal – working towards the prevention of all fatal and serious injuries on the county road network.





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The imposition of 20mph speed limits in these locations, should also improve the amenity of these areas and assist in encouraging a transition towards individuals using active travel, particularly for local journeys, resulting in increased journey time reliability and healthier communities. Severance by traffic will also be reduced, facilitating a greater use of local community facilities and enabling more liveable streets. As well as encouraging more social interaction, this may also be beneficial to the local economy.

The wider roll-out of 20mph speed limits is also likely to reduce noise and air pollution, via the reduced need for motor vehicles to use harsh braking and/or acceleration, providing additional positive health benefits for both visitors and residents alike.

To see which streets are covered by the proposed speed limits, plans showing the proposals can be viewed either online at www.cornwall.gov.uk/TrafficConsult or in person at New County Hall, Treyew Road, Truro, TR1 3AY.

If you have any comments to make on the proposals, I would be grateful to receive them no later than:

7th March 2025

To respond to this consultation, you can either:

1. Use Cornwall Council's Consultation finder, an on-line facility for viewing and responding to traffic consultations. This can be accessed by visiting www.cornwall.gov.uk/TrafficConsult. Once registered you will be able to submit responses to this and other current traffic consultations.
2. E-mail Infrastructure Design at traffic@cormactd.co.uk, quoting the scheme name and reference, and indicating your support or objection to the proposals.
3. Respond in writing using the attached Consultation Response Form, indicating your support or objection to the proposals. Please return the form to the address shown at the foot of it.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of this scheme, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

CORMAC

Annan Birkett

Project Manager/Engineer

Cormac Infrastructure (Regulatory)

Tel: 01872 327 250

Email: traffic@cormacltd.co.uk



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Infrastructure Design Consultation Response Form

Scheme Name: Countywide 20mph Speed Limits - Phase 3 – St Austell Reconsult
Scheme Reference: Infra23-213-St.A
Designer Name: Annan Birkett
Start of Consultation: 12/02/2025
End of Consultation: 07/03/2025

Title: Mr ☐ Mrs ☐ Miss ☐ Ms ☐ Other ☐

Name:

Please print in block capitals

Organisation:

Address:

Postcode:

E-mail:

Date:

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What is your view on this scheme?

1. (please tick one)

Support ☐

Object ☐

2. Please use the box below to provide any comments you have with regards to this scheme. If you wish to object to the proposal, you **must** state your reasons for doing so.

Please continue overleaf if necessary

Please return this form to:

Infrastructure Design Western Group Centre,
Radnor Road, Scorrier, Redruth TR16 5EH
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Please note that any personal information collected from you as part of the consultation process will be securely destroyed within 12 weeks of completion of the scheme. However, you have the right to request that your information is removed at an earlier point, by using the contact details provided in this letter.

If you choose not to provide your address with your response or withdraw your personal information before completion of the scheme, we regret that we may be unable to consider your response in regard to a particular aspect of it. Nonetheless, any points made will still be considered as general comments.

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