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Mrs C Cox and Directors Craffhub CIC
The Pier Restaurant premises
Rousay
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Re: Grant Application and funding

Dear Chris and Directors of the Craffhub CIC

Your appeal regarding the grant application for the quilting workshop was discussed at the Board meeting held on 15th January.

After lengthy discussions, it was decided that this application could not be approved due to the lateness of its submission. Should you still wish to go ahead, then residents are always able to apply for the Wellbeing 100 grant which can be used to fund such courses, and the cost of the £20+ you mention in your correspondence of the 9th January could be covered by this.

In the letter to you of the 24th October, it was stated that "As agreed at the previous REWDT board meeting, any craft- based events/workshops can still be held in the 'unlicensed' refreshment area, but these will only be funded at the rate of £9.00 per hour to cover staff costs".

At the meeting it was agreed that these events can be funded at £10.00 per hour, but this assistance would only be available for specific craft- based activities ,and, is only an interim agreement until 31st March 2020 pending future discussions on the Pier premises.

As such the Board will not fund any activities that have a more commercial aspect eg the coffee mornings and the newly formed lunch club. The teenage social group has always been a voluntary activity from the outset, supervised by adults and parents alike, and due to this the Board will not fund the staffing of this late afternoon/evening event.

If however, the Craffhub choose to organise different wholly' craft- based 'events, then these can be funded. The Board have agreed an amount of £1000 to cover such events from now up to and including the 31st March 2020 only; which could be put towards staffing costs.

These activities must be attended by 5 people not including Directors or volunteers, as is the requirement for all community group funding.

Please let us know any activities that come under this remit and we will be happy to discuss with you the administration and payment of this funding pot.

The old shop was also discussed in detail, as you had mentioned in your e- mail of 15th January that pottery workshops were hoping to be held. At the December meeting the point was raised by that once ownership was transferred, the DT trust would be looking into how the building could be improved.

In our previous letter sent along with the 'Notice to Quit' it was highlighted that improvements would be happening, and by offering a small area to rent to use as the Craft Shop (not including the bar area and kitchen) for the period from the start of our ownership, it meant we could do works with minimum disruption to that area.

Now as are all these areas are being used until 31st March 2020, it means that the Trust are unable to start any major works as was originally intended and they will take place after 31st March 2020. There will therefore have to be some disruption as the Board are keen to progress with building works. To begin some of this refurbishment process, the Board wish to concentrate on making the shop more 'fit for purpose' and



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having equipment stored in there for 5- 6 weeks could hinder any improvements being made. It will not be possible to hold the pottery workshops in that space.
No community groups will be given access to the old shop until suitable refurbishments have taken place.

The Board wish to stress that the premises will be a new community hub for all groups within our 3 islands, and they hope that by working together, with all other interested parties, a community wide consensus can be found for the use of the building going forward.

Gill Wigley
Project Manager.