

Milly Southworth

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To: Torpoint Town Council
Cc: Milly Southworth
Subject: New Hardship Fund

Good Afternoon All,

I hope you are all well and looking forward to spring landing back at our beautiful little corner of Cornwall.

I am writing to you as I generally do at the end of each financial year and what a tough year in has been for finances for all. Unfortunately it would be nice to say it will be short lived but the forecast is not great if we are to believe those in the know.

Therefore I am hoping that just maybe Torpoint Town Council have a bit of funding that can help ST Columba & Torpoint RFC and its Charity - ST Columba Rugby Ltd set up a Hardship Fund that can help support it members and our wider community as a whole.

At the start of the rugby season the club made the tough discussion against what we where advised by the RFU to keep our club membership as low as we dare. As we felt we knew are community better than them. By doing so it meant that we retained members but also allowed for those stepping into the world of grass root sports for the first time achievable this in turn kept people active without working to much about the cost.

To help us go into next season we have already applied for a grant from the RFU totalling £875 (This is part of an intuitive the RFU are currently running for clubs with a turn over of less then £125,000). I was hoping if possible would Torpoint Town Council be able to grant a £500 sum so we could add this to our Hardship Fund. We are hoping to raise enough funds to have £3000 pot in the Hardship Fund Initially and then grow from there while also at the same time helping those who need this most to keep them active.

We will also be contacting Millbrook Parish Council as we have a number of club membes from their parish, We will also being asking Devon RFU / Cornwall RFU & Plymouth Combination RFC all of who have funds that can be access to help set up this kind of fund.

As always I more then happy to fill in the correct paperwork etc.

We thank you all for the continual support.

Paul

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