

Notes

Meeting: Truro & Roseland Community Network Panel
Date: 18 July 2017
Time: 7.00-8.30pm
Location: Shortlanesend Village Hall, Shortlansend, Truro

Present	Title/Representing
Councillor Chris Wells (Chair of Community Network Panel)	Truro City Council
Councillor Bob Richards	Feock Parish Council
Mike Eathorne Gibbons CC	Cornwall Councillor (Ladock, St Clement & St Erme)
Martyn Alvey CC	Cornwall Councillor (Feock & Kea)
Bert Biscoe CC	Cornwall Councillor (Truro Boscawen)
John Dyer CC	Cornwall Councillor (Chacewater, Kenwyn and Baldhu)
Bob Egerton CC	Cornwall Councillor (Probus, Tregony and Grampond)
David Harris CC	Cornwall Councillor (Truro Trehaverne)
Rob Nolan CC	Cornwall Councillor (Truro Redannick)
Loic Rich CC	Cornwall Councillor (Truro Tregolls)
Dulcie Tudor CC	Cornwall Councillor (Truro Threemilestone & Gloweth)
Councillor Geoff Brown	Cornwall Councillor & Portfolio Holder (Highways)
Councillor Theresa Cowling	St.Clement Parish Council
Councillor Steve Chamberlain	Kea Parish Council
Councillor Nicholas Gillard	Probus Parish Council
Councillor Ian MacDonald	Probus Parish Council
Councillor Rob Knill	Chacewater Parish Council
Councillor Armorel Carlyon	Truro City Council
Councillor Rob Trethewey	St Erme Parish Council
Councillor Jane Spenceley	Kea Parish Council
Councillor Ian Holroyd	Kenwyn Parish Council
Councillor David Giles	Ruanlanihorne Parish Council
Jerry Cobb	CORMAC
David Seville	CORMAC
Paul Carauna	Truro Day & Sunny Corner
Mark O'Brien	Community Link Officer (Truro & Roseland), Cornwall Council
Sally Sanders	Community Network Support Officer

Apologies for absence:

Julian German CC (Roseland) Cllr Julie Howes (Ladock Parish Council), Cllr Jane Spenceley (Kea Parish Council); Joanne Ashley (Clerk, St.Clement Parish Council); Sally Jones (St. Erme Parish Council) Inspector Rick Milburn Devon and Cornwall Police; James Hetherington (Gerrans Parish Council); Cllr Nick Budden (Probus Parish Council); Damien Richards (Truro City Council); Cllr Jon Dunn (Kenwyn Parish Council)

Notes:

Item	Key/Action Points	Log Number (Action by)
1.	<p>Introductions</p> <p>CW welcomed everyone and invited MOB to advise on the health and safety and housekeeping matters.</p> <p>Due to the large public attendance, CW asked that only the Panel Members and invited guests introduce themselves. At the meeting there were 40 members of the public and individuals representing local organisations.</p> <p>Jon Lloyd-Owen, Strategic Director for Housing at Cornwall Council introduced himself as the Network Panel's new Corporate Leadership Team designated officer. Cornwall Council has aligned a member of the Corporate Leadership Team to each of the nineteen Panel's to provide a strategic link back to the Council and help with communication and unsticking Panel issues that may need some assistance in getting resolved.</p>	
2.	<p>Traffic Management: Update on A390 Truro corridor improvement works including proposals for Arch Hill Roundabout</p> <p>Jerry Cobb (Construction Manager for Truro SEP) and David Seville (Senior Project Manager) ran through relevant maps relating to the A390 improvement work project.</p> <p>A questions and answers session then took place.</p> <p>It was confirmed that the tarmac at Chyvelah Road will be taken up and replaced.</p> <p>John Keverne (Kenwyn PC) listed his concerns with the way some of the A390 works had been undertaken such as Cormac working on multiple parts of the scheme at the same time and</p>	

the number of road works in general taking place across Cornwall. It was stated that the back roads are over run at peak hours as well as during the day. Issues regarding both the work being done and traffic lights has been taken up with Cornwall Council but nothing happens. Parishioners are asking why the roads are continually closed.

Cormac provided explanation as to why it is often expedient to work on multiple locations (*faces*) simultaneously and stated that they do not believe they have caused major disruption and plan their works to minimise disruption as much as possible.

Dulcie Tudor CC informed the group that Mark Secker had assured her that once the traffic lights were set up there would be a 'green wave flow' along the A390. Particular concern was raised around traffic on Lower Hugus Road. If this is not the case will the issue be revisited? Geoff Brown CC (Portfolio Holder for Highways) has been assured that it will happen like this but if not it will be looked at.

Russell Holden (Chairman of Truro BIDS) stated that from a business point of view the extended period of road works, including the South West Water upgrade works in the City Centre has made it really difficult for businesses. This period is continuing with the A390 works.

David Seville said that the Threemilestone section of work is well ahead of programme and in relation to working on multiple sections reaffirmed that this was the quickest way of getting the work complete and we are now at the tail end of the project.

Issues were raised around the traffic lights and the amount of emissions this is likely to cause and are causing.

John Dyer CC raised two negative effects related to the works. The first is that commuters are going up to Chybucca and then coming via Shortlanesend to get into Truro. This results in increased traffic through the village.

The second is that from Treliske Hospital to Penstraze, developers have applied for 3000 houses to be built. This will result in an approx. increase in 6000 cars. Councillor Dyer's view was that the road doesn't cope now and questioned how it will cope when they are built. David Seville stated that this was more of a planning and strategic highways matter to respond to rather than a Cormac construction issue.

A member of the public stated that there is a need for future proofing as the road is at capacity, and questioned whether adding more traffic lights would improve the situation. With regards to the planned 3000 houses, local residents have been campaigning against this for years but felt that the Council was not listening.

It was felt that it was the local residents and businesses that are currently suffering and it was also stated that some residents are losing confidence with the planners at Cornwall Council.

It was asked why both sides of the dual carriageway are required to be worked on at the same time, does it not make sense to do one at a time? Working on multiple parts of the project at the same time had already been addressed in earlier questions.

John Keverne (Kenwyn PC) said that communicating with communities is not happening.

A representative of Truro Cycling Club stated that if more roads are built they will be filled and that we are a car-centric society and that is the problem. There are 3 areas of high pollution within the city and we are poisoning ourselves and the community.

John Kevene (Kenwyn Parish Council) reported that he had been waiting for an answer to an issue he raised three weeks ago.

ACTION: – To follow this up at outside of the meeting.

Jerry Cobb accepted that the roadworks outside of the County Arms have been there too long and it is hoped to be finished within the next 2 to 3 weeks. The surfacing works are to start mid-October, starting from County Hall up.

Bert Biscoe CC raised concerns on behalf of the residents opposite the County Arms who are worried about losing the grass verge. At present the verge provides a buffer to the new footpath and cycle way and helps them to pull out of their driveways with better visibility to avoid any passing pedestrians or cyclist.

Jerry Cobb informed them that revised proposals are with the

<p>residents at present in a hope to mitigate their issues.</p> <p>David Harris CC stated that residents are not happy with the revised proposals as they still show drastically reduced width of verge.</p> <p>Issues have been raised with regards to commuters diverting through Malabar to avoid the road works. This has result in issues around speeding vehicles. Residents have asked the project workers to complete speed checks but it hasn't happened as the workers do not perceive it to be a problem.</p> <p>A representative of Truro Cycling Club asked whether there would be budget to get some more cycling/walking signs erected as they aren't sign posted enough.</p> <p>Discussions moved forward to the Persimmon Homes site and questions were asked as to why Cormac have a presence on that site? David Saville confirmed that under a separate contract Cormac were doing the highway works on behalf of the developer as part of the Section 278 works. They therefore have a compound on the site to provide welfare for their workers and through part of the working contract, space was found on the Persimmon's site.</p> <p>Mrs Carlyon (Truro City Council) stated that the grass verges running up Morlaix Avenue and Green Lane have been ruined due to the works being carried out by Persimmon, with hedges being removed. Rob Nolan CC stated that there have been Enforcement issues against Persimmon as the verge was not in the original development plans.</p> <p>Issues where raised around noise levels and David Saville went on to say that they have tried to mitigate the noise as best they can. They (Cormac) have not been part of the planning for the works, they are only contracted to carry out the work and they are tied by mandatory times they can carry out works. They are commissioned to build not design.</p> <p>Russell Holden (Chairman of Truro BIDs) stated that no one is speaking about the effects this is having on the businesses of Truro.</p> <p>Mike Eathorne Gibbons CC said that trying to look forward, what are the lessons that have to be learned? Serious lessons in terms of communication and relationships.</p> <p>Bob Egerton CC (Portfolio Holder for Planning) stated that the</p>	
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Persimmon Development got through on appeal and Cornwall Council had recommended refusal. He has every confidence that the A390 scheme will work once the work has been completed. Residents were unhappy about the Tregolls Road/Trafalgar Roundabout works but the traffic flow is a lot smoother than it has been for 30 years and journey times have been cut in half. The Council don't always get it right but 90% of the time they do. Bob Egerton CC took on board the comments made by the cyclists' representative.

Bert Biscoe CC addressed his comments to Cllrs Egerton and Cllr Brown. He stated that in the 1990 budget cuts saw Highways give up Planning Officers and they became Planning Engineers based in the Planning Service. In his view this has resulted in traffic infrastructure and planning breaking down. Planning now does not take transport issues into account and with too few officers they haven't got time to do a proper job. It is time to take the Highways Engineers out of Planning.

Discussions moved forward to the Arch Hill works but unfortunately the designers could not be at the meeting this evening. They are currently finalising the design and pricing the works. A decision is to be made in early August.

It is believed that the design is the same as the design in the consultation back in 2016. Chris Wells (Truro City Council/Network Panel Chair) asked Cllr Brown to go out to further consultation as the consultation that took place in 2016 was not widely known.

Geoff Brown CC stated that the Arch Hill works are due to commence early next year for around 16 weeks but the Truro Strategic Infrastructure Project (SIP) has to be completed first.

Bert Biscoe CC stated he is for delaying the scheme as it is a major distributive junction. It is a major road that is important to the functioning of Cornwall. The suggested plan is to remove 3m (height) off the surface of the original site, why remove this topography? If we do it here, where else will it take place? It needs to be a much broader consultation. We are setting a precedent on how we drive our landscape; the Council would do well to listen to the residents.

Rob Nolan CC stressed that Truro has had enough of road works. The gain from altering Arch Hill will just be a filter from the left,

is there no other way?

The Sustrans representative said that he has no problem with Arch Hill Roundabout but a super roundabout will make it more dangerous for cyclists and walkers to get across.

David Seville agreed that in his view the roundabout currently functioned adequately but there is a need to look at what will happen in the future.

Lucy Jones – Truro Chamber of Commerce and local business owner said that the Arch Hill Roundabout had not been widely consulted on, people did not know about it.

Mrs Carlyon (Truro City Council) agreed with Lucy Jones, they have not been consulted, they were told about it at the Town Hall. Mrs Carlyon would like to request another meeting regarding Arch Hill.

Rob Knill (Chacewater Parish Council) stated that car sharing schemes don't appear to be working.

Martin Alvey CC asked if the previous public consultation could be found so that the results could be viewed. Spending smaller amounts of money on better signage or yellow boxes may be a better way forward.

Rob Trethewey (St. Erme Parish Council) raised concerns around the traffic light sequencing, particularly around waiting at night when no one is around. At a previous meeting Highways had said they would look into this situation but no one has come back to him yet. David Saville will look into this but reminded attendees that they are responsible for construction of approved scheme and not the operation of traffic lights.

A comment was made about Newbridge Lane. It was felt that traffic backs up and it was difficult to access and egress from this junction. Are there any plans to improve this junction? Chris Wells (Chair) said that a note would be made of the question.

ACTION: To find out if there are any planned junction improvements at Newbridge Lane

Rob Knill (Chacewater PC) said he remembers the discussions regarding the Traffic light sequencing and it was stated that they can't be turned off at night. We need to revisit the previous Network Panel Meeting notes.

A member of the public stressed that throughout all of tonight's

	<p>discussion no one has mentioned how the traffic and roadworks affects Treliske Hospital. There is one main hospital in Cornwall, how will we cope in the next five years if we can't cope now. She also informed the Panel Meeting that she knows Cllr Geoff Brown personally and he will do a good job in his role as Portfolio Holder and he will listen to everyone's concerns.</p> <p>Chris Wells reported that he had received correspondence from Mr Hurst of Three Rivers Furniture who unfortunately couldn't attend the meeting. Many of the issues raised in the meeting had also been picked up in Mr Hurst's email, particularly concerns around the impact on businesses and local trade.</p> <p>Geoff Brown CC thanked everyone for letting him come and listen to the concerns raised this evening. He stated that while the issues and concerns raised were very clear and well made, he felt that Cormac were doing an excellent job on this busy A390 section under very difficult circumstances. Temple took a long time to complete but is now running smoothly. He believes there will be an intelligent traffic lighting system which will help the A390 to have a better flow of traffic.</p> <p>With regards to the Arch Hill plans the message that he is getting is that it is perhaps at this time, <i>a roundabout too far</i>.</p> <p>Councillor Wells thanked everyone for their attendance and input, especially members of the public and the Cormac representatives. Member of the public were invited to stay for the rest of the meeting if they wished.</p>	
<p>3.</p>	<p>Introductions (C) Apologies for absence and late arrival</p> <p>Apologies are noted above.</p>	
<p>4.</p>	<p>Notes of the last Panel Meeting (20 June 2017)</p> <p>The notes were agreed by the Panel Members.</p> <p>Bert Biscoe CC noted that Social Prescribing will be on the Agenda for the Panel meeting in September. He asked Mark O'Brien to think through the details of this exciting/important idea. It deserves a discussion with a mixed up group of people. CW and MOB to discuss.</p>	<p>MOB/CW</p>

<p>5.</p>	<p>Issues raised by the Panel Members</p> <p>Cllr Alvey stressed the disappointment in the failure of relevant Council Officers turn out at this meeting. He asked Jon Lloyd Owen to take this issue back.</p> <p>David Harris CC stated that he felt that the Cormac representatives had a tough time at the meeting and he was disappointed that representatives from Planning/Strategy did not attend.</p> <p>Mike Eathorne Gibbons CC agreed that a coordinated approach is needed.</p>	<p>JLO / MOB</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Community Link Officer update</p> <p><u>Electoral Review</u></p> <p>MOB reminded members that the Electoral Commission were currently consulting on the future numbers of Cornwall Councillors and had posed a series of questions. Details on how to respond were provided and a request was made to send a copy of responses to Cornwall Council to help further inform the Council's view.</p> <p>Commenting on the review, Bert Biscoe CC felt that there was gerrymandering going on, and refused to withdraw this remark when invited to do so by David Harris CC.</p> <p>See attached information.</p> <p><u>A30 Dualling</u></p> <p>A further announcement – follow link</p> <p>Highways England would like to come to a future Panel meeting to update on the preferred route proposal and the next steps.</p> <p><u>Cornwall Councillor Community Chest</u></p> <p>The Cornwall Councillor Community Chest funding is now open</p>	

	<p>for applications. Sally Sanders can assist with any queries.</p> <p>A link to the Truro and Roseland Community Network Webpage, where details of the grant funding can be found.</p> <p>Mark O'Brien to ask if a briefing on Crowd Funding can be produced as this will be an option within the Community Chest Funding this year.</p> <p>ACTION To ask for an easy guide to Crowd Funding</p> <p><u>Residents Survey</u></p> <p>27,000 household around Cornwall have been asked to take part in a Residents Survey, which closes on 21 August 2017. Mrs Carlyon queried what happens with the data that is collected? Rob Knill informed her that the Chacewater Neighbourhood Development Group use it to look at why they can or cannot build more houses. Bert Biscoe CC says it will help to justify grant bidding for Cornwall.</p>	MOB
7.	<p>Future Meetings</p> <p>Tuesday 26 September 2017 – 7pm [Theme – Social Prescribing]</p> <p>Tuesday 14 November 2017 – 7pm [Theme - South West Water]</p> <p>Tuesday 16 January 2018 – 7pm</p> <p>Tuesday 20 March 2018 – 7pm</p>	
<p>Next meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday 26 September 2017 – 7.00 <p>Agreed agenda items: Social Prescribing – helping people to live longer and healthier in their own communities</p> <p>Times and venues for ALL meetings</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Times: 7.00pm – 9.00pm</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Venues: To be agreed by the panel</p> <p>Future agenda items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infrastructure for growth – Sewage provision (South West Water) 		



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