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Meeting: Truro & Roseland Community Network Panel

Date: 14 November 2017

Time: 7.00-8.30pm

Location: Richard Lander School, Truro

Present	Title/Representing
Councillor Chris Wells (Chair of Community Network Panel)	Truro City Council
Mike Eathorne Gibbons CC	Cornwall Councillor (Ladock, St Clement & St Erme)
Martyn Alvey CC	Cornwall Councillor (Feock & Kea)
Julian German CC	Cornwall Councillor (Roseland)
John Dyer CC	Cornwall Councillor (Chacewater, Kenwyn and Baldhu)
David Harris CC	Cornwall Councillor (Truro Trehaverne)
Loic Rich CC	Cornwall Councillor (Truro Tregolls)
Councillor Nik Budden	Probus Parish Council
Councillor Rob Knill	Chacewater Parish Council
Councillor Armorel Carlyon	Truro City Council
Councillor Keith Hambly Staite	Feock Parish Council
Councillor Richard Brickell	Feock Parish Council
Councillor Ian Holroyd	Kenwyn Parish Council
Councillor David Giles	Ruanlanihorne Parish Council
Damien Richards	Truro City Council
Paul Caruana	Truro Day & Sunny Corner
Peter Hocking	Principal Consultant – South West Water
Mark O'Brien	Community Link Officer (Truro & Roseland), Cornwall Council
Sally Sanders	Community Network Support Officer
Danny Konick	CORMAC – Partnership Officer
Apologies for absence:	
Cllr Julie Howes (Ladock Parish Council), Cllr Jane Spenceley (Kea Parish Council); Sally Jones (St. Erme Parish Council) Inspector Rick Milburn; James Hetherington (Gerrans Parish Council); Bob Egerton CC (Probus, Tregony and Grampound); Jon Lloyd-Owen (SLT-Cornwall Council); Cllr Rob Trethewey (St.Erme PC); Steve Chamberlain (Kea Parish Council); Joanne Ashley – Clerk (St.Clement PC); Dulcie Tudor CC (Truro Threemilestone & Gloweth); Rob Nolan CC (Truro Redannick); Bert Biscoe CC (Truro Boscawen), Cllr Nick Gillard – Probus PC, Mr Bob Richards, Cllr Theresa Cowling (St.Clement PC)	

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Item	Key/Action Points	Log Number (Action by)
1.	Introductions CW welcomed everyone and invited MOB to advised on the health and safety and housekeeping. Apologies are noted as above	
2.	Election of a Vice Chair CW informed the group that Cllr Bob Richards has resigned from Feock Parish Council and was therefore no longer eligible as Vice Chair of the Panel. CW thanked BR for his contributions to the Panel over the years which was unanimously supported by the Panel Members. Cllr David Giles (Ruanlanihorne PC) was elected as the new Vice Chair. Nominated – Cllr Julian German Seconded – Cllr David Harris Agree - Unanimous decision by group	
3.	Infrastructure for growth – South West Water Please see attached presentation. PH stated that the major developments around Truro will require SWW to look at the pumping stations and that it has been established that no more sewage can be directed through the city centre as the existing infrastructure would not have the capacity to cope. Ideas to build a new pumping station at Carnon Downs had been initially considered however it would cost around £8m. The Newham Pumping Station doesn't have capacity either but SWW have plans for upgrading it to make it future ready. AMP6 (Asset Management Plan 6) is the current investment plan and SWW are about half way through this plan. It takes an average of 2.2persons per household. The Calenick Pumping Station has increased its pumping from 90	

	<p>cubic litres per second to 120 cubic litres per second.</p> <p>Query from Mr Paul Caruana on what happened when the Calenick Pumping station power failed and whether or not there is a backup emergency power supply. ACTION: PH to provide background on what happened</p> <p>With regards to the Maiden/Willow Green Developments, the new system will discharge to the main system at Valley View in Threemilestone, pumping 30 cubic litres per second. There will also be 300 cubic metres of storage in case of any problems with the pump. The proposals for the new system are that it will come from the Maiden/Willow Green Development, though Penvenntinne Lane, round the back of the hospital, under the road at Highertown Spar shop then discharge into the system. There would also be extra emergency storage facility, by means of wide bore (1.2m diameter) pipes south of the A390.</p> <p>DR enquired as to where the pipes will actually be laid in relation to Penvenntinne Lane. PH informed him that the sewage pipes would be laid in the surrounding fields under the, Section 98 Permission to Lay in Fields Water Act (1991). Land owners would be entitled to compensation if it was relevant.</p> <p>All sewage from the new Maiden/Willow Green Developments, plus Treliske Hospital waste, will go down to the pumping station at Calenick.</p> <p>Cllr Martyn Alvey – Concern that there is no emergency back-up power at Calenick. ACTION: PH will check and look at permit and respond.</p> <p>Newham – SWW own land behind the treatment works and using new technology can fit the new plant at this location. Works have already commenced to decontaminate the land in preparation.</p> <p>PH confirmed that there will not be any rise in Water Bills to contribute to local improvements. Ofwat control the water bills, which have been set for the next 5 years.</p> <p>Discussions took place around septic tanks and PH confirmed that Environmental Health and Planning would advise against septic tanks in new developments.</p>	<p>PH</p> <p>PH</p>
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	<p>Cllr Wells reported that he visited the site with AC three years ago asked what extra capacity the new proposed works would give here? PH informed members that it would provide capacity up to 2025 <i>with headroom</i>.</p> <p>RB asked why aren't the Council Planners waiting until the infrastructure is in place before passing any new development plans.</p> <p>A question was asked about the possible use of anaerobic digestion plants to treat the sewage. There are currently plants in Bodmin, Plympton and Exeter. Gas is collected and burnt for electricity. SWW are looking into expanding this technology but not for dealing with developments to the West of Truro. ACTION: PH to find out if there is any capacity at Bodmin.</p> <p>Some Panel members expressed concern that <i>human waste</i> is used to fertilise farmer's fields.</p> <p>Query from Cllr German on issues with water quality and shellfish businesses. Reported that there was another notice not to take oysters today (14.11.17). ACTION: PH to email Cllr German as he felt this was more about runoff from agricultural land and not sewage discharge issue.</p> <p>PC raised concerns around traffic issues and what will happen when SWW start work relating to Maiden/Willow Green. Truro, and the surrounding areas are already experiencing a lot of road works.</p> <p>PH stated that the only pinch point for roadworks will be when proposed the pipe crosses from at Golf Club to the Spar Shop at Highertown. There will be some impact but it should be minor and there is potential to use techniques to tunnel under the road</p> <p>Cllr Harris – Has potential residential use at former Carrick House site been included in models? ACTION: PH to investigate and respond.</p> <p>Cllr Rich – Doesn't look like Higher Newham Farm development is on the plan (in the presentation) and therefore have the figures been included? Planning permission has been granted. ACTION: PH to check and feedback</p> <p>Cllr Dyer – Problems of regular flooding (sewage) at Lower</p>	<p>PH</p> <p>PH</p> <p>PH</p> <p>PH</p>
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<p>Bosvean Farm; effluent coming out of the manhole. ACTION: PH to arrange for it to be investigated.</p> <p>AC raised concerns around Albion Water and read an extract of a report, but PH had not heard of them.</p> <p>AC referred to a meeting on the 28th July 2016 and a letter from a Dr Bird.</p> <p>PH informed members that the developer(s) pay to connect to the network through Section 98 of the Water Act and SWW gets the benefits from the first twelve years of new houses built through payment of the water bills.</p> <p>PH also reported that a small number of homes can be connected to the existing network. INOX and others have paid to start the new scheme at Lanagarh.</p> <p>DH asked who pays the initial cost of the scheme. PH informed the members that it's a shared cost between SWW and the developer(s) of the land and the contractors are commissioned and paid for by SWW.</p> <p>PH confirmed that a new sewage pipeline is public straight away and therefore does not have to be adopted by SWW (as they already own it). Anyone is allowed to connect to it, subject to a connection fee under the Right to Connect under Section 106.</p> <p>PH if Langarth development goes solo, it pays the whole of the developer's contribution element with SWW paying the rest of the costs. Future developments therefore wouldn't have to pay for the infrastructure costs but would have to pay a connection fee.</p> <p>It was noted that as Cornwall Council was a potential developer, if Langarth development went first, it may have to pay the infrastructure contribution costs.</p> <p>DH asked what the anticipated costs would be. PH reported that anyone can put in a development enquiry to find out estimated costs of connecting to SWW's system. The project was out to tender at the moment. It was also reported that INOX have paid their requisition fee.</p> <p>LR asked whether other towns in Cornwall are experiencing the</p>	<p>PH</p>
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	<p>same problems with regards to housing develop and sewage? PH replied to say that SWW are doing the same planning and modelling across Cornwall.</p> <p>DG asked if there is any safety measures built into the systems with regards to flood water. PH stated that with the new Maiden/Willow Green system will have 600 cubic metres of storage in an event of an emergency, and after that, over flow would be tankered away.</p> <p>RN raised concerns around gullies/road verge clearance that should be maintained by Cornwall Council. CORMAC historically were responsible for clearing these but due to budget constraints it has become less frequent. RN stressed that there is a need for SWW to raise concerns with Cornwall Council as flooding isn't just about climate change. It was stated that flood prone areas are targeted in bad weather and there was a 'hot spot' list which CORMAC would check and clear in the event of heavy rainfall being predicted.</p> <p>MOB informed the group that CORMAC have asked to attend a future Panel meeting and this issue could be raised then. MA suggested that BIFFA (cleaning contractor) is invited too.</p> <p>ACTION: MOB to invite BIFFA or waste management officer to attend the CORMAC themed meeting (March 2018)</p> <p>CW thanked PH for attending the meeting and said it was ninety minutes of interesting and valuable discussion.</p>	MOB
4.	<p>Notes of last Panel meeting (26 September 2017)</p> <p>Item 5 – RK wanted it noted that the word illegal needs adding it so it reads 'illegal use of public rights of way'</p> <p>Item 2 A30 Dualling Update – Preferred Route JD wanted it noted that there is still a number of landowners who are unhappy with the proposed route.</p> <p>Item 5 Issues raised by Panel Members The solar panel powered sign, erected by Runlanihorne PC are installed at RUAN HIGH LANES not Ruanlanihorne as stated previously.</p>	SS

5.	<p>Traffic Management (standing item)</p> <p>Nothing to report other than already covered above</p>	
6.	<p>Issues raised by Panel Members</p> <p><u>Truro City Council</u> AC asked about money that has been allocated to the devolution of libraries. MOB informed that this was money allocated to Truro City Council through the Local Devolution Fund, agreed by the Panel Members.</p> <p><u>Chacewater Parish Council</u> RK said that at the Electoral review meeting it was announced that funding will be made available to support local highways schemes.</p> <p>MOB informed the group that Highways money will be made available to the Panel which will work in a similar way to the Local Devolution Fund. This is still being looked at and further information will be made available shortly.</p>	
7.	<p>Community Link Officer update</p> <p><u>Strengthening Community Networks</u></p> <p>See attached slides</p> <p>AC stated that she believes the Panel meetings are no more than a talking shop. CW disagreed with this statement.</p> <p>JG suggested that both the Police and Health Representatives should be invited to the Panel meeting every six months.</p> <p>KHS raised concerns around Town/Parish Precepts varying so much and asked what is the role of the Parish Councils today? There is a need to look at the distribution of population.</p> <p>AC raised issues around double taxation around devolved</p>	

	<p>services such as weed spraying. JG commented that as this was a service that Cornwall Council no longer provided, it wasn't double taxation and more a case of the local council considering whether they want to provide the service themselves or it not being provided at all.</p> <p>MOB informed the group that part of the strengthening Panel document suggests the Panel could bid for funds as a Governing Body.</p> <p>Regarding a network wide project or initiative, JG proposed the idea of working on a Pollinator Action Plan aiming to think how we can improve our management of land to reverse the decline in pollinators.</p> <p>Cllr Wells suggested improving links with the third sector through the Panel.</p> <p>JG suggested inviting Police Inspector and CCG rep to attend on a six monthly basis</p> <p>Regarding panels applying for external funding Cllr Wells felt that perhaps this was</p> <p>LR suggested that other partners to improve links with could include Age UK and Devon and Cornwall Housing.</p> <p>Regarding taking forward ideas on strengthening the panel it was suggested and agreed that Mark would send out some questions and seek views back so a consensus could be taken at the next meeting based on responses.</p>	<p>MOB / ALL (to respond)</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>Future Meetings</p> <p>Tuesday 20 March 2018 – 7pm Tuesday 15 May 2018 – 7pm Tuesday 17 July 2018 – 7pm Tuesday 18 September 2018 – 7pm Tuesday 20 November 2018 – 7pm</p>	
<p>Next meeting</p>		

Tuesday 16 January 2018 – 7pm

- **Agreed agenda items: Shaping Our Future update and Environmental Growth**

Times and venues for ALL meetings

Times: 7.00pm – 9.00pm

Venues: To be agreed by the panel

Future agenda items

March 2018 – CORMAC Service Standards. Representative from Waste / BIFFA also be to be invited.

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