

Notes

Meeting: Truro & Roseland Community Network Panel

Date: 15 May 2018

Time: 7.00-9.10pm

Location: Trelawny Room, New County Hall

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 & Playing Place)
Dulcie Tudor CC	Cornwall Councillor (Threemilestone & Gloweth)
John Dyer CC	Cornwall Councillor (Chacewater, Kenwyn and Baldhu)
Bob Egerton	Cornwall Councillor (Probus, Tregony and Gram-pound)
Loic Rich CC	Cornwall Councillor (Truro Tregolls)
Edwina Hannaford CC	Cornwall Councillor, Portfolio Holder for Neighbourhoods
David Harris CC	Cornwall Councillor (Truro Trehaverne)
Councillor Steve Leech	Chacewater Parish Council
Councillor Liz Barker	Ladock Parish Council
Councillor James Hetherington	Gerrans Parish Council
Councillor Armored Carlyon	Truro City Council
Councillor Theresa Cowling	St.Clement Parish Council
Joanne Ashley – Clerk	St.Clement Parish Council
Councillor Richard Brickell	Feock Parish Council
Councillor Pip Farmiloe	St. Just in Roseland Parish Council
Councillor Steve Chamberlain	Kea Parish Council
Councillor Julie Howes	Ladock Parish Council
Councillor John Carley	Chacewater Parish Council
Councillor Bob Smith	Truro City Council
Councillor Nicholas Gillard	Probus Parish Council
Councillor Rob Trethewey	St. Erme Parish Council
Paul Caruana	Truro Day & Sunny Corner
Sue Brown	Truro Loops
Mark O'Brien	Community Link Officer (Truro &

	Roseland), Cornwall Council
Sally Sanders	Communities Support Assistant
Lynn Carter	Neighbourhood & Public Protection, CC
Craig Mouatt	Business Manager, Biffa

Apologies for absence:

Cllr Rob Knill (Chacewater Parish Council); Damien Richards (Community Development Officer, Truro City Council). Cllr David Giles (Ruanlanihorne PC); Julian German CC (Roseland); Bert Biscoe CC (Truro Boscawen); Jon Lloyd-Owen (SLT Cornwall Council); Cllr Nik Budden (Ladock PC); Danny Konik (Highways CC); Cllr Julie Howes (Ladock PC); Jon Smith (Veryan PC)

Notes:

Item	Key/Action Points	Log Number (Action by)
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ITEMS		
1.	<p>Introductions</p> <p>CW welcomed everyone and invited MOB to advise on the health and safety and housekeeping.</p> <p>Representatives introduced themselves.</p> <p>Apologies were noted as above</p>	
2.	<p>Election of Chair (and Vice-Chair)</p> <p>MOB invited nominations from the members for Chair of the Panel. Following discussions, there was a unanimous decision:</p> <p>Chris Wells was duly elected as the Truro and Roseland Community Network Panel Chair for the next 12 months.</p> <p>Councillor Wells thanked everyone for their support and took back chairing responsibilities for the meeting.</p> <p>Councillor David Giles was elected as the Truro and Roseland Community Network Panel Vice-Chair for the next 12 months</p>	
3.	<p>Terms of Reference</p> <p>The circulated Terms of Reference were agreed with a minor amendment relating to the Community Link Officer's job title being noted.</p> <p>Proposed – Cllr David Harris Seconded – Cllr James Hetherington</p>	

4.	<p>Schedule of Meetings</p> <p>Proposed provisional Panel Meeting Dates were circulated and agreed and attached to the notes for reference. Please inform Sally Sanders of any date clashes.</p> <p>Councillor Wells thanked everyone and closed the AGM part of the meeting</p>	
Item	<p>Key/Action Points</p> <p>PANEL MEETING ITEMS</p>	<p>Log Number (Action by)</p>
1.	<p>Litter, street sweeping and fly tipping</p> <p>Craig Mouatt, Business Manager for Biffa ran through the attached presentation.</p> <p>PC asked if it would be possible to provide seagull proof rubbish bags to every household in Cornwall. CM agreed that good results have come from the seagull proof bag trial in Trelander but this would be a CC decision. The current Waste Contract is up for renewal so this could be looked in the review. The bags cost £3.50 and supplying them to every household has been looked at but it's too expensive at this time with the contract up for renewal. RN proposed that the Panel approach CC concerning this.</p> <p>MA, who attends the Neighbourhood Overview and Scrutiny, said that the Waste Contract is being looked at and recommendations to cabinet will form the new contract. They are looking into supplying wheelie bins to households but recognise that storage space is an issue in some areas so alternative containment methods will be provided. In the long run, wheelie bins will be more cost effective as they have a longer life than the seagull proof bags.</p> <p>A meeting delegate suggested a letter is written to Cllr Sue James to bring this issue to attention and the Community Network supports the Cabinet's recommendations.</p> <p>Lynn Carter, Community Protection Manager, NPP stated that the seagulls are actually learning to access the sacks so there is a need to work on a better design; they have been seen undoing the Velcro fastenings.</p>	

RN moved discussion forward by asking about Enforcement with regards to excess black bag rubbish (especially around Avondale Road, Truro) and businesses waste. LC stated that Environmental Crime Officers do work alongside Biffa and will serve Enforcement Notices if necessary. LC would welcome any information relating to any areas that need reviewing. Unfortunately the Government removed 'Prosecution on Presentation of Refuse Order' so it is now a Civil Offence and not a Criminal Offence.

Biffa are contracted by Cornwall Council but some Parish Councils choose, by agreement with Cornwall Council, to carry out their own street cleaning.

Discussions took place around street sweeping in the City Centre. CM confirmed that street sweeping takes place on a daily basis in the urban areas which is governed by their framework, highlighted in the presentation. AC raised concerns with Stangways Terrace. CM stated Biffa would like to know of areas of concern, which can be reported by using the Councils 'Report It' system.

Fly Tipping is a daily occurrence for Biffa. LC stated that all incidents are investigated and reported to Biffa so that items can be removed quickly so that further incidents aren't encouraged. If fly tipping occurs on private land then the land owner is responsible for clearing but Community Protection will investigate.

Environmental Crime Officers work with large land owners such as Imerys and the National Trust with regards to fly tipping incidents.

There have been successful prosecutions in recent years but always dependent on evidence available.

PC raised concerns around the Recycling Trucks dropping litter on their rounds, which is then left in situ.

CM stated that Supervisors and Foremen often attend litter pickups and are monitoring vehicles watching to see where spillages occur and will then address it with the driver.

The driver is responsible for ensuring no spillages occur.

PC state that it is a real issue in Truro.

PC went on to say that during the recent litter pick campaign in Truro, it became apparent that the dirtiest places are around the schools. CM said that Biffa works with the schools to ensure information is worked into the curriculum and teachers have responded well to this. There as a huge response to a recent educational campaign and it's disappointing to hear that about the schools.

PC said School Lane at Penair needs to be looked at.

	<p>It is estimated that £450k is spent on clearing fly tipping each year, surely it would be cheaper if you were able to use the official Council dumps for free? BE stated that since the Council stated charging commercial businesses to dump plasterboard, rubble etc the Council have saved £1m per year.</p> <p>Discussion moved forward to Dog Fouling. Overall it is extremely hard to catch anyone who is not clearing up after their dog. An Enforcement Officer cannot be everywhere and their Statutory Duty is to deal with stray dogs. LC stated that there has actually been a decrease in dog fouling reporting but there are still notorious hotspots. Abandoned vehicles also take up Officers time and often aren't ABV cases but concerns about where a vehicle is parked.</p> <p>Some Parish Councils have employed their own Environment Officers who are trained and authorised by Community Protection and receive ongoing support. LC would be pleased to talk to any T&PC about this partnership opportunity</p> <p>PC asked about weed control outside of the city centre but Biffa is only contracted to work on Zone 1 areas which don't include surrounding areas.</p> <p>RT, on behalf of St. Erme PC, would like to congratulate Craig Mouatt and the Biffa team for the excellent work they do.</p> <p>Chacewater PC raised concerns around street cleaning and cars that are parked in the same spot for a long time. CM agreed that it is a continuous challenge and Biffa do place notices on cars. The team will sweep between the cars. Street cleaning takes place on a regular basis as outlined in the Contract framework (see presentation). If there is a big build up identified, report it via the 'Report It' system.</p> <p>DH asked what could be done about private gardens and accumulation of black sacks and other items of rubbish in them. LC stated that just because it is unsightly it doesn't make it a statutory nuisance. In some cases, the Planning Department may be able to take some action as they enforce s125 Town and County Planning Act 1990.</p> <p>Report It Link</p>	
<p>2.</p>	<p>Notes of last Panel Meeting (20 March 2018)</p> <p>See the attached letter from Sarah Newton MP regarding Affordable Housing.</p>	

<p>3.</p>	<p>Community Link Officer update</p> <p><u>Strengthening Community Networks</u></p> <p>Cllr Edwina Hannaford is the Portfolio Holder for Neighbourhoods, contained within this portfolio include:</p> <p>Registrars; Library services; Events and Licensing; Community Networks and Localism; Devolution to Town and Parish Councils and community groups; Gypsy and Travellers.</p> <p>Cllr Edwina Hannaford attended the meeting to update the Panel delegates with regards to Strengthening Community Networks and the Framework that's currently being developed. To do this EH said that the Panel will need to help shape the future of them.</p> <p>In the past the Panels have had an informal approach to developing, but now they are looking at devolved budgets and delegated powers. Back in 2010 the GREG Report took place to look at how CC governed itself. The report stated that the Panel Meetings need to be better defined and strengthened or abolish them. The Council Leaders decision was to strengthen them.</p> <p>There is a need to improve communications with Parish/Town Councils as well as the community and the recent Resident Survey clearly states this.</p> <p>Under the Localism and Devolution Strategy, best practice information is being gathered from across the County and we will need a way of sharing this. Visits to Wiltshire have also taken place as they are more mature in their approach to engaging with the community.</p> <p>Post 2021, there will be less Cornwall Councillors, with Cllrs having more Parish/Town Councils to work with. There will be a need to work more smartly. Common themes will be able to be dealt with through the Community Network Panels and meeting clusters of mutual interests can be set up if it is felt they will be helpful.</p> <p>Jon Lloyd Owen is the Senior Leadership Representative for this Community Network Panel. These representatives should be used as 'unblockers' to look at issues and situations that need resolving. There is still some work to be done on this.</p> <p>EH went on to speak about Place Shaping and how communities and Parishes should be looking to help with long term visions for the future.</p> <p>There is a need for more engagement with help and encouragement for more public attendance at these meetings is needed.</p> <p>Crowdfunding is a good way to engage with the Communities.</p> <p>The Community Network Panel does currently hold powers that are not being used very readily such as petitions and call to</p>	
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	<p>action procedures.</p> <p>CW thanked Cllr Hannaford for attending the meeting and said that this information is not entirely new to the Panel as MOB has been up dating them over previous Panel Meetings.</p> <p><u>Highways Scheme</u></p> <p>MOB ran through the attached slides.</p> <p>ACTION: Expression of Interest (EoI) forms are to be returned by the 3 July 2018. MOB will compile a report of the received schemes. The report will be discussed at the July Panel Meeting to determine which schemes get put forward for consideration by Highways. Each Cornwall Councillor and Parish Council Panel Voting Representative can submit an EoI. The timeline suggests that works start dates should be in this financial year.</p> <p>AC asked whether Contractors other than Cormac can be used to complete the works. Chacewater PC stated that £50k per year will not go far so if they can find a cheaper supplier can they use it? Cllr Geoff Brown, Portfolio Holder, is currently aware of this. MOB stated currently the supplier is CORMAC.</p> <p>SC suggested that the old list is resurrected to save time gathering new information. MOB stated that some of the schemes on the old list may not be a priority and there could be new schemes that need consideration.</p> <p>JH said that at present there aren't any schemes on the list from Gerrans and they would like to put schemes forward.</p> <p>MA informed the group that any highways work that's being carried independently by the Parish/Town Councils can be grouped into the free Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) under the Highways Scheme.</p> <p>The Parking Consultation is currently taking place and so there is a need to identify schemes that will fall under this instead of being highlighted in the Highways Scheme. ACTION: MOB to investigate details re the Parking Consultation</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>MOB</p>
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4.	<p>Issues raised by Panel Member</p> <p><u>ClIr Steve Chamberlain – Feock Parish Council</u></p> <p>SC suggested unauthorised motorbikes/vehicles using rural footpaths and bridleways is added to a future Agenda. He asked for a relevant Council Officer to be present and to look at 'Experimental TROs'.</p> <p>ClIr Wells noted this request and said that while it wouldn't be possible to add it to the next agenda, it would be scheduled in for a future meeting.</p>	MOB / SS												
5.	<p>Future Meetings</p> <p>Tuesday 17 July 2018 – 7pm Tuesday 18 September 2018 – 7pm Tuesday 20 November 2018 – 7pm Tuesday 15 January 2019 – 7pm Tuesday 19 March 2019 – 7pm Tuesday 20 May 2019 – 7pm Tuesday 15 July 2019 – 7pm Tuesday 17 September 2019 – 7pm Tuesday 19 November 2019 – 7pm</p>													
<p>Date of Next meeting:</p> <p>Tuesday 17 July 2018 – 7pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policing/Community Safety update • Representatives from Health to be invited. <p>Times and venues for ALL meetings</p> <p>Times: 7.00pm – 9.00pm</p> <p>Venues: To be agreed by the panel</p> <p>Future agenda items:</p>														
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