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Meeting: Truro & Roseland Community Network Panel

Date: 20 November 2018

Time: 7.00-9.00pm

Location: Council Chamber, New County Hall

Present	Title/Representing
Councillor Chris Wells (Chair of Community Network Panel)	Truro City Council
Councillor David Giles (Vice Chair of Community Network Panel)	Ruanlanihorne Parish Council
Mike Eathorne Gibbons CC	Cornwall Councillor (Ladock, St Clement & St Erme)
Martyn Alvey CC	Cornwall Councillor (Feock & Playing Place)
John Dyer CC	Cornwall Councillor (Chacewater, Kenwyn and Baldhu)
Loic Rich CC	Cornwall Councillor (Truro Tregolls)
David Harris CC	Cornwall Councillor (Truro Trehaverne)
Councillor Sally Jones	St. Erme PC
Councillor Mrs Armored Carlyon	Truro City Council
Councillor Richard Brickell	Feock Parish Council
Councillor James Hetherington	Gerrans Parish Council
Councillor Mark Taylor	Grampond Parish Council
Councillor John Carley	Chacewater Parish Council
Councillor Nicholas Gillard	Probus Parish Council
Ellie Willcocks	Finance Officer, CC
Richard Whitehouse	Cornwall Live
Damien Richards	Truro City Council
Jon Lloyd Owen	Senior Leadership Team Representative, Cornwall Council
Mark O'Brien	Community Link Officer (Truro & Roseland), Cornwall Council
Sally Sanders	Communities Support Assistant

Apologies for absence:

Julian German CC (Roseland); Bert Biscoe CC (Truro Boscawen); Dulcie Tudor (Threemilestone & Gloweth); Bob Egerton CC (Probus, Tregony & Grampound); Rob Nolan CC (Truro Redannick); Danny Konik (Highways CC); Paul Caruana (Truro Day & Sunny Corner); Cllr John Smith (Veryan PC); Sue Verran (Veryan PC); Jane Spenceley (Kea PC); Viv Bidgood CORMAC; Theresa Cowling (St.Clement PC); Rob Trethewey (St. Erme Parish Council); Rob Knill (Chacewater PC); Julie Howes (Ladock PC); Steve Chamberlain (Kea PC); Keith Hambly-Staite (Feock PC); Julie Howes (Ladock PC); Martin Stephens (Chacewater PC)

Notes:

Item	Key/Action Points	Log Number (Action by)
1.	<p>Introductions</p> <p>Cllr Wells welcomed everyone and invited Mark O'Brien to advise on the health and safety and housekeeping.</p> <p>Representatives introduced themselves.</p> <p>Apologies were noted as above</p>	
2.	<p>Cornwall Council draft budget 2019/20: An opportunity to learn about and discuss the Council's draft budget for 2019/20 and MTFP</p> <p>Cllr Mike Eathorne Gibbon as a Council Cabinet Member thanked the Chair and Panel members for the opportunity to provide a presentation on the Council's draft, proposed budget. The presentation slides used are made available with these notes.</p> <p>The Council are currently pressing Central Government on Fair Funding for Cornwall and will continue to campaign regarding this issue. Thousands of residents supported the Council's #StandUpForCornwall campaign, as did councils across the South West.</p> <p>There is a need for a strong, balanced budget. Cornwall Council currently has good reserves with a good control on income and expenditure although there is still a challenge to get the budget balanced for next year. Since its creation, Cornwall Council has already delivered around £350 million of savings, but further savings of around £70 million still need to be delivered</p> <p>Cornwall Council Have Your Say on the Budget Link</p>	

Cllr David Harris asked if the Council could have an influence on introducing the Foundation Living Wage to other outside organisations, such as the Royal Cornwall Hospital. Unfortunately the Council cannot make this decision on behalf of the organisations but we can lead by example.

Cllr Harris asked about the Council's potential investment plan, involving an estimated £660m of borrowing. The idea is to borrow money and to pay it off in the future. The cost of borrowing will not be reclaimed in the next 3 to 4 years; this has not been factored into the proposed budget figures.

Cllr Eathorne-Gibbons stated the £660m is only an intention at this stage with a number of negotiations still needing to take place. At present only £70m has been factored into the budget.

Cllr Mrs Carlyon raised concerns around the Council pension fund and asked what the total sum was. Cllr Eathorne Gibbons said that reserves for redundancy pay are included in the budget figures and it comes out of the corporate budget.

ACTION: As the total sum of the pension fund was not available to hand it was agreed that this would be investigated and a figure provided

**Finance
(EW)**

Post meeting note: In 2017/18 the Employers Pension Contribution for Cornwall Council was £24.5m with a further contribution of £9m towards the pension fund deficit.

Cllr Brickell asked about expenditure with regards to redundancies and how many staff are made redundant and then re-employed into other jobs within the Council. There should be a system to make it more flexible to move people to other departments.

Ellie Willcocks informed the members that in 2017/18, 130 members of staff were made redundant. The Council has a redeployment policy which helps to reduce redundancy and impact.

Cllr Gillard, who has experience of working in the public sector confirmed that the Council would follow full due process on such matters.

Cllr Carley asked about the 1000 homes to be built and whether Cornwall Council would be the provider or would they be built by other agencies.

Mike Eathorne Gibbons CC informed him that there will be a mixture of agencies. Jon Lloyd Owen stated that housing targets are set out in the Local Plan with a projected 3000 homes to be built each year. The Council Cabinet have set out a priority for the Council to provide 1000 homes itself over the next 4 years, 250 have been reached this year but they are confident they will reach the target.

Cllr John Carley asked whether the houses will truly be affordable in terms of local incomes. Fuel poverty is also an issue within Cornwall, so to make them truly affordable they need to be low cost to run. Warm homes also have health benefits.

Jon Lloyd Owen stated that a key priority of Cornwall Council is to reduce poverty which is on the rise in Cornwall, and nationally. They are looking at any new builds following the approach taken at Bodmin and Tolvaddon. With regards to net contributors on the grid, no renewable schemes are happening at present but are looking at reducing this with regard to future developments.

Cllr Jon Carley gave Jon Lloyd Owen a copy of Chacewater Parish Council's Sustainable Parish Guide.

Cllr Hetherington said that no mention of devolution down to the Parish/Town Councils was in the budget presentation. Gerrans Parish Council and the Parishioners will want to know the impact of budget and devolution for them.

Mark O'Brien said that devolution is very much still in the forefront for the Council's business and would welcome approaches from Parish Councils and community groups with regards to ideas for assets and services which could be devolved locally.

Cllr Chris Wells stated that Truro City have taken over a number of assets with Coosebean being the recent one.

	<p>Negotiations were taking place for the City Council to take control of a further 100 plots of land across the. Further discussions are taking place regarding Truro Library.</p> <p>One of Truro City Council’s first devolution deals was the public conveniences. It has meant they have had better control of them and have received positive feedback from the community. When looking at devolution deals there is a need to ensure the assets are in a good state of repair.</p> <p>Mark O’Brien stated that there are currently around 75 devolution packages being worked on across Cornwall at present, some bigger than others. The offer is still there and we are open to initial discussion however there is a full and busy programme currently be worked through, so there may be a delay before any new schemes are added to the work programme. It is however worth starting the conversations now so some of the ground work can be undertaken.</p> <p>Cllr Gillard asked if there are any key areas, relating to the budget, where savings are proposed to be made as it would be helpful for the Parish Councils to know this and be able to explain this to parishioners.</p> <p>ACTION: Ellie Willcocks to provide a link to where this information is available on line.</p> <p>Post meeting note: Link to detailed draft budget savings - https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/have-your-say/budget-engagement/ - view the Overview & Scrutiny Committee meeting papers</p> <p>When talking about savings, Mark O’Brien reminded members that this also included looking at increasing income and asked for any suggestions that may help to increase the Council’s revenue.</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Carlyon asked about the cost of Langarth in the investment plan and whether it will be coming back to Strategic Planning?</p>	<p>EW</p>
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Regarding the investment plan, Cllr Eathorne Gibbons said there is an initial estimate of £600m and the hope of external investors:

8 Commercial developments projects - £20m

8 Housing Projects - £160m

Carrick Site - £150m

Langarth had only just emerged and the idea was to bring together the four existing planning decisions and access road. Government support was being sought.

Cllr Dyer raised concerns around the Northern Access Road as it was planned to be constructed to estate road dimensions and it re-joins the A390 at the already busy Treliske roundabout. He believes it will only create more problems with regards to the traffic issues coming into Truro.

Cllr Dyer also stated that the Coosebean Valley is too steep to make it an economic development site. Developers are using up the level land leading to a loss of food production land. There are also concerns about South West Water's plans to pump sewage 4.5 miles and there have been recent incidents of overflow and contamination of local rivers and shellfish beds.

Cllr Hetherington asked about bringing empty homes back into use.

Ellie Willcocks informed the group that Cornwall Council are looking to raise Council Tax on long term empty properties to both raise revenue and encourage them to be brought back into use.

Cllr Brickell raised concerns regarding new developments, particularly along the A390. Where is the employment going to be for the people investing in them?

Discussions moved forward with regards to improving cycle paths. The land from Chiverton Cross down to Treliske Hospital is relatively flat, so a cycle way should be written into future plans.

Cllr Wells informed members that there is currently a campaign for a cycle route from St. Agnes to Truro with active discussions taking place with Highways England.

Members thanked Cllr Eathorne-Gibbons for the presentation.

More information on the budget and the consultation can be found at www.cornwall.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/have-your-say/budget-engagement/

<p>3</p>	<p>Hall for Cornwall Refurbishment - Update</p> <p>The Hall for Cornwall closed on 2nd June and is planned to reopen in July 2020. KEIR are the contractors and they are now on site.</p> <p>The plan is to increase the capacity of the theatre by 300 more seats which will enable it to compete with the Theatre Royal and The Pavilions in Plymouth for top end shows. The total capacity is hoped to be around 1300. There will also be work space available to rent out to business ventures, along with new cafés and bars.</p> <p>Staff numbers have been reduced during the refurbishment period, but the Hall for Cornwall brand is still working including showing productions/films at other venues and theatres across Cornwall.</p> <p>The theatre doesn't currently attract many out of Cornwall guests but it is hoped that once the new theatre is established it will be able to do so.</p> <p>It is recognised that while the Hall for Cornwall is closed there may be an impact on Truro's evening and night time economy but it is expected that it will bring in more visitors and revenue once it is reopened. The Truro BID, the Museum and the Cathedral have all been consulted on this issue and a draft Cultural Strategy for Truro is being looked at by Truro City Council.</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Carlyon was concerned about the look of the KIER compound on Lemon Quay. Julie Seyler informed her that there are plans to project images onto the white compound walls; this is to take place in the next week or so.</p> <p>The use of Lemon Quay is being looked at with regards to how the space is being used.</p> <p>Cllr Dyer raised concerns about the theatre not being at full capacity for a number shows previously so how do they expect the new theatre to be any different.</p> <p>Julie Seyler stated that they do not have to have sell out productions each time, as long as there are at least 4 to 5 sell out shows per year it will cover the costs.</p> <p>Discussions moved forward with regards to car parking and the possibility of the Park and Ride opening for longer to accommodate the theatre goers.</p>	
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	<p>Mark O'Brien informed the delegates that the Cornwall Council car parks in Truro are now free after 4pm in the long stay and free after 5pm in the short stay. The extended Park and Ride times are under review. Sarah Newton MP currently has an on-line petition with regards to Park and Ride times.</p> <p>Cllr Jones asked whether the new theatre would become more disabled friendly and Julie Seyler confirmed that improved access to all parts of the new building and theatre is at the heart of the new design.</p> <p>Julie Seyler informed the group that the Hall for Cornwall will be fully supporting indigenous theatre groups like Miracle.</p> <p>Cllr Brickell wished Julie Seyler luck with the project and stated that Truro does need a theatre and it will be an asset to the City, although there is a need to get the marketing right.</p> <p>Julie Seyler invited the delegates for a 'Hard Hat Tour' in the New Year and looks forward to updating the Panel Members at a future meeting in 12 months.</p>	
4.	<p>Notes of last Panel Meeting (25 September 2018)</p> <p>The notes were agreed by the Panel Members</p>	
5.	<p>Traffic Management (standing item)</p> <p>Nothing discussed</p>	
6.	<p>Issues raised by Panel Members</p> <p>Nothing discussed</p>	
7.	<p>Community Link Officer update</p> <p>At the last meeting Expressions of Interest regarding the Highways Fund were received and agreed. MOB recently circulated the attached information relating to Speed Activated Signage. Highway's officers are working with their suppliers on some possible additional options regarding mobile vehicle activated signs (VAS) and this would be reported back once received.</p>	

8.	<p>Themes for Next Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unauthorised motor vehicles on public rights of way - Cllr Chamberlain to report on update at January 2019 meeting. • Litterless Cornwall • One Public Transport – March 2019 • Health & Wellbeing – 													
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