

Notes

Meeting: Truro & Roseland Community Network Panel

Date: 29 January 2019

Time: 7.00-9.00pm

Location: Trelawny Room, New County Hall

Present	Title/Representing
Councillor Chris Wells (Chair of Community Network Panel)	Truro City Council
Julian German CC	Cornwall Councillor (Roseland)
Martyn Alvey CC	Cornwall Councillor (Feock & Playing Place)
John Dyer CC	Cornwall Councillor (Chacewater, Kenwyn and Baldhu)
Bob Egerton CC	Cornwall Councillor (Probus, Tregony & Grampound)
Councillor Steve Chamberlain	Kea Parish Council
Councillor Rob Trethewey	St.Erme Parish Council
Councillor Mrs Armorel Carlyon	Truro City Council
Councillor Richard Brickell	Feock Parish Council
Councillor P Allen	Feock Parish Council
Councillor James Hetherington	Gerrans Parish Council
Councillor Mark Taylor	Grampound Parish Council
Councillor John Carley	Chacewater Parish Council
Councillor Steve Leech	Chacewater Parish Council
Councillor Rob Knill	Chacewater Parish Council
Councillor Martin Stephens	Chacewater Parish Council
Councillor Nicholas Gillard	Probus Parish Council
Councillor Stuart Roden	Truro City Council
Councillor Lindsay Southcombe	Truro City Council
Paul Caruana	Truro Day & Sunny Corner
Councillor Keith Hambly-Staite	Feock PC
Councillor Julie Howes	Ladock Parish Council
Nicola Anderson	Member of Public
Andrew Stott	Member of Public
Oliver Baines	Member of Public
C Jeffery	Member of Public
Bev Wilson	Inclusion Cornwall
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:

Loic Rich (Tregolls); Bert Biscoe CC (Truro Boscawen); Dulcie Tudor (Threemilestone & Gloweth); David Harris CC (Truro Trehaverne); Rob Nolan CC (Truro Redannick); Sue James CC (Portfolio Holder for Environment & Public Protection); Danny Konik (Highways CC); Cllr John Smith (Veryan PC); Sue Verran (Veryan PC); Jane Spenceley (Kea PC); Viv Bidgood CORMAC; Sally Jones (St.Erme PC); Councillor David Giles (Vice Chair of Community Network Panel Ruanlanihorne Parish Council); Damien Richards (Truro City Council)

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>Winter Wellness – Inclusion Cornwall</p> <p>Bev Wilson from Inclusion Cornwall informed the panel of how the Warm and Well Cornwall Programme benefits residents of Cornwall. They offer lots of resources and work with providers to improve heating systems in people's homes. The service offers free central heating to people with health problems and they have also been able to extend this help to people receiving benefits.</p> <p>The Warm and Well funding is currently on hold due to the high number of applications but it is hoped that new applications will be accepted towards the end of March 2019. The team can still offer advice and guidance.</p> <p>https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/winterwellbeing</p> <p>Cllr Steve Chamberlain stated that many residents in Cornwall rely on woodburners as their primary source of heating. Bev Wilson informed him that woodburners are seen as a secondary form of heating but there is a 'woodbank' in Launceston and All Saints Church (Truro).</p> <p>OFGEM are pushing for use of low carbon fuel and has stopped funding oil.</p>	

Cllr John Carley informed the group that at Full Council this week a climate emergency declaration was adopted which we should all be working towards. With this in mind, should air sourced heat pumps be used to heat people's homes?

Bev Wilson informed the group that air source heat pumps aren't always cost effective due to the salt in the Cornish air rotting the system and depends on how well the property is insulated. Ben Simpson, Economic Development, is currently looking at a renewable energy bid and Sarah Newton MP is involved from a Fuel Poverty Forum perspective with the Minister.

Cllr Rob Trethewey raised discussions around Private Landlords and how it should be their responsibility to ensure there is an effective heating system in the rented properties. Should funding be being put in which increases the value of landlords' properties? Bev Wilson stated that as of next year it will be the Landlords' responsibility to spend up to £3,000 to get the properties up to the EPC rating before they can apply for funding. There are lots of good landlords however some have previously refused upgrades on heating systems as well as tenants not wishing to approach landlords in case of eviction. There can be a way of putting a charge on the property therefore the property owner pays.

Jon Lloyd-Owen informed the group that Joe Roberts, Private Rentals Housing Manager, is currently working on a pilot scheme where there is £4.5k available for properties on E or F ratings.

There is also some Government funding to see how to take forward enforcement of EPC ratings.

Nicola Anderson (member of public) suggested that a possible solution could be to charge a higher Council Tax rate for holiday lets, with the money going back into the housing stock. Julian German CC said that the Council are currently looking at second homes and empty properties but all ideas would require a change in legislation. There is a recommendation going to the Council to double the empty home tax.

The Council are also looking at Small Business Rate Relief on holiday lets with Somerset Council recently looking at a resolution for second homes.

	<p>There is also an issue with 'flipping' where property owners use existing loopholes to get Government relief then switch the property back to a holiday let. Again the Council is aware of this however it also needs legislative changes to be able to tackle it.</p> <p>Councillor German commended the Warm and Well scheme along with the thirty partner organisations as he had made referrals and it has proven to help local people.</p> <p>Cllr John Carley queried the issues around private rented listed properties keeping the aesthetics of installing windows to get the EPC rating up. Councillor German informed him that an Energy Efficiency Document, relating to heritage buildings, has been produced and does address this issue.</p> <p>ACTION: Energy Efficiency Document to be circulated to the group.</p>	MOB / SS
3.	<p>Litterless Cornwall</p> <p>The #Litterlesscornwall campaign was launched in September 2018 in response to public concerns and it's been backed by Sue James CC Cabinet Member, who offered her apologies to this meeting. The Council currently spend £4.5m on street cleansing (including fly-tipping), if this figure is reduced money could go back into other Services.</p> <p>So far over a thousand people have signed up to the campaign. Councillor German urged people to sign up the Litterless Cornwall campaign through the Cornwall Council website. The Council can provide litter pickers and arrange for the waste to be collected as long as it has been told about the events in advance.</p> <p>In 2009 the Clean Cornwall Partnership was set up. There is also the Cornwall in Bloom initiative and other initiatives such as the SAS campaign's 2 minute beach clean. The Clean Cornwall website has some useful information and links.</p> <p>The Great British Spring Clean will be taking place in April under the keep Britain Tidy Campaign.</p> <p>Councillor Wells asked if instances in fly tipping have been increasing and how many instances had been reported. Julian German CC reported that fly-tipping has risen in Cornwall over the last 12 months as well across the Country as a whole.</p>	

	<p>Olive Baines spoke about the Final Straw campaign. 285 businesses are now signed up including St. Austell Brewery.</p> <p>Councillor Knill raised the issue of fly-tipping on private land – i.e. Tregothnan Land. Chacewater are putting more bins in. Mark Luxton, Head of Community Protection, Licensing & Enforcement, was going out to Chacewater to look at the issue. Councillor Knill also noted that there appears to be more litter in the winter, when there are fewer visitors around so local people also need to take responsibility for the issue.</p> <p>Councillor German spoke about what could be done in terms of prevention and reducing waste. The advice was to report instances to Public Protection, especially fly-tipping. The Truro HWRC will be opening in the Spring. The issue of a Tourist Tax was being looked into but it would require a legislative change. The Local Government Association is looking at it nationally and Councillor German and Cllr Seeva are involved locally.</p>	
<p>4.</p>	<p>Update on Unauthorised motor vehicles on public rights of way – 4 Point Plan</p> <p>Councillor Chamberlain introduced the item and reported that they now had a version 2 of a proposed four point plan to tackle the issue. Officers from Cornwall Council’s Environment Service had been involved to date. It was acknowledged that there are no easy solutions. However, it was hoped that support and ownership of issues could be taken by all partners, including Cornwall Council.</p> <p>Please see the attached presentation for more details.</p> <p>Cllr Rob Knill stated that it is only a small amount of people causing the issues relating to unauthorised motor vehicles on public rights of way. It affects people’s quality of life.</p> <p>The Police are unable to do a campaign targeting the issues due to lack of resources. There had been a previous investigation looking into a way of stopping motorbikes and off road vehicles but allowing horses and walkers to access the public rights of way but the idea was unable to be taken forward. The Group would like to explore this idea again with Cornwall Council and other land owners.</p>	

	<p>Cllr Armored Carlyon wished to note her thanks for the brilliant work done on the 4 Point Plan and raised concerns with regards to private land owners allowing motor vehicles to use the land for this very purpose.</p> <p>Cllr Rob Knill stated that Tregothnan are fully on side with regards to the 4 Point Plan but the Plan does not include private land owners. Cllr Steve Chamberlain stated that planning permission is required for the establishment of regular club meetings.</p> <p>The idea of dedicating a piece of land for 'boy racers'/motor bikes was suggested at a recent Police Liaison Meeting but the people it is aimed at aren't interested in being contained in one spot.</p> <p>Mark O'Brien and Mike Eastwood recently met with Inspector Ian Thompson and from discussions recognised a Partnership approach is needed. There is also a need to look at a single reporting point to collate all the complaints as well as looking at a campaign.</p> <p>The meeting Chair thanked Cllr Steve Chamberlain and Cllr Rob Knill for the compressive presentation.</p> <p>ACTIONS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Panel agreed that a letter would be written supporting the principle of the plan and supporting the idea of looking again at the use of appropriate barriers to prevent illegal users while still maintaining open and accessible public rights of way. • To provide comments on the second draft action plan 	<p>MOB / Cllr Wells</p> <p>All</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Notes of last Panel Meeting (20 November 2018)</p> <p>The notes where agreed by the Panel Members.</p> <p>ACTION: To follow up on the offer of a hard hat tour of the Hall for Cornwall as offered at the last meeting</p>	<p>MOB / HfC</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Traffic Management (standing item)</p> <p>Nothing discussed</p>	

	<p>Mark reported that Veryan Parish Council had submitted an expression of interest to the Panel, the same as other Parishes and Councillors had. In advance of this however, Veryan had funded their own feasibility study through Cornwall Highways which they had now received back with costed schemes included.</p> <p>Councillor Hambly-Staite raised a query about being told that schemes would be deferred until next year (i.e. after April). Mark said that he wasn't aware of this although it is recognised that any agreed works would probably take place in the next financial year. The advice was also that the CORMAC team who would be delivering any physical schemes would do so on their next scheduled visit to try to make best use of the limited resources and help work gangs to reduce unnecessary repeat visits to an area.</p> <p>Councillor Howes referred back to the prioritised list (which was created out of the expressions of interest) and presented back to the Panel. Because of this and Ladock's position on the list, she had reported back to her Parish that their proposal would probably be brought forward in the second year of the scheme. It was also noted that Ladock had also paid for their own feasibility study and for local works.</p> <p>A request was made to the Panel as to whether they would consider recommending an amount of funding to go towards implementing Veryan's scheme at this stage. The total cost of Veryan's preferred scheme is £13,700.</p> <p>Following discussion it was proposed by Councillor German that the Panel recommend the allocation of £5,000 from the Panel's Highways scheme budget to Veryan Parish Council. This proposal was seconded by Councillor Bob Egerton.</p> <p>The Panel members took a vote which resulted in eight votes in favour of the proposal and three against. It was RESOLVED that a recommendation is made to allocate £5,000 of the budget to Veryan Parish Council.</p>	
<p>9.</p>	<p>Themes for Next Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate Emergency • Police update – Inspector Milburn 	
	<p>Future Meetings</p> <p>Tuesday 19 March 2019 – 7pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday 21 May 2019 – 7pm (AGM) One Public Transport / Mental Health Services • Tuesday 16 July 2019 – 7pm • Tuesday 17 September 2019 – 7pm • Tuesday 19 November 2019 – 7pm 	

Date of Next meeting:**Tuesday 19 March 2019 – 7pm****Times and venues for ALL meetings**

Times: 7.00pm – 9.00pm

Venues: To be agreed by the panel

Suggested Future agenda items:

- Climate Emergency
- Health & Well Being update
- One Public Transport
- Mental Health Services

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