



Meeting Notes

Meeting Title: St Agnes and Perranzabuloe Community Network Panel
Date: Thursday 25th April 2019
Time: 6.30pm-8.30pm
Location: Perranzabuloe Parish Rooms

Attendees	Ken Yeo – Perranzabuloe Parish Council (KY) – Chair CC Michael Callan – Perranzabuloe (MC) CC Adrian Harvey – Newlyn and Goonhavern (AH) Steve Arthur – Perranzabuloe Parish Council (SA) Ben Dobson – Crantock Parish Council (BD) Bill Forbes – St Agnes Parish Council (BF) Jonathon McCulloch – St Allen Parish Council (JM) Alan Percy – Cubert Parish Council (AP) Gareth Rowe – Cubert Parish Council (GR) John Slater – St Agnes Parish Council (JS) Lloyd Spencer – Cubert Parish Council (LS) Rod Thoms – St Newlyn East Parish Council (RT)
Officers	James Davidson – Penair School (JD) Linda Garbett – Mithian School (LG) Alistair Johnson – Perranzabuloe School (AJ) Sharon Hindley – Head of Education Access and Sufficiency (SH) Helen Peerless – Planning and Organisation Manager (HP) Paul Renowden – Education Capital Strategy Officer (PR) Louise Wood – Acting Service Director for Planning (LW) Roger Gates – Community Link Officer (RG) Elisabeth Allcorn – Communities Support Assistant (EA) 14 Members of the public
Apologies for Absence:	
Andy Brown, Cllr Joyce Duffin, Mark Lloyd (Head Teacher Goonhavern School), Cllr Pete Mitchell and Cllr Mike Eathorne-Gibbons	

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1	<p>Introductions:</p> <p>(a) Health & Safety information</p> <p>(b) Representatives at meeting introduce themselves</p> <p>(c) Apologies for absence and late arrival</p> <p>KY welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions and apologies were given.</p> <p>KY outlined the format for the evening and confirmed everyone will have an opportunity to ask a question, however individual cases are not being discussed.</p>	

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2	<p>Education – School places within the St Agnes and Perranporth Community Network Area (CNA)</p> <p>KY introduced Sharon Hindley (SH), Paul Renowden (PR) and Helen Peerless (HP) from Cornwall Council’s Education Services and Louise Wood, Acting Service Director for Planning.</p> <p>Sharon Hindley (SH), Paul Renowden (PR) and Helen Peerless (HP) provided a presentation to the panel.</p> <p>Presentation to be circulated with the action notes.</p> <p>HP - Cornwall Council makes annual forecasts of five-year pupil projections to predict where demands are likely to be. We use information from health colleagues, housing and patterns of migration in and out of the area. We look at sufficiency of places across the geographical area, but the expectation is that children will be able to attend their local or designated school.</p> <p>Birth rates rose between 2002 and 2011 but have been falling since 2012. The previous pressure on primary places is therefore beginning to decrease, so across the Community Network Area we don’t see any deficiency of primary places up to 2022. However, there is a concern regarding Perranporth, as the forecasts show that the size of the school is not sufficient for the size of the community. Feasibility studies are currently being undertaken on Perranporth, Mithian and Goonhavern primary schools with regards to looking at options to expand. There is also a new primary school opening in Newquay in 2019. The aim is for children to be able to attend their own designated school.</p> <p>As the larger cohorts move on to secondary school, demand at secondary level is expected to increase and by 2021/2022 there will be a need for additional places. There are currently still secondary places available in Newquay and Truro but unfortunately that doesn’t mean all parents get the school they want. The designated secondary schools for pupils in the St Agnes & Perranporth Community Network Area from Perranzabuloe, Cubert, Crantock and St Newlyn East are those in Newquay.</p> <p>Langarth Farm development of over 1900 houses means an increased number of children will require a secondary school place.</p> <p>There was an overview of the cost of a primary school place which ranges from £17,000 to £26,000 per pupil. It was emphasised that Cornwall Council has to demonstrate value for money to the Department for Education with regards to any funding they receive. There was a discussion about the possible construction of a new secondary school on the North Coast.</p> <p>KY invited the panel and audience to ask their questions.</p>	EA

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	<p><u>Questions, Answers & Comments</u></p> <p>Q – What is the actual intake for Treviglas and Tretherras schools? Have they taken on a new form? A – SH - Published admission number for Treviglas is 200 (i.e. that’s what they have capacity for) they took 210 last year to make sure children could come. This year the Council has not yet allocated places up to that number and there are still places available.</p> <p>Q – MOP - Potential planning for primary but no planning for secondary? Your figures reflect in 2 years time there will be a shortfall. What will happen for those 40 children A – Primary numbers are okay up to the next 5 year (as far as Cornwall Council has projected). In September 2019 Nansledan school in Newquay will be opening, this is anticipated to reduce pressure on primary schools in the St Agnes and Perranporth CNA. For secondary we will have a shortfall. However, the Council will take action to ensure there are sufficient places. In some cases, where there is a shortfall Cornwall Council will ask secondary schools to take extra pupils; Penair Academy and Richard Lander School took additional pupils last year. Cornwall Council provides additional funding to these schools as there is an increase in costs with the additional pupils.</p> <p>In addition, feasibility studies will look at options for expanding existing schools. For some years some of our secondary schools have been operating below the physical capacity they can take. Expanding capacity of existing schools takes a lot less time to do than building a new secondary school.</p> <p>Q – MOP - Can you guarantee that our children will not be sent outside of their network of Schools? A – We/Cornwall Council can never guarantee it but all the work we will be doing will be to accommodate these families. However, in some circumstances, such as if families apply late, , then they may be allocated a school outside of area.</p> <p>SH we’ve already spoken to heads of all four secondary schools and they would like us to carry out the feasibility study.</p> <p>Several attendees asked questions, answers to be given at the end.</p> <p>Q – MOP - I am a parent of two children in Perranporth school? I have a long term vested interest and want to work with the council. One of the concerns is how the Council is working under its devolution powers in bringing together transport, housing and education. Penair Academy is currently funding transport for pupils travelling in. Is the designated area going to stay with Newquay or will it extend to Truro? Are the transport policies going to change so this is not then funded?</p> <p>Q- MOP - I am a parent of a child at Tretheras and a child choosing primary school for September. I am getting mixed messages from schools. Children</p>	

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	<p>are led to believe they can go to school x and then suddenly they can't. I have approached Penair School to see if children can attend try out days – I am getting mixed messages. Previously half the intake were sent to Penair. The invites we did receive are from Treviglas and Tretherras.</p> <p>Q – SA - 10,000 new build houses are earmarked for Newquay and 10,000 new build houses are earmarked for Truro. Where will Perranporth pupils go? Are they going to get sent to Redruth School? Redruth School are telling us they can't take any additional pupils.</p> <p>A - LW - I will address the comments about housing growth; we have a Cornwall local plan and that sets out to 2030 what our housing growth will be. The Government mandate is that we need to provide for an increase of 4,000–5,000 people per year; demands for housing, transport and schools all need to be considered and environmentally too; climate change is another pressing issue. Planning is working with colleagues in housing and education to make sure these needs are met. This hasn't been ideal historically but we are now working to improve this and that is why pupil yield figures have been changed to reflect this growing need.</p> <p>Q – MOP – I have asked questions about transport before. I am concerned what will happen if I put down my preferred choice as Penair School and they can no longer afford to pay for the transport costs.</p> <p>A – HP - As most schools can now set their own admissions policy, the council has no plans to amend designated areas. We do use these for pupil place planning. Transport eligibility is separate from admissions and you are entitled to transport to your nearest school geographically or the nearest school with a place available. You are also entitled to transport to a designated school (if it is not the nearest). So if a parent chooses a school but there is a nearer school that would have a place available, there is no entitlement to transport.</p> <p>Q – MOP – Have you considered the impact on mental health issues for children? You have a sibling in the school and your parents have attended the school then you are offered a place at a different school. As parents we feel that we are penalised by geography in terms of our choice of access to schools. We feel there is less equitable access to schools as the Newquay population grows.</p> <p>A – SH/HP Most areas in the County only have 1 designated secondary school and are therefore limited in that way. Most schools, locally and nationally, use distance as a way of allocating places if oversubscribed so inevitably those who live nearer are more likely to gain a place.</p> <p>Q – MOP - Newquay schools are the designated schools for Goonhavern. Pupils in Perranporth we need to know if our transport costs would be paid for.</p> <p>A –SH – (response to individual's enquiry) You can apply to Redruth School as your preferred school but as it is not your nearest or designated school it would be deemed a choice of school and therefore you would not be entitled</p>	

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	<p>to free transport. However if you were to be allocated a place at Redruth school because there is no space at your nearest or designated school then there would be an entitlement to free transport. Each school is their own admissions authority. Of the 272 schools in Cornwall there are c 68 maintained schools where the Council does set the admissions arrangements. Comment – MOP – new schools are going to take a long time.</p> <p>A - PR - School expansion is a much quicker solution than building a new school; to date this has been the Council's preferred approach. Sometimes temporary buildings are installed at schools to accommodate 'bulge' classes, i.e. unexpected additional pupils in a particular year group.</p> <p>KY – I was a Cornwall Councillor many years ago when we were first looking at the need for a new Secondary School. When we set up Richard Lander school children travelled from North of Bodmin, Lizard and Penzance to attend the school – that was parental choice. The problem is the catchment area can change annually.</p> <p>Q – MOP parent of 2 children at Perranporth primary year 2 and year 4. I am interested in £16 million you have allocated for Secondary Schools; will it be used for expansion of existing Secondary schools? A - LW/SH - £16 million is for ring fenced to be spent on provision of additional secondary school places. We will be utilising some of this money to provide additional spaces at one or more of the four schools in the Newquay and Truro areas. Longer term there is an acknowledgement that an additional secondary school will be needed to accommodate the growth in pupils in this CNA and the north coast has been identified as the most likely place for the new school. I stress though that this is very much in the early days and no firm plans have been made – we are in the exploratory phase of looking at options for the longer term.</p> <p>HP - Red numbers show schools in their current capacity don't have enough places – we won't have red numbers when it gets to those years as we are making provisions now.</p> <p>JD (Head Teacher at Penair School) – I want to re-inforce what HP said. We have 122 surplus places across Penair School. We have worked with the local authority to reduce our spaces from 240 to 210 as there wasn't the demand for the places. We have 918 students on role at the moment but we are a big site and have the capacity to increase our numbers.</p> <p>Q – MOP - Shortfall of places in next couple of years – what about operational and net capacity? Do we have a timeframe for when that is going to happen? A - PR Feasibility studies will identify exactly how many places we can currently accommodate and how many we might be able to accommodate by making certain changes. We can react quite quickly to increasing capacity to allow large years to pass through the school as a bulge year. Temporary</p>	

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	<p>accommodation – very modular boxy and quick to erect –build time of 6-9 months with more tricky ones taking 1 year (primary) for secondary schools they are more complex. Also need to factor in willingness of governors, heads and schools.</p> <p>SH – All four secondary schools (Newquay and Truro) want a feasibility study and to look at their potential to expand in the future. Going back to the question about not being invited to attend secondary school open days; you may not get a letter but you can attend any open days that you wish to.</p> <p>Comment - MOP - We asked if we could be invited to Penair School open days and were told that we couldn't.</p> <p>A - JD –We don't want to market into our non-designated area and upset the school for that designated area. Being invited to schools that we have no chance of getting into.</p> <p>A - SH - I will send a note to Cornwall Association of Secondary Heads (CASH) and ask JD to raise this at the next meeting and feed it back to CNP.</p> <p>SH - There has never been 1 designated school for the St Agnes and Perranporth Community Network Area.</p> <p><u>Cubert Parish Council</u></p> <p>AP - Cubert has a 60 house rural exception site and an 11 house development that has come through recently. Rural exception site decision has been made by planning officers. Cubert Parish Council has requested answers from Mr David Edmondson regarding the decision – no reply from him as of yet. Would like to meet with LW about this.</p> <p>A - LW - firstly want to address AP's concerns. We are aware of this situation and David Edmondson has spoken to various parish councillors. AP explained that he also represents the North Coast Cluster.</p> <p>LW to arrange meeting between Planning and Cubert Parish Council.</p> <p><u>St Agnes Parish Council</u></p> <p>BF - St Agnes Parish Council has minimum targets for housing and these are being exceeded already, by 2030 we will be exceeding them even more. We are also aware that other parts of Cornwall are not meeting their housing targets; can we transfer that money into areas that are exceeding their targets? BF talking about figures for StA&P CNA as a whole.</p> <p>A - LW - We look at planning permissions, completions and also planned sites that we know we need to cater for. Looking at your trajectories you have had quite a few big sites. Planning permissions have been front loaded in the early phase of 2010-2030. Can't move Section 106 contributions from one area to the other. Under achieving areas get less Section 106 contributions – areas over achieving their housing targets get more contributions. Increased pupil numbers will yield more money. The CIL Tax on new developments is not geographically restricted.</p> <p>BF - Thanked officers here today for their input.</p>	<p>SH/JD</p> <p>LW</p>

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	<p><u>Crantock Parish Council</u> BD - Thanked officers attending today for their input. BD sympathised with parents and added that all children living in Crantock have to travel to attend school.</p> <p><u>St Allen Parish Council</u> JM – Raised the issue of the £7million being spent on the Langarth Farm development and questioned the need for 1,600 houses. A - LW – In terms of big strategic developments you can't expect the developer to provide all of the infrastructure. They contribute to it but can't do all of it.</p> <p><u>St Newlyn East Parish Council</u> RT – Cornwall has a problem with brain drain. Our students are also competing against pupils from other local authorities with a much more integrated educational set up. I am interested in allocation of spaces regarding specialist subjects. How do you calculate allocations into schools with a specialism? A - SH – If your child has an interest in STEM (Science Technology Engineering Maths) that won't have any bearing in your child getting into a school with a STEM specialism. The School Admissions Code states a school can select on aptitude but not on ability unless the school is a Grammar School.</p> <p>Comment – MOP – expressed her concern that Treviglas School does not offer languages at GCSE level.</p> <p>A – SH – thanked MOP for bringing the matter to her attention. We were unaware of this situation and will take this away to investigate.</p> <p>Parents can apply to the NEXUS gifted and talented scheme based at the Camborne Science and International Academy. Please use link: NEXUS gifted and talented scheme</p> <p>KY thanked the Cornwall Council Officers for their attendance today and also the audience for their questions.</p> <p>All further items will be covered at the next CNP meeting on Thursday 20th June 2019.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 20:40 hrs.</p>	SH
3	Notes of last Panel meeting (7th February 2019) To be covered 20 th June 2019.	
4	Items from Community Network Panel members To be covered 20 th June 2019.	
5.	Date of next meeting and themes for future meetings	

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	Date: Thursday 20th June 2019 Time: 6.30pm-8.30pm Venue: Perranzabuloe Parish Rooms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AGM 	
6.	Future Panel Meeting Dates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Thursday 19 September 2019 	