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Meeting: Falmouth & Penryn Community Network Panel (CNP)

Date: Tuesday 19 November 2019

Time: 19.00 – 21.00

Location: The Atherton Suite, Falmouth Town Council.

Present	Title/Representing
Clr John Bastin (Chair)	Cornwall Councillor – Constantine, Mawnan & Budock
Clr John Symons	Cornwall Councillor – Penryn East & Mylor
Clr Jayne Kirkham	Cornwall Councillor – Falmouth Smithick
Clr Mary May	Cornwall Councillor – Penryn West
Clr Peter Williams	Cornwall Councillor – Mabe, St Gluvias & Perranarworthal
Clr Douglas Angwin	Perranarworthal PC
Clr Graham Brown	Perranarworthal PC
Clr Phil Hart	Budock PC
Clr Tessa Thomson	Constantine PC
Clr John Andrew	Constantine PC
Clr Marilyn Ferris	St Gluvias PC
Clr Darren Willcocks	St Gluvias PC
Clr Michelle Wilkinson	Mabe PC
Clr Brod Ross	Falmouth Town Council
Mark Williams	Falmouth Town Council, Clerk
Helen Perry	Penryn Town Council, Clerk
Ruth Grimmer	University of Exeter
Andrew Williams	Falmouth Harbour Commissioners
Clr Edwina Hannaford	Cornwall Councillor – Portfolio Holder for Climate Change and Neighbourhoods
Esther Richmond	Cornwall Council (CC), Community Link Officer
Nikki Drewett	Cornwall Council, Communities Support Assistant
Apologies for absence:	
Clr Alan Jewell (Cornwall Councillor), Trevor Doughty (Cornwall Council, Corporate Leadership Team Representative).	

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Item		Action
1,2	Introductions & Apologies	
	JB (Chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting; introductions were made and apologies given. Health & Safety information was shared.	

3	Public Questions	
	None were received.	
4	Strengthening Community Network Panels	
	<p>The Chair welcomed Cllr Edwina Hannaford, Portfolio Holder for Climate Change & Neighbourhoods to the meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Hannaford provided an update and presentation on the research carried out by LOCALITY on the strength of Localism in Cornwall, and fed back to Panel members about the recent Localism Summit.</p> <p>Cllr Hannaford talked about Devolution and referred to Falmouth Town Council (FTC) as being an exemplar. A number of assets have been devolved to FTC and this has been a positive experience and worked well.</p> <p>Local knowledge and passion are the ingredients to make devolution and localism work.</p> <p>Town and Parish Councils will become community leaders and work closely with CC.</p> <p>Cllr Hannaford referred to the Power Partnership Document which outlines the key ways for local authorities to shift power to people, build local capacity and ownership, and put neighbourhoods in the lead: https://locality.org.uk/policy-campaigns/localism-devolution/power-partnerships/</p> <p>The Localism Summit held on 06 November 2019 was very well attended and positive with a real willingness from people wanting to work together, with Climate Change being a prominent agenda item.</p> <p>There will be 6 further events across Cornwall to address and discuss Climate Change which are planned for the new year. CC wants to create a panel of experts from different sectors - Business, Stakeholder Groups and Young Persons Forum etc.</p> <p><u>Questions/Answers/Comments</u></p> <p><i>Q – Has CC sourced any money for additional car charging electrical points, rather than Parishes having to increase their precept?</i> A – Parish Councils may have better access to funding. The Government needs to help to provide resources. There are currently 116 charging points across Cornwall, of which 60 are funded by CC. Please see the link below for all charging points in Cornwall: https://www.intocornwall.com/electric-vehicle-charging-stations-in-cornwall/</p> <p><i>Q – Could charging points be linked up with defibrillators in parishes?</i> A – Tevi is undertaking a piece of work mapping where people live, work and their commuting routes. Some parishes with defibrillators are very rural and therefore further work will have to ascertain the level of demand in an area.</p> <p><i>Q – CC Planning Department should be trying to reduce the number</i></p>	

of vehicles on the roads, but out of town housing developments encourages people to use their cars. A prime example is the new village on the outskirts of Truro and the new road that is being built as part of the development.

A – The new road is designed to provide relief for the Hospital. As part of the planning for Langarth, CC has worked with planners to ensure they are working with nature and the green infrastructure has been considered at the very beginning. From next year there will not be any gas boilers fitted in new CC led developments. There needs to be a behavioural change to meet the target of becoming carbon neutral by 2030.

Q – Prior to this meeting, there was a Climate Change Action Group meeting which was very positive, with a lot of progress being made. Falmouth & Penryn are very lucky to have a number of people wanting to be involved, but any change has to start with 'the man in the street'.

A – If we all did a little, it would make a huge difference and there are lots of small things that people can do to start to make changes. Mylor have moved from plastic milk bottles to glass bottles and Mabe have refill glass bottles and a central milk dispenser.

50% of carbon comes from the homes we live in and the cars we drive.

There are approximately 80 Green Champions across CC Services supporting everyone to consider ways of leading more sustainable working lives.

Q – Please can you tell me the assets that have been devolved to FTC and could this be rolled out into parishes?

A – These include toilets, youth services, pitches and green spaces. We are keen to devolve assets to Parish Councils and are open to yourselves approaching us to register your interest in assets. If this is something you are interested in, please speak to Esther Richmond, your local Community Link Officer.

Q – Within the next couple of years there will be a change in vehicles and we will see an increase in electric scooters and electric bicycles which will require various charging sockets. What provision do we have for producing charging points for all these different vehicles?

A – This is a question for your Parliamentary candidate, rather than for myself. The Government needs to legislate this and there needs to be a National Policy Framework with national coordination.

Q – Is it not in CC power to oversee the quality of new developments as the standards of construction differ greatly dependent on the contractor?

A – Building regulations are set by Government. Private companies offer a commercialised service, as well as local councils. CC offers a high standard service but it comes with a cost attached.

Q – Please can you clarify where the money is coming from to pay for the Climate Change Action Plan? I am concerned that in the past CC has paid a lot of money to external agencies to undertake this

	<p><i>sort of work.</i></p> <p>A – The plan has been written by employed CC staff so there has been no additional cost. Apart from working with Exeter University who undertook the Carbon Audit, all other personnel involved are CC employees.</p> <p>CC has a £16M Renewable Energy budget and some of this is being re-purposed to cover some of the costs for The Forest of Cornwall and the first wind turbine (2.3mw) at Venton Teague, Hayle.</p>	
5	Notes from the last meeting (3rd September 2019)	
	<p>The Panel agreed that future meetings will be 'paperless' and the agenda and notes from the previous meeting will be displayed via a screen.</p> <p>Pg.2 Police Update - <i>Can I suggest that Parish Councils are included as Stakeholders to help the Police with their priorities?</i></p> <p>ER fed back to the Panel that Inspector Thompson has now moved on and Martin Roberts is the new Sector Inspector. ER met with MR and he is looking to review the Policing Priorities for the area. He is keen to have a two way conversation with the Community Network Panel and Town & Parishes regarding their priorities.</p> <p>MR has agreed to attend Panel meetings on a more frequent basis and this will be shared between himself and a Police Constable.</p> <p>Cllr Brod Ross mentioned the Devon and Cornwall Police Councillor Advocate Scheme. The scheme runs very well in Devon but unfortunately not so well in Cornwall, with very little Councillor attendance at meetings. BR recommended that Panel members go back to their Town & Parish Councils and recruit advocates who would be willing to attend meetings.</p> <p>Cllr Peter Williams raised concerns regarding the Police response times. There was a very recent incident in Ponsanooth where the shop was targeted by 'scammers' who made off with £2K of cigarettes using a fraudulent credit card. The Police were called but didn't attend the scene. The Police attended today and PW is awaiting a call from the Detective Inspector.</p> <p>BR reiterated the need for Councillor Advocates as the reporting of such issues/incidents to the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) is poor. The OPCC are asking for Councillor feedback directly to themselves, and not to the Police.</p> <p>The notes were agreed and approved.</p>	
6	Falmouth Harbour Commissioners	
	<p>The Chair welcomed Andrew Williams, Falmouth Harbour Commissioners to the meeting.</p> <p>AW updated the Panel on the current work being undertaken by the Falmouth Harbour Commissioners.</p> <p>The Falmouth Harbour Commissioners are overseen and regulated by</p>	

the Department of Transport. The vision is to safely manage Falmouth Harbour in a responsible and sustainable manner and to facilitate sustainable development and long term prosperity for the harbour to the benefit of its users and the wider community.

The Business is divided into the following:

- Providing services to customers – Falmouth Pilot Services (responsible for the safe and effective delivery of pilot services to shipping using the port) and Falmouth Haven (responsible for the provision of leisure services on a commercial basis to customers using FHS's assets and infrastructure).
- A Central Service which fulfils the statutory and regulatory functions of the organisation as well as providing administrative and functional support to the business arms.

The Business is currently in a good position, but there will always be challenges. One of these challenges was the recent grounding of the Kuzma Minin, a Russian bulk carrier off the coast of Falmouth.

Commercial income has remained fairly consistent over the past four years and world fuel prices and bunkering demands play a large part of the commercial boats entering and using the port. The 2 pilot boats remain in constant use but we are constantly reviewing their capabilities and ages. Leisure income has grown year on year.

The potential changes to the North Quay Marina, increasing capacity and the arrival of a floating restaurant will further add to the Falmouth offer. We purchased Engravers Cottage to incorporate within the business and we are currently discussing possible new tenants.

We continue to work with Academia on Fab Test and look forward to future investment strategies that may see the Port used to support renewable schemes, whatever they may be.

We are also engaged with the local Development Plan discussions and look forward to working with the various community partners.

Next year is the 150th Anniversary of Falmouth Harbour Commissioners as a Trust Port and we propose to celebrate this throughout the year.

Questions/Answers/Comments

Q – Do the Harbour Commissioners intend to support the dredging of the harbour? Surely by doing this, it would be a huge advantage to the economy and allow large cruise liners etc in? The Pilot Captains tell me they are touching the bottom of the river and stirring up the silt which seems to defeat the object.

A - The Business Case for this will need to take into account the environmental impact. In principle, Falmouth and the economy would benefit, but clear environmental issues need to be considered before any dredging in the harbour takes place. The Environment Agency will need to take a lead with this.

Q – You talked about renewable fuels. What type do you use?

	<p>A – When bunkering, we are trying to reduce the amount of heavy weight diesel. The market is very volatile and to an extent we are dictated to by the industry.</p> <p><i>Q – With the continued drop in worldwide tonnage and the Pension Fund issue, what is the financial future for Falmouth Harbour Commissioners ?</i></p> <p>A – There is a healthy balance in the bank and we are looking at how to invest going forward. The Pension Fund has been the issue but we now have a repayment plan in place which has agreed and signed off, and we are ahead of schedule. We also have a significant income stream from profitable business and pilot schemes.</p> <p><i>Q – Following the Russian ship grounding incident we ensured this was reported to the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) and were advised they are having a review.</i></p> <p>A – Yes they are and CC is heavily involved. The provision of emergency towing vessels was discussed at last months’ Business Partner meeting and has been discussed with the Department of Transport and Secretary of State, should such an incident happen again. We need to ensure there is capacity to deal with a grounded vessel.</p> <p><i>Comment – Cllr Mary May thanked Falmouth Harbour Commissioners for continuing to sponsor the Red Arrows as they bring much enjoyment to the residents of Falmouth.</i></p> <p>Please see the link below for the latest Falmouth Harbour Commissioners Report 2018: https://www.falmouthharbour.co.uk/wp/wp-content/uploads/00-R017-01-Annual-Report-2018-Full-Report.pdf</p>	
7	Falmouth & Penryn Community Network Panel Update	
	This item was not discussed, due to time constraints.	
8	Cornwall Councillor Updates	
	<p><u>Cllr John Bastin</u> In July, cabinet approved the first iteration of a Climate Change action plan to help address the Climate Change emergency which was declared in January. Included in that action plan was the creation of a development plan document (DPD) to cover the issue of climate change. Please see link below to the document: https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/environment-and-planning/planning/planning-policy/adopted-plans/development-plan-documents/climate-change-development-plan-document/</p> <p><u>Cllr Peter Williams</u> PW explained to the Panel that he has made enquiries regarding the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) within parishes. There was some discussion regarding CIL as there appears to be some confusion. Please see the link below to the document for clarity:</p>	

	https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/environment-and-planning/planning/planning-policy/adopted-plans/community-infrastructure-levy-cil/													
9	Town and Parish Council Updates													
	None.													
10	Forward Plan													
	ER explained the Panel had planned ahead for meetings this year, and were keen to hear from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Emergency Planning • Together for Families Team • Climate Change & Energy • Affordable Housing The Panel agreed for ER to schedule these topics for future meetings.													
11	Any Other Business													
	None													
12	Future Meetings for 2019/20													
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 28 January 2020 – Tremayne Hall, Mylor Bridge. • 10 March 2020 – Venue to be Confirmed. 													
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