



# Notes

<b>Meeting:</b>	China Clay Community Network Panel Meeting
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	Monday 18 October 2021 at 7.00pm
<b>Location:</b>	Virtual Meeting using MS Teams

<b>Present</b>	<b>Title/Representing</b>
<b>Cornwall Councillors:</b>	
Dick Cole CC	Cornwall Councillor - St Dennis & St Enoder (CNP Panel Chair)
Peter Guest CC	Cornwall Councillor - Roche & Bugle
Matt Luke CC	Cornwall Councillor - Penwithick & Boscoppa
Mike McLening CC	Cornwall Councillor - St Stephen-In-Brannel
<b>Parish Councils:</b>	
Cllr Julia Clarke	Chair, St Dennis Parish Council
Cllr Mike Berryman	St Stephen-In-Brannel Parish Council
<b>Organisations:</b>	
PCSO Steve Tibbles	Devon and Cornwall Police
Gary Staddon	Real Estate & Business Development Manager, Imerys
Kathy Hicks	Cornish Lithium
<b>Guest Speakers/Officers:</b>	
Matthew Knight	Strategic Historic Environment Advisor, Cornwall Council (min no 2)
Wes Pascoe	Imerys (min no 3)
Steve Gudge	Project Manager - A30 Link Road, Cornwall Council (min no 4)
Lewis Rosewell	Tri-Service Officer, Cornwall Council
Sophie Hosking	Strategic Director for Neighbourhoods / CLT Ambassador
Tasha Davis	Community Link Officer, Cornwall Council
Lisa Grigg	Communities Support Assistant, Cornwall Council

<b>Apologies for absence:</b>	
Cllr Hannah Retallick	Roche Parish Council
Cllr Julie Oxenham	Roche Parish Council
David Stevens	Clerk, Treverbyn Parish Council
Cllr Jane Burnhill	Treverbyn Parish Council
Linda Ranger	Clerk, St Stephen-In-Brannel Parish Council
Cllr Michaela Linfoot	Chair, Luxulyan Parish Council
Peter Larwood	Mineral Planning & Development Surveyor, Imerys

<b>Item</b>	<b>Key/Action Points</b>	<b>Action by:</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Chairman, Cornwall Councillor Dick Cole welcomed all present and invited everyone to introduce themselves.</li> </ul>	

2.	<p><b>Cornwall Local Heritage List – Update from Matthew Knight, Cornwall Council</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please see attached presentation for details.</li> <li>• Cornwall Council is part of a national campaign piloting the <a href="#">Cornwall Local Heritage List Project</a>. It is one of 22 areas chosen to benefit from an allocation of £1.5 million by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government.</li> <li>• The campaign encourages communities to nominate historic buildings and other heritage assets of local importance for inclusion in the Council’s Local Heritage List, helping to protect them through the planning system.</li> <li>• Two pilot areas have been identified – China Clay and Redruth – and volunteers are sought to work with Cornwall Council’s Strategic Historic Environment team.</li> <li>• <b>ACTION:</b> The panel are asked to help spread the word about the project which runs until the end of December 2021.</li> <li>• Proposals for local listings primarily come from the community and can be made by individuals, groups, or during the preparation of Neighbourhood Development Plans.</li> <li>• Proposals should be made via the website wherever possible. <b>ACTION:</b> If any groups/parishes would like training on the website, or using the Council’s online Historic Environment mapping, please let Tasha know.</li> </ul>	<p>ALL</p> <p>ALL</p>
3.	<p><b>G7 Legacy Project – Nature Recovery Areas – Update from Wes Pascoe, Imerys</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please see attached presentation for details.</li> <li>• Natural England and Cornwall Wildlife Trust have secured government funding for a G7 nature legacy project in Cornwall to deliver a major land restoration and regeneration programme across 21,000 hectares of land.</li> <li>• As part of this, Imerys were approached to undertake additional habitat creation and land management on its land, during the next 12 months, as part of the 5-year government backed programme.</li> </ul> <p><u>Questions and Answers</u></p> <p><b>Q.</b> There seems to be an issue with gorse spreading in lots of areas? <b>Answer:</b> Yes, we have seen an infestation of a more virulent European gorse which we are looking to remove over the next few months and to redress those areas with seed.</p> <p><b>Q.</b> The Legacy Project programme also refers to tree planting, forest growth etc, however, heathland regeneration has been such a success for this area and would hope this will remain as a priority? Issues such as Rhododendron encroachment are also an issue, and it is hoped this and similar issues will still be maintained and not sidelined by the G7 work? <b>Answer:</b> This project will enable us to do additional targeted work above and beyond our existing restoration commitment. Tree planting takes 15 years before you start to see a carbon recovery whereas heathland regeneration takes 2 years. We’re developing a Carbon Recovery Report which demonstrates this. Rhododendron is very expensive to manage. There has to be justification for its removal as it costs in the region of £8k-10k per hectare.</p> <p><b>Q.</b> Are highland sheep and goats being considered to help with habitat management? <b>Answer:</b> It is a possibility but the interface with the community/dog walkers etc needs to be carefully considered.</p>	

4.	<p><b>A30 Link Road – Update from Steve Gudge, Project Manager, Cornwall Council</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All objections have been withdrawn and the provisional public enquiry cancelled.</li> <li>• Awaiting orders to be finalised by Government. Funding announcement expected early January 2022.</li> <li>• Depending on funding announcement, work expected to commence Spring 2022 with the road to be completed and operational by 2024.</li> <li>• Following completion of the road, complementary measures will then be progressed for Roche and Bugle.</li> <li>• DFT have invested further funding into the project which allows for some additional activities to be progressed including the archaeological study.</li> <li>• The construction will be an innovative project looking at carbon reduction as much as possible including biodegradable tree guards, electric site vehicles, solar panels, landscaping etc.</li> </ul> <p><u>Questions, Comments and Answers</u></p> <p><b>C.</b> The team are commended on attention to detail in exploring the environmental issues and the measures being taken to reduce the carbon footprint. This should be highlighted as good practice.</p> <p><b>Q.</b> Update on complementary measures?  <b>Answer:</b> Once the funding is in place, we will look to reinvigorate the community groups and carry out consultation in those areas. We will have 2 years to plan those projects as they cannot be implemented until after the new road is completed. The proposal to lower the Holmbush Bridge to accommodate HGVs is still actively being pursued, which will also have a positive impact on the China Clay area.</p> <p><b>Q.</b> Is consideration being given to the streamworks on the south side of Trezaise?  <b>Answer:</b> Archaeological investigations continue to be carried out with Cornwall Archaeological Unit. We are also in discussions with partners such as Natural England regarding exploring opportunities to connect to the Goss Moor and the Clay Trails.</p>	
5.	<p><b>Notes of the last panel meeting (9 August 2021)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The notes of the last meeting were agreed.</li> </ul> <p><b>Matters Arising</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cornish Lithium - currently recruiting for community liaison officer and administrative roles for the Trelavour project.</li> <li>• Parliamentary Constituency Review – awaiting outcome of representations.</li> <li>• <b>ACTION:</b> Cllr Cole asked everyone to look at the SABEF <a href="#">St Austell Website</a> for feedback to see if it represents China Clay area adequately. Please feedback to Cllr Cole via email.</li> <li>• Climate Change Festival – hold the date; 27 November, Cornwall College.</li> <li>• ASB Theme – relevant partners invited to the December CNP meeting.</li> <li>• Pleased to welcome Lewis Rosewell, Tri-Service Officer to the meeting. The Panel looks forward to working with him.</li> <li>• <b>ACTION:</b> Reiterate importance of encouraging people to report ASB – use the Report It system, 101 email address and Crimestoppers.</li> </ul>	<p><b>ALL</b></p> <p><b>ALL</b></p>

6.	<p><b>Public Participation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There were no members of the public present.</li> </ul>	
7.	<p><b>Cornwall Council Update - Sophie Hosking, Strategic Director for Neighbourhoods / CLT Ambassador, Cornwall Council</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Council has agreed its vision and four priority outcomes; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>A brilliant place to be a child and grow up</b></li> <li>○ In a <b>thriving, sustainable Cornwall</b> that offers a secure home, a decent income and a great environment for all</li> <li>○ Within <b>vibrant, safe, supportive communities</b> where people help each other live well</li> <li>○ All supported by our Council - an <b>empowering and enterprising organisation</b> that gets it right first time for our customers</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Difficult and challenging budget setting process ahead as the Council is looking at a £70million gap in its base budget. The Council is examining third party spend, reviewing its estate and service budgets, and has put in place a recruitment freeze so will not be filling vacant posts.</li> <li>• There is a current vacancy for the Strategic Director for Care and Wellbeing. Steve Peddie is the Acting Interim Director. The Chief Officers Employment Committee will meet in December to permanently recruit to this role. Following a query regarding the recruitment freeze, it was clarified that this was a statutory role.</li> <li>• Cornwall Council has won a national MJ Local Government Achievement Award for its efforts in tackling climate change and the work it has done to date to engage with communities. “Lets Talk Climate Action” COP26 Regional Roadshow online event to be held on 8 November. All welcome. Please register at; <a href="#">Let's Talk Climate Action Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Tickets, Mon 8 Nov 2021 at 10:00   Eventbrite</a></li> <li>• Ongoing campaign to improve recycling – Cornwall has some of the lowest rates in the country.</li> <li>• With half term approaching and increasing number of Covid cases, communities are asked to remain vigilant and to follow the “hands, face, space” messaging and to continue lateral flow testing. Residents are also encouraged to take their flu and booster vaccinations when available.</li> <li>• Current consultations to highlight; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>The Annual Conversation</b> between children, young people and Council leaders. <a href="#">The Annual Conversation - Cornwall Council</a></li> <li>○ <b>Cornwall’s Housing Crisis</b></li> <li>○ <b>Lets Talk Homes</b></li> <li>○ <b>Leisure Centres</b> - including a proposal to close the hydrotherapy pool at Polkyth.</li> <li>○ <b>ACTION:</b> Please visit <a href="#">Let's Talk Cornwall</a> to respond.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	ALL

	<p><u>Questions and Answers</u></p> <p><b>Q.</b> Why is there such a large budget gap?  <b>Answer:</b> The unprecedented impact of the pandemic and increasing pressure on adult social care, combined with a number of other contributory factors including fuel rise, national pay increase etc.</p> <p><b>Q.</b> Why is a new director being appointed when there is a recruitment freeze?  <b>Answer:</b> There are certain exemptions including statutory posts and those which are income generating or grant funded. All cases for possible exemption will be considered by the Directors Leadership Team.</p>	
8.	<p><b>China Clay Area Strategy – progress update – Councillor Dick Cole</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Positive meeting held with Senior Officers.</li> <li>• Councillors reiterated the need for the China Clay Area to be treated holistically and discussed maximising potential for existing funding opportunities such as the Towns Funding. Representations were made to the Place and Regeneration Manager and a response is awaited.</li> </ul>	
9.	<p><b>Engagement on future format of CNP Meetings</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Panel attendance has dropped. Need to understand the barriers as meetings were previously well attended with good parish representation.</li> <li>• <b>ACTION:</b> The panel were asked to consider whether they would prefer future meetings to remain as virtual or face-to-face. Please feedback comments to Tasha.</li> <li>• It was noted that the December meeting will remain virtual.</li> </ul>	<b>ALL</b>
10.	<p><b>Round Table / General Updates</b></p> <p><b>Wider gypsy and traveller issues</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Cole is following up with officers the progress on the new Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment which is being undertaken following extensive representations from the China Clay Councillors.</li> <li>• There is a pressing demand for the policy review to be undertaken with a number of current contentious applications in the China Clay Area.</li> </ul>	
11.	<p><b>Have Your Say</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The <a href="#">Lets Talk Cornwall</a> website includes a vast amount of helpful information including current consultations.</li> </ul>	
12.	<p><b>My Area</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The <a href="#">My Area</a> page on Cornwall Council’s website also has really useful information including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Waste &amp; recycling</li> <li>- Councillor details</li> <li>- Roadworks</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

13.	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p><b>“Contact” posters – Devon &amp; Cornwall Police</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PCSO Tibbles has circulated posters with contacts details and ways for the public to contact the police to all parish clerks in the China Clay network area for their noticeboards. There are also some smaller A5 hand-outs. Also looking at possibility of rolling this out to the whole sector.</li> </ul>													
14.	<p><b>Next meeting date</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday 6 December 2021 (virtual meeting).</li> </ul> <p><b>Proposed meeting dates for 2022</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday 7 February 2022</li> <li>Monday 4 April 2022</li> <li>Monday 13 June 2022 (AGM)</li> <li>Monday 1 August 2022</li> <li>Monday 3 October 2022</li> <li>Monday 5 December 2022</li> </ul> <p><u>The meeting closed at 8.45pm.</u></p>	<b>ALL</b>												
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