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| Meeting: | St Austell and Mevagissey Community Network Panel <i>Virtual MS Teams Meeting</i> |
| Date & Time: | Thursday 11 March 2021 at 6.00pm |

| Present | Title/Representing |
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| Sandra Heyward CC | Cornwall Councillor - St Austell Gover (Chair) |
| Cllr Janet Lockyer | St Ewe Parish Council (Vice-Chair) |
| Malcolm Brown CC | Cornwall Councillor - St Austell Bethel |
| Jackie Bull CC | Cornwall Councillor - St Austell Poltair |
| Tom French CC | Cornwall Councillor - St Austell Bay |
| James Mustoe CC | Cornwall Councillor - Mevagissey |
| Richard Pears CC | Cornwall Councillor - Mount Charles |
| Cllr Mike Roberts | Chairman, Mevagissey Parish Council |
| Cllr Ann Taylor | Carlyon Parish Council |
| Julie Larter | Clerk to Carlyon and St Austell Bay Parish Councils |
| Cllr Tim Styles | Mayor of St Austell, St Austell Town Council |
| Sara Gwilliams | Deputy Clerk, St Austell Town Council |
| Heidi Clemo | Census Engagement Manager (East Cornwall), Office for National Statistics (for min no 2) |
| Lizzie Kingsbury | Citizens Advice Bureau (for min no 5) |
| Emma Antoniou | St Austell Foodbank (for min no 6) |
| Inspector Ed Gard | Devon and Cornwall Police (for min no 7) |
| Mark Read | Service Director, Customer & Business Operations, Cornwall Council / CLT CNP Representative |
| Helen Nicholson | Community Link Officer, Cornwall Council |
| Lisa Grigg | Communities Support Assistant, Cornwall Council |
| 2 members of the public attended the meeting | |
| Apologies for absence: | |
| Cllr Malcolm Neill | St Austell Bay Parish Council |
| Cllr Nigel Chatterjee | St Austell Bay Parish Council |

| Item | Key/Action Points | Action by: |
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| 1. | Welcome and Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting via MS Teams. | |
| 2. | Census 2021 – Heidi Clemo, Engagement Manager, Office for National Statistics (ONS) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Census Day is Sunday 21 March 2021. Census 2021 is a digital-first census. People are encouraged to respond online if they can and will receive a unique access code with instructions from ONS. Paper copies can be requested for anyone without digital access. | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Census field officers will be visiting households that have not completed the census at the end of March/April, working in line with Government COVID guidance. • Cornwall Council's campaign for a Cornish tick box for the 2021 Census was not successful, however, those who wish to identify as Cornish can do so in the open text box. <p><u>Questions and Answers</u></p> <p>Q. How will the census be conducted for Care Homes?</p> <p>A. There is a dedicated team in place to support communal establishments such as care homes, hospitals, student accommodation etc. The team works closely with the managers to ensure the correct number of individual questionnaires are issued and completed but it is a complicated process.</p> <p>Q. What happens if someone has lost or accidentally destroys their census form?</p> <p>A. Replacement forms can be requested online; Census 2021 or by calling 0800 241 2021.</p> | |
| 3. | <p>Public Participation</p> <p><u>Holbush Railway Bridge</u></p> <p>Q. Mr Eggleston requested information on the results of the Holmbush Railway Bridge survey. He also wished to know the cost and duration of the contract and how long the bridge would be out of commission.</p> <p>Answer: In response, it was clarified that no contract has yet been awarded as the final design and costed plan is still being worked upon. However, the initial site investigations have all satisfactorily concluded that lowering the road to achieve the required additional headroom for HGVs is achievable.</p> <p>Cormac have been appointed to work up a final design by late Spring, followed by a final costed plan and programme by Summer. Final approvals are unlikely until the Autumn as these will take some to acquire once the design is completed. Cornwall Council will continue to include the bridge works in expressions of interest for Government funding.</p> <p>There is also a commitment for a detailed study on completion of the works for the Bethel and Boscoppa area to look at associated traffic calming opportunities.</p> <p><u>Porthpean Road</u></p> <p>Q. Mr Eggleston referred to the proposed junction improvements including the reinstatement of the right turn facility into Porthpean Road. He felt this would be a retrograde step as the current system works more effectively.</p> <p>Answer: In response, it was explained that a number of residents have requested this to be reinstated as the current system is causing more traffic movements on an already highly congested road. Cornwall Council has recently done a public consultation on the proposed works (link below). Traffic flow monitoring and modelling is scheduled to take place.</p> <p>Consultation details (engagespace.co.uk)</p> | |

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| | <p><u>Climate Emergency</u></p> <p>Mrs Earl reported that CASA (Climate Action St Austell) is a new, local group formed in response to the Climate Emergency. CASA's primary aim is to engage with local residents and groups to help reduce CO2 emissions. Please see further details attached including the "10 pledges" practical steps. The group also has their own Facebook page; https://www.facebook.com/ClimateActionStAustell</p> <p>Mrs Earl also welcomed the action by Cornwall Council in bringing together like-minded groups to discuss and share ideas.</p> | |
| 4. | <p>Notes of the last meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The notes of the last meeting on 12th November 2020 were agreed. <p>Matters Arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CNP representative for Primary Care Network Board – HN has liaised with St Austell Healthcare and Members. Eden to Heligan Trail – ongoing discussions. | |
| 5. | <p>Gambling Harm Awareness – Lizzie Kingsbury, Citizens Advice Bureau</p> <p>Please see attached presentation.</p> <p><u>Questions and Answers</u></p> <p>Q. Do you visit schools to give similar presentations?</p> <p>A. We work with colleges and universities but the Citizens Advice Bureau does not have the remit to go into schools. However, there are specialist support groups that work with younger people.</p> <p>Q. Can you explain what a 'loot box' is?</p> <p>A. Loot boxes are virtual items users can purchase in gaming with real money to enhance or customise their experience of the game. It can become addictive and is a real concern, particularly with young people, and there are calls for it to be classified as a form of gambling.</p> <p>Q. Is the Government doing enough to tackle the issue with gambling establishments?</p> <p>A. The long-awaited review of the Gambling Act and 'Call for Evidence' is welcome and will hopefully spearhead recommendations for necessary policy changes. The Gambling Commission is also reviewing tighter requirements for operators to protect customers including affordability checks.</p> <p>Please let HN know if you are aware of any local groups that would like a similar presentation from the Citizens Advice Bureau.</p> | ALL |
| 6. | <p>Impact of COVID Pandemic on Food Poverty</p> <p><u>St Austell Foodbank – Emma Antoniou</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emma outlined the vital work of the Foodbank and the rising number of people in the St Austell and surrounding area who are living in poverty and destitution and dependent on Foodbank support. | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Trussell Trust who support the Foodbank networks are campaigning for national and local change to end the need for Foodbanks in the UK. • This includes helping people to access targeted support to address the underlying reason for their crisis. <p><u>Questions and Answers</u></p> <p>Q. How can local Councillors best help? Answer: By being on board with the cash-first approach, helping people access any existing financial settlements through advice and support as an alternative to emergency food aid. Emma undertook to provide an information/signposting sheet for Councillors.</p> <p>Q. Are the majority of people coming to the Foodbank receiving Universal Credit? Answer: Universal Credit is not the only benefit people at Foodbanks are experiencing issues with but it is a significant factor particularly the minimum 5-week wait. We also see people who are solely on earnings, particularly during the pandemic and those who are furloughed or on statutory sick pay.</p> <p><u>Community Larders</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Heyward explained how in the wake of the pandemic, Treverbyn Hall worked with partner organisations to set up a network of Community Larders in St Austell and surrounding China Clay Area. • The Community Larders are open to everyone and reduces food waste by taking surplus food collected from supermarkets and allowing people a chance to use it. • Councillor Heyward runs the Gover Community Larder. It is open 3 times a week at Pondhu Family Hub and Sembal House and on average feeds over 200 people a week. • Due to demand, a mobile larder is now also up and running across the St Austell and China Clay areas. <p><u>Post meeting note: Update from Sara Marsh, Treverbyn Hall:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apologies for being unable to attend the meeting. Please see attached Community Larder Evaluation Report for the period 01.11.20-31.01.21. • If anyone is interested in establishing a community larder in their community, Treverbyn Hall do have some capacity to provide support. Please get in touch directly with Kevin via kevin@thehall.org.uk. | EA |
| 7. | <p>Devon and Cornwall Police update – Inspector Ed Gard</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall there has been a 10.4% reduction in recorded crime over the last 12 months which is encouraging and is higher than other sectors. • This reduction applies to all crime types with the exception of possession of weapons and drugs. Whilst there has been a small increase, it is not cause for alarm and targeted work is being done to address this. • Sadly there has also been an increase in reports of domestic violence, particularly over the lockdown periods, which has been reflected on a national scale and remains a force priority. | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The force remains extremely busy, 20-25% of time is spent dealing with mental health related issues and assisting partners to help those who are vulnerable. • County Lines remains a key priority, the sector has had some success but asks that people remain vigilant and continue to report any suspicious activity to the police or Crimestoppers. • There are some reservations at the impact on demand coming out of lockdown. Last summer saw a 25% increase in the demand on the service – which is more than ever recorded before. The G7 Summit will also have an impact on staffing and resources. • Neighbourhood Policing – positive results of the uplift in numbers is now being seen with an increase in 8 deployable officers for the sector which is more than was expected. <p>Q. Is there any possibility of resurrecting the police attendance at Parish Council meetings?</p> <p>Answer: Neighbourhood Policing has always been my priority, it is hoped that, should we reach a position where we have sufficient resources to nominate officers to areas, then this could be reviewed.</p> | |
| 8. | <p>Update from Cornwall Council – Mark Read, Service Director, Customer & Business Operations, Cornwall Council / CLT CNP Representative</p> <p><u>COVID-19</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dedicated phonenumber and mailbox for COVID related enquiries remains in place; 0300 1231 118 / covid19@cornwall.gov.uk • Dedicated phonenumber for those deemed clinically vulnerable to get in touch for support and advice is 0300 1234 334. • Support channels for businesses also remains in place; 0300 1234 171 Support for businesses • The Government has announced further funding to help businesses get restarted coming out of lockdown. Further details are awaited and will be publicised. <p><u>Elections</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 May 2021 – Elections will take place for Cornwall Council, Town and Parish Councils and the Police and Crime Commissioner. • All usual voting methods will still be available. Measures are being put in place to ensure polling stations are COVID safe. • Postal votes – Applications for postal votes can be made until the 10th April; 0300 1231 115 / Postal voting - Cornwall Council • Notice of election will begin on 22nd March and nominations can be delivered from 23rd March. • Count Centres will be at Wadebridge, Carn Brae and Truro Cathedral. The counts will take place on; Friday 7th May – Cornwall Council Saturday 8th May – Town and Parish Councils Monday 9th May – Police and Crime Commissioner | |

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| | <p><u>New Localism Vision and Strategy</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new Strategy was launched at an online event on the 25th January. • The strategy and a recording of the event can be found at; Localism Vision and Strategy 2020 - Cornwall Council | |
| 9. | <p>Feedback on local issues from Town and Parish Councils</p> <p><u>Carlyon</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awaiting the revised plans for the Crinnis Beach development. The parish council will closely monitor the situation when construction starts to make sure residents are not adversely affected. • The parish council will discuss at their next meeting how the community can be involved with the Tour of Britain. <p><u>Mevagissey</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parish to review whether to reinstate the one-way system for this summer. • Traffic problems are exacerbated by the proposed demolition of a property on Polkirt Hall and the associated road closure required. Discussions ongoing. • Emergency repairs are being undertaken on the Valley Road public conveniences. A charge of 50p has been introduced for the harbour toilets to cover the additional cleaning costs required. <p><u>St Austell Bay</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neighbourhood Development Plan - Awaiting feedback from the Independent Examination. • Charlestown Conservation Area Character Appraisal and Management Plan is out for consultation until the 30th March. • South West Coast Path remains closed between Duporth and Charlestown pending results of the drone survey. • Works to the Charlestown harbour wall to repair the storm damage are progressing. The parish council thanks residents for their patience whilst the work is ongoing particularly during the essential overnight works. <p><u>St Austell Town</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successful funding bid to provide Information Officers for the Town Centre from April-June and will be administered by the BID. • Library still operating a Click and Collect service but reviewing how it might be able to reopen on 12th April, possibly using a hybrid arrangement. • Resuming discussions with Tour of Britain organisers and local groups regarding community involvement. • St Austell Revitalisation Partnership has been established. Potential projects have started to be identified. An update to be given at the next Town Council meeting on the 22 March. • Two new Grounds Maintenance Apprentices have been appointed. <p><u>St Goran</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Area Support Group provided 111 Valentine's meals to local residents free of charge, funded by donations. | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The foodbank has been relaunched with Goran School and is proving very successful. <p><u>St Ewe</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assisted St Goran with the Local Area Support Group to deliver the Valentine's meals to residents. The parish has a Climate Change Working Party and are considering possible projects including a tree planting scheme. <p><u>Pentewan</u> – No report.</p> <p><u>St Mewan</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Campaigning for average speed cameras for Trewoon as significant speeding issues on the A3058 through the village. | |
| 10. | <p>Feedback from Cornwall Councillors</p> <p><u>Cornwall Councillor Jackie Bull – St Austell Poltair</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning meetings are still being held virtually but the number of applications being considered has increased. <p><u>Cornwall Councillor Tom French – St Austell Bay</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Councillor French announced this would be his last Community Network Meeting as was not standing for re-election. Thanks were conveyed to Councillors and Officers for the sterling work undertaken particularly during the pandemic and the challenges it provided. In acknowledging the work of the parish councils, Cllr French also wished to highlight there would be greater pressure placed on parish councils in the future to deliver services. Councillor French summarised that the St Austell & Mevagissey Community Network worked well together with thanks to the invaluable assistance of Helen, Community Link Officer and Lisa, Community Support Assistant. Whilst some modifications may be required, he felt the Community Networks were an important part of the system for local democracy. <p>The Chairman on behalf of the panel thanked Councillor French for his contribution and wished him well for the future.</p> <p><u>Cornwall Councillor Malcolm Brown – St Austell Bethel</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cornwall Council has established a new Race Equality Forum to enable communities to come together to help create a more inclusive, and anti-race Cornwall. Councillor Brown has been appointed to the Steering Group. <p><u>Cornwall Councillor Sandra Heyward – St Austell Gover</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As this was the last meeting of the Community Network before the elections, Councillor Heyward as Chairman wished to thank all who attended and participated in the network meetings, to the guest speakers for the interesting presentations and to Helen and Lisa for their support. | |

| 11. | Urgent Items <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kneehigh Theatre – From the 20 March until 20 May Kneehigh will be doing random “acts of art” across the St Austell and China Clay areas. Due to COVID restrictions the events will not be publicised but the aim is that residents will be able to see the pop up acts from their own front doors and gardens! Watch this space! | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 12. | Future meeting dates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday 10 June 2020 • Thursday 9 September 2020 • Thursday 11 November 2020 <p><u>The meeting closed at 8.20pm.</u></p> | ALL | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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