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Meeting:	St Austell and Mevagissey Community Network Panel Meeting <i>Virtual MS Teams Meeting</i>
Date & Time:	Thursday 9 September 2021 at 6.00pm

Present	Title/Representing
Chair - Anne Double CC	Cornwall Councillor - St Austell Central & Gover
Vice-Chair - Cllr Mike Ward	Chairman, Pentewan Valley Parish Council
Cornwall Councillors:	
Michael Bunney CC	Cornwall Councillor - St Mewan & Grampound
Richard Pears CC	Cornwall Councillor - St Austell Poltair & Mount Charles
Jordan Rowse CC	Cornwall Councillor - St Austell Bethel & Holmbush
Town & Parish Councils:	
Cllr Ann Taylor	Carlyon Parish Council
Cllr Mike Roberts	Chairman, Mevagissey Parish Council
Cllr Garth Shephard	Mevagissey Parish Council
Cllr George Muskett	Pentewan Valley Parish Council
Cllr Janet Lockyer	St Ewe Parish Council
Cllr Andrea Lanxon	Deputy Mayor, St Austell Town Council
Cllr Deborah George	St Austell Town Council
Cllr Colin Hamilton	St Austell Town Council
David Pooley	Clerk, St Austell Town Council
Sara Gwilliams	Deputy Clerk, St Austell Town Council
Cllr Catherine Coffee	St Goran Parish Council
Cllr Patsy Tarbox	Vice-Chair, St Mewan Parish Council
Groups & Organisations:	
Chris McLaren	Climate Action St Austell
Members of the Public:	
1 member of the public present	
Guest Speakers & Cornwall Council Officers:	
Daniel Griffiths	Environment Agency (min no 3)
Helen Nicholson	Community Link Officer, Cornwall Council
Lisa Grigg	Communities Support Assistant, Cornwall Council

Apologies for absence:	
Julian German CC	Cornwall Councillor - St Goran, Tregony & the Roseland
James Mustoe CC	Cornwall Councillor - Mevagissey & St Austell Bay
Julie Larter	Clerk to Carlyon & St Austell Bay Parish Councils
Oliver Monk CC	Portfolio Holder for Planning & Housing
Mark Read	Service Director, Customer & Business Operations, Cornwall Council / CLT CNP Representative

Item	Key/Action Points	Action by:
1.	<p>Welcome and Introductions Cornwall Councillor Anne Double, Chair of the Panel, welcomed all present to the virtual meeting and invited everyone to introduce themselves.</p>	
2.	<p>Public Participation There were no public questions.</p>	
3.	<p>St Austell River Project Following the proposed adoption of the St Austell River project by the Community Network, Daniel Griffiths from the Environment Agency presented their data on the St Austell river quality and ecological standards. Please see attached presentation.</p> <p>Further information about water quality in catchment areas can also be found at; https://environment.data.gov.uk/catchment-planning/.</p> <p><u>Questions & Answers</u></p> <p>Q. Is it correct that most of the failures for the St Austell River are linked to the Menagwins Sewage Treatment Works? Answer: Yes, the phosphate failures are linked to the treatments works, however, this is generally the case and we continue to work on exploring how we can reduce phosphorus pollution at wastewater treatment works.</p> <p>Q. The valley used to flood regularly many years ago and measures were made to mitigate this. Do you foresee any future flooding problems for the area with climate change and the more unpredictable severe weather we're having? Answer: The Environment Agency's Flood Risk Team can provide detailed information and maps; Environmental management : Flooding and coastal change - detailed information - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</p> <p>Q. Do we have any protected species in the catchment area? Answer: Eels have been identified and are a critically endangered species.</p> <p>Q. Thanks for the interesting presentation. Good to hear there are plans to look at reducing phosphate but disappointing that its unlikely to be progressed until 2025? The Three Bays Wildlife group have successfully recruited and trained volunteers to become river guardians by participating in the Anglers' Riverfly Monitoring Initiative and will help to monitor, detect and report issues to the Environment Agency. Answer: We have just started planning for the next Asset Management Plan cycle for 2025 onwards, so it is unlikely that funding will be secured prior to that. We welcome the engagement with the Three Bays Wildlife river guardians and the data and evidence provided will be collated and used to address issues in the catchment area and to help support future improvements.</p>	

	<p>Q. Are there any plans to carry out any tertiary treatment at the sewage works? Answer: There may be a possibility we can monitor the target outfalls to see if there's been any change in the diatom community. In terms of phosphate treatment, the water companies have to comply with permits issued by the Environment Agency which controls the substances and amounts used.</p> <p>Q. In general terms can you advise on the health of the St Austell River? Answer: Overall it is not doing too badly and appears to be an improving catchment, which is supported by the encouraging levels of brown trout.</p> <p>Thanks were given to Daniel for his informative presentation.</p>	
4.	<p>Housing As apologies were received from Cornwall Councillor Oliver Monk, Portfolio Holder for Housing and Planning, this agenda item was deferred to a future meeting.</p>	HN
5.	<p>Notes of the last meeting (10 June 2021) The notes of the last meeting were agreed as an accurate record.</p>	
6.	<p>Update on Climate Crisis Working Group The Working Group are organising an event following COP26 to be held on the 27th November where there will be an opportunity to find out more about electric vehicles, wildlife gardening, solar and wind energy plus much more.</p> <p>A survey will be circulated shortly asking for views on issues people wish to hear more about. Please circulate the survey when available together with the event details as widely as possible so that we can ensure the event tackles the issues people want to address.</p>	HN/ ALL
7.	<p>Traffic and Highways Issues</p> <p><u>Sunny Corner</u> Thanks were extended to all involved in the efforts to demolish a dangerous building at Levalsa Meor following a car collision to enable the road to be fully reopened ahead of the busy bank holiday Monday. However, the incident has highlighted the need for a change in Council policy to enable swifter action to be taken in emergency situations.</p> <p><u>Parking issues</u> In response to parking issues, Councillor Pears advised that the parking bay outside the Slades Road Chinese takeaway is to be removed.</p> <p><u>Community Networks Highways Scheme</u> Budget permitting it is hoped the scheme will continue from April 2022 but awaiting confirmation on the Local Transport Plan funding from central government.</p>	
8.	<p>Feedback on local issues from Town and Parish Councils</p>	

<p>The Chair proposed that for future meetings the Town and Parish Councils will be asked to submit a written report to Helen/Lisa 7 days before the meeting. The reports will then be circulated with the agenda.</p> <p><u>Carlyon Parish Council</u> Successful Tour of Britain Party held in Tregrehan Park. Ongoing issues with parking in Sea Road over the summer period. The Parish Council provided the Residents Association with parking cones which seemed to help alleviate the problem.</p> <p><u>Mevagissey Parish Council</u> The one-way system was reintroduced over the summer which worked well. A Working Party has been set up with the Parish Council and Cornwall Council officers to look at the Fore Street traffic issues. The inadequacy of the toilets was highlighted with the sheer number of visitors, sterling work was done by the parish and contractors but the parish council will need to significantly invest in the conveniences to modernise them for next year. A Working Party chaired by Cllr Shephard has been set up to address the spiralling housing crisis. Disappointed that the Housing item has been deferred. Cllr Shephard to email HN with queries.</p> <p><u>Pentewan Valley</u> Successful funding announcement for Pentewan for a Coastal Flood Defences Project to protect 38 properties from future sea flooding and thanks to all involved. Cornwall Council's Planning Committee supported the Parish Council's objection to the proposal for a solar farm on land at Tregorrick Farm. The Parish is keen to work with St Austell Town Council and neighbouring parish councils to establish improvements for the wider cycle network and to build on the Tour of Britain legacy. The Parish Council is now at full complement having recruited to the 2 vacancies.</p> <p><u>St Ewe</u> The Church is back to holding regular services and weddings. The village hall was redecorated during the lockdown and is also busy taking bookings. The parish is concerned at the delays in getting through to St Austell Health Hub and the difficulties in getting a Doctor's appointment and asked if a representative could attend the next meeting.</p> <p><u>St Austell Town</u> The Town Council is now at full complement having recruited to the 2 vacancies. Hoping to fully reopen the Library from 27th September. Still working closely with Cornwall Council on how the complex needs accommodation will be reduced in the town. Awaiting outcome of the Welcome Back funding bid for security provision in the Town Centre and outlying areas. Working closely with the Town Centre Revitalisation Partnership and awaiting outcome of funding bid for some potential feasibility work which could also include the cycle network improvements.</p> <p><u>St Goran</u> Busiest summer the village has seen. Great community spirit with lots of beach cleans arranged with local groups etc. The community has taken over the running of the public conveniences and a cleaning rota has been arranged. Similarly to other</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>GS/HN</p>
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	<p>parishes, housing remains a key issue and, together with the Neighbourhood Development Plan Group, are looking at how to address and take forward issues with the community.</p> <p><u>St Mewan</u> Successful community event held for the Tour of Britain. Continuing to work with Councillor Bunney regarding average speed cameras for the A3058. The parish is looking for maintenance operatives to assist with general duties and with bin emptying. The Parish is looking to recruit a Deputy Clerk to assist with increasing workloads.</p>	
9.	<p>Feedback from Cornwall Councillors The Chair proposed that Cornwall Councillors also submit written reports to Helen/Lisa 7 days before future meetings for circulation with the agenda. Cllr Mustoe sent a written report which will be appended to the meeting notes.</p> <p><u>Councillor Michael Bunney</u> Highways issues remain a key focus across the parishes. Keen to continue working with Cornwall Council and partners on average speed cameras for the A3058. The exceptionally busy summer period has demonstrated how pushed services are and highlighted how we need to adapt and to be able to respond in future.</p> <p><u>Councillor Anne Double</u> Ongoing antisocial behaviour issues in and around the town. Continuing to work with the Town Council and Cornwall Council on ongoing issues with temporary and supported accommodation in St Austell. Met with Officers regarding the improvements to the Carthew to St Austell road as part of the A30 link road work. Awaiting update from Highways Officers on the investigative work regarding the Mevagissey roundabout.</p>	ALL
10.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p><u>Community Governance Review</u> David Pooley advised that Cornwall Council are consulting the relevant Town and Parish Councils regarding the deferred proposals and if they wish to revisit. The Town Council has until the 8th October to respond.</p> <p><u>Tour of Britain</u> The Chair congratulated all who helped to organise the excellent various community activities and events to support the Tour of Britain.</p>	
11.	<p>Next Meeting Date Thursday 25 November - please note this date has changed from 11 November.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 7.16pm</p>	ALL
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