



Meeting Title: Launceston Community Network - Extraordinary Panel Meeting

Date: Thursday 12th August 2021

Time: 7.00pm

Location: Microsoft Teams

Chaired by: Adam Paynter CC

Attendees:

Adam Paynter	Cornwall Councillor, Launceston North & North Petherwin
Adrian Parsons	Cornwall Councillor, Altarnun & Stoke Climsland
John Conway	Cornwall Councillor, Launceston South
Richard Davies	Councillor, Stoke Climsland Parish Council
Paul Ford	Chairman, Trewen Parish Meeting
Joan Heaton	Councillor, St Stephen by Launceston Rural Parish Council
Helen Price	Councillor, Werrington Parish Council
Dawn Rogers	Member of Public
Neil Burden	Member of Public
John Harris	Councillor, Launceston Town Council
Paul O'Brien	Councillor, Launceston Town Council
Rob Tremain	Councillor, Launceston Town Council
Bonnie Soanes	Councillor, Launceston Town Council
Ian Nash	Councillor, Lezant Parish Council
Pat Orridge	Chair, The Orchard Centre
Jamie Ranson	Langore Tree Services
Emma Hosking	PBWC Architects
Mark Ellis	CC Strategic Planning Manager
Johnathan French	CC Change Manager
Elly Hammersley	CC Project Manager – Library Service
Kevin Reader	CC Head of Property Service
Antoinette Snook	CC Senior Library & Information Assistant
Meredith Teasdale	CC Strategic Director, Together for Families
Chris Sims	CC Community Link Officer
Steve Fettner	
Andrew Wood	Chair of St Stephens Residents Association
Shane Jolly	
Apologies: Ann Hobden	Lewannick Parish Council

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1 Welcome and Introductions

Cllr Adam Paynter welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained the context of holding an extraordinary meeting for the Launceston Hub proposals.

2 Launceston Hub

See slides for details of the presentation.

Questions & Answers:

Q – How green is this development?

A – Design incorporates various energy efficiency and green energy principles (e.g. Passive House Principle, Carbon Lite, Solar installation if allowed, Mechanical Ventilation Heat Recovery, Air Source Heat Pumps etc)

Q – Will windows open to allow air circulation? Registration Service is needed and should not be out of the way (i.e. 2nd floor).

A – Yes windows will open. Registration Service is included in the proposals and in consultation with the service has been given space on the second floor to allow privacy for sensitive issues such as registration of deaths

Q – Will local suppliers be used and is there extra local employment?

A - Works will be tendered via Cornwall Council (Kier) and they try to use local resources, in addition the contract will look for new employment skills and training during construction.

Q - Is the site owned by Cornwall Council?

A - The acquisition of the site is very close to completion and there are no expected issues.

Q - Will disabled parking on Angel Hill only be for drop off? Also concerns regarding access down to Angel Hill. Most people will use Exeter Street and yet there is no disabled parking.

A – Due to constrictions of the site, the parking on Angel Hill is restricted to drop off only. There is a major car park at Racehill (Pannier & Cattle Market) for additional parking. Extra parking bays are planned on Exeter Street to include three parking spaces and a drop off bay.

Q - What is the air circulation rate for the building?

A - Emma Hosking will get him answer in relation to re-circulation rates but the building will comply with all legal standards and indeed hopes to exceed these.

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Q - Is the tourist Information Centre linked to the 25-year lease?

A - yes

Q – Is there a car parking space for a pool car - we need a charging space and an electric pool car.

A - The project hasn't been tasked to provide a pool car. Electric charging points are available in the Cattle Market car park nearby and we are looking for opportunities to install electric bike charging points. To future proof the site, electric vehicle charging point ducting will be provided on Angel Hill.

Q - Concern that the Family Hub will be less accessible and more fragmented from other services.

A - Meredith Teasdale agrees that there are some challenges to consider regarding access but equally there are more opportunities from being in a town centre location such as access to shops, cafes, banks, library etc. Cornwall Council officers are working with service users to identify their needs.

Q – The library is currently only open for 15 hours a week which is less than other areas such as Bodmin; the opening hours need to be expanded.

A - Andi Snook from the library service confirmed that currently they are open between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM they are however looking at extending these opening times very soon.

Q – Will disabled toilets be on all floors and what are the specs for the lift regarding wheelchairs?

A - There will be toilets on all floors and a shower on top floor. The lift is Part M compliant and the lift on Exeter Street allows drive through for wheelchairs. Emma Hosking will send the lift specification to Jonathan French so he can check the required specification with Adult Day Services.

EH & JF

Q – Is there any green space as part of this project?

A - Yes, some green space is provided on the Angel Hill, right-hand side. This area is very steep so we are looking at terracing and landscaping. In addition, there is a water attenuation area where planting will occur, whilst on the left of the building there will be some additional planting and softening. The Children's Library has an outside terrace area which will also incorporate some green space. Outside the building there will be paving and granite slabs near the front.

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8 Any Other Business	
Minor Injuries Unit	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Panel members expressed significant concern on the recent temporary closure of the Launceston minor injuries unit. Concern was also raised about the lack of consultation and communication about the closure. • An online petition has been set up on ipetitions.com and all members are encouraged to review & sign this where appropriate. • Concerns that NHS Kernow underestimates patient numbers in the area. NHS Kernow report circa 16,000 patients but it is believed that this figure is nearer to 20,000. • Paul Ford updated the panel that a new X ray machine was being installed at the hospital later this year and was confident that the MIU would reopen in October. 	
Action - It was agreed that Councillor Adam Paynter and Chris Sims would draft a letter from the Launceston Community Network Panel on behalf of the area to express concerns about the recent closure and seek reassurances about NHS services in future.	AP & CS
 The pedestrian zones within the town centre have been well received but traffic is still coming through the no entry signs and some signage has been removed.	
Action - Chris Sims will speak to Oliver Jones.	CS
 Councillor John Conway highlighted the challenges of heavy goods vehicles using Castle Street and was keen to see an appropriate weight restriction implemented.	
 Councillor Bonnie Soanes was concerned about disabled parking in the town, particularly for those with mobility scooters/ electric wheelchairs who need disabled bays with an extra 3 feet in length to allow loading and unloading.	
Action - Chris Sims will speak to Oliver Jones about the scheduled resurfacing to see if the longer disabled bays can be accommodated. It was also suggested that Councillor Soanes could be consulted in the upcoming town centre feasibility study.	CS
 9 Date of Next Meeting:	
Thursday 16th September 2021 at 7pm	
 10 Topics for Next Meeting:	

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- Community Network Priorities
- Launceston MIU
- Update on new Medical Centre – PPG
- Library Services Update – including reaching out to parishes & the Home Library Service