



Meeting Title: Launceston Community Network Annual General Meeting / Panel Meeting

Date: Thursday 17th June 2021

Time: 6.00pm

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 Climsand Parish Council
Paul Ford	Chairman, Trewen Parish Meeting
Ralph Hudson	Councillor, North Hill Parish Council
Debra Branch	Councillor, Altarnun Parish Council
Ann Hobden	Councillor, Lewannick Parish Council
Joan Heaton	Councillor, St Stephen by Launceston Rural Parish Council
Paul O'Brien	Councillor, Launceston Town Council
Ian Nash	Councillor, Lezant Parish Council
Pat Orridge	Chair, The Orchard Centre
Insp Julian Morris	Devon and Cornwall Police
Tash Baskerville	PLACE Architects Ltd
Andy Rogers	West Country Rivers Trust
Member of Public	2 Attendees
Antoinette Snook	CC Senior Library & Information Assistant
Meredith Teasdale	CC Strategic Director, Together for Families
Chris Sims	CC Community Link Officer
Nikki Drewett	CC Communities Support Assistant
Apologies: Helen Bailey	Councillor, Launceston Town Council
Dave Gordon	Councillor, Launceston Town Council

Notes

Minutes**Action****1 Welcome and Introductions**

Chris Sims welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained he would chair the meeting until a new Chair had been elected.

2 AGM

- **Election of Chair**

Nominations were received for Cllr John Conway and Cllr Adam Paynter. Cllr Conway declined the nomination on this occasion, so Cllr Paynter was the only remaining nominee. Adam Paynter CC was proposed by Cllr Adrian Parsons; seconded by Cllr Debbie Branch and unanimously elected as Chair.

- **Election of Vice Chair**

Cllr Richard Davies and Cllr Joan Heaton were nominated for vice chair. Following a vote, Cllr Richard Davies was elected as Vice Chair.

- **Draft Terms of Reference (TOR)**

The Panel were asked to consider the Draft TOR and agree them. CS explained there were a couple of amendments:

- the change in number of Cornwall Councillors from 5 to 3
- a change to the quorum for voting to show the reduction in Cornwall Councillors.

It was proposed that the quorum would show a minimum of one Cornwall Councillor & four Town & Parish Council representatives required for any vote to stand.

Proposer: John Conway CC.

Seconded: Cllr Joan Heaton.

All in favour.

- **Schedule of Meetings**

The Panel agreed the proposed schedule of meetings:

Thursday 16th September 2021

Thursday 9th December 2021

Thursday 17th March 2022

Thursday 16th June 2021

The AGM was formally closed.

Minutes**Action****3 Notes of the last meeting (Thursday 18th March)**

It was noted that Ren Jackaman is the Clerk to Stoke Climsland Parish Council and not a Parish Councillor.

The notes from the last meeting were agreed and approved by the Panel.

4 Public Questions

There were no Public Questions.

5 Town and Parish Council UpdatesTrewen Parish Meeting

Paul Ford reported to the Panel that concerns regarding the A395 Pipers Pool had been discussed at the recent SCARF Meeting and following a visit from Adam Paynter CC, a meeting with CC Road Safety Team and CORMAC has been arranged to address the issues further and to look at how the road can be made safer.

20's Plenty Campaign – would be interested to hear other Parishes views.

BT Superfast Broadband – only a handful of residents in Pipers Pool have this, but none in Trewen – would be interested to hear other Parishes views and experience of engaging with BT.

Tree Warden Scheme – would like some further information.

St Stephen by Launceston Rural Parish Council

Cllr Heaton reported back on behalf of Graham Curzon regarding Speedwatch and TrueCam. There would be a regular Police Officer to attend the community speedwatch sessions and they would be able to use the radar gun.

Very supportive of the 20's Plenty Campaign.

Would like to see public footpaths reopened, especially on A388. At present pedestrians are having to walk along the busy road as the footpath is closed and this is unsafe.

Inspector Julian Morris – Devon and Cornwall Police

2.5% Crime reduction in Launceston over last 12 months.

A reduction in offences of violence and dwelling burglaries.

Minutes**Action**

An increase in shop lifting – these were a spate, but the offenders were caught.

A slight increase in rural crimes.

3% increase in domestic crimes – some of these attributed to the lockdowns imposed.

Covid – Insp Morris thanked the public who respected the legislation and helped to keep infection rates low, and Police staff who showed compassion and empathy when having to deal with and invoke the legislation at a difficult time.

G7 – most complex operation Devon and Cornwall Police have seen. It was very positive with great community style policing.

PC Stoppard retires at the end of the month after 30 years of service and will be replaced by PC Della Maloney who starts on 1st August and has been shadowing PC Stoppard.

Summer Policing – this is just about to start and there will be increased demand trying to balance Covid restrictions/regulations etc.

Community Speedwatch – this has lapsed due to Covid but looking to re start when able to do so.

Police contact – the best way to direct enquires to the Police is to email: 101@dc.police.uk

CLlr Conway wanted to record thanks for PC Steve Stoppard's efforts over many years.

Community Speedwatch

CS asked for support from the Parishes regarding recruiting volunteers for Community Speedwatch. The scheme covers the whole community network area and moves from site to site. Please contact CS if you would be interested in becoming a Speedwatch volunteer.

T&PCs

ALL

Tree Warden Scheme

This was discussed at a previous meeting following a presentation on Forest for Launceston from Sam Virgo-Smith.

CC is really keen to promote the scheme as this will enhance and promote trees and support biodiversity etc. Parishes are encouraged to have a nominated Tree Warden for their parish and become part of a wider network.

T&PCs

To find more information/sign up to become a Tree Warden please see link below:

Minutes**Action**[The Cornwall Parish Tree Warden Scheme - Cornwall Council](#)Meredith Teasdale – CC Strategic Director, Together for Families

Children and young people – enhancing how we are listening to children and young people and how they are actively participating in decision making in their area. Would like to do a piece of work at a future panel meeting on children’s rights and actively listening to them. When children are listened to and engaged, they become citizens and ambassadors for an area.

CS & MT

Following the election in May, there is now a change in Administration.

G7 – one of the key successes was the Children and Young Peoples Programme. Please see link to Y7 Cornwall website below:

[Home \(y7cornwall.co.uk\)](http://y7cornwall.co.uk)

Covid – increase in cases in Cornwall with the Delta variant and now at 71 per 100,000 people. Predominately in the younger age group and impacting hugely on the hospitality sector, especially where there was a high number of visitors over the half term break. A number of hospitality establishments have had to close temporarily due to staff testing positive. Clear messages are being communicated from the Director of Public Health. All 18 year olds are able to book their vaccine now.

Very important for people to start using the Lateral Flow Tests on a regular basis.

Q – Is there a plan to vaccinate 12-18yr olds before the schools return in September?

A – At present this is being debated at national level.

Q – Is the Covid positive test recorded to the individuals home address (if someone caught it while on holiday in Cornwall)?

A – It depends on where they are doing the testing. The lateral flow test is based on your home address.

Action: MT to find out where the result shows if attending a testing centre such as Stithians Showground.

MT

Pat Orridge – Chair, The Orchard Centre

Youth Club kept going throughout lockdown via Microsoft Teams.

PO reiterated how important it is for young people to be listened to and engaged with to help them to feel valued and part of their community. They had previously been involved with Safer Towns and Safer Launceston and were able to have their say. PO would like to see young people included and involved in future community projects etc.

Minutes**Action**Andy Rogers – West Country Rivers Trust

Undertook a clean by the side of the river in Launceston recently with Duke of Edinburgh Students as it was a bit messy down there.

Looking to push the 'Plastics Free Launceston' concept and working with local businesses to support them to reduce their plastic and general waste impact, and also their climate/environmental impact.

Action: AR to forward information leaflets to CS.

AR

Antoinette Snook - CC Senior Library & Information Assistant

The New Summer Reading scheme in Libraries will take place from 10th July - 18th Sept. The scheme will support approximately 500 children and will be focussing on plastic free and environmental issues.

Action: To link up with West Country Rivers Trust, Forest for Launceston and other local environmental groups.

AS/AR

6 Cornwall Councillor UpdatesJohn Conway CC

Priors Bridge is the focus of immediate repair work and also in line for a major refurbishment later in the year. In discussions with English Heritage and various historic organisations to ensure it is restored properly.

Newport Traffic Lights – a current problem, with traffic congestions, but the end result will be beneficial and an improvement for Launceston.

There is currently momentum building regarding some form of north/south relief for the town. Starting to look at ways on how to improve the situation.

Okehampton Railway – will start to run from the Autumn. Looking to have a Parkway Station built on the Industrial Estate on the edge of Okehampton which will be very beneficial to Launceston.

Adrian Parsons CC

New Division and larger area, busy dealing with issues such as speeding and community concerns. Would welcome any more local issues which need Cllr input.

Adam Paynter CC

Community Network Highways Scheme – received an update from Oliver Jones today regarding outstanding schemes. The mobile Vehicle Activation Sign (VAS) has now been purchased and will move its' way around the Network area and locations. OJ has a list of the agreed locations and these will be circulated.

Minutes**Action**

The Launceston Bridges project is progressing well, including future planting (Making Space for Nature) of the new open spaces being created.

New primary school opening in September.

Housing works by Treveth are underway – developing the link road site.

7 Community Network Priorities

CS shared the current priorities for the network 2019/20 with the Panel (attached with the notes).

There are a number of priorities listed and outcomes:

- Health & Wellbeing
- Communication & Co-operation
- Roads, Transport & Infrastructure
- Affordable Housing
- Environmental Nuisance
- Economy
- Education & Skills
- Climate Change

CS asked the Panel if they are still the right priorities for the network, and are there things that need to be added as key actions that can be looked at and worked through in partnership with Town & Parish Councils, local voluntary organisations and groups etc.

Action: CS to re-circulate the priorities to Town & Parish Councils for comments and feedback/discussion at the next meeting.

CS

Housing - Market price rental property in Launceston is also a priority – AP explained there is a motion going to the next Full Council Meeting regarding the housing crisis across Cornwall.

Launceston Community Project – a network of partners including DWP, Gateway Centre, Money Advice, Orchard Centre, Salvation Army etc meet on a Wednesday morning at the Gateway Centre. Similar to a One Stop Shop to support the people of Launceston. Struggling to reach the people most in need.

[Launceston Community Project | Facebook](#)

Climate Change – RD would like the Panel to think about broader climate change issues and challenges such as:

- How is an electric car charged in a rural area if there is no parking outside a house.

Minutes	Action
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Insulating houses. - How do we support energy poor people in rural areas. - Engaging with the local community. <p>Action: CS to reconvene the Climate Change Working Group to look at and tackle these issues and to feed back to the Panel on a regular basis.</p>	CS
8 Any Other Business	
None	
9 Date of Next Meeting:	
Thursday 16th September 2021 6pm	
10 Topics for Next Meeting:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community Network Priorities - Update on new Medical Centre – PPG - Library Services Update – including reaching out to parishes & the Home Library Service 	