

**Agenda no. 8**



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**Annual Report to Saltash Town Council, March 1 2018**

Key issues and events in the last year have been:

- Our business plan for **18 Belle Vue Road** has worked well. Consequently, we asked Cornwall Council in 2017 to transfer ownership of the building to us, but their response was to offer to continue current arrangements for our management of the building until December 2019. We are happy with this. Most of the building is occupied, with a suitable mix of tenants contributing to the community and economic wellbeing of the town. We have spent £12000 on improvements to the building in recent months.
- Our **hub/market at 4 Fore Street** is also going strong, and is our “HQ” for operational coordination. There are fewer stalls being let, but we have established our own Fruit and Veg stall, introduced lettings to outside groups, and developed the building as an information point eg for volunteering and admin centre for bookings, **SaltashCard** sales, etc
- Numbers using the **Hopper** have increased significantly over the last year. In addition to the grant-funded bus being used on the Derriford service, we have acquired a third bus (second hand), and coordinate the use of the local Age Concern bus. We are very proud to be one of few local Community Transport Services that can break even - this despite the fact that our scheduled service to Derriford Hospital is still under-used after a year.
- We continue to try to support citizens and patients to get over their views to the NHS in Cornwall. We have responded to consultations, pressed for a project to develop a plan to protect services lost from St Barnabas Hospital, and support **Patient Participation Groups** in local surgeries. Working with the NHS is a frustrating task, with an unresponsive bureaucracy and a clear lack of focus from them on this end of the county.

- We successfully brokered a long-term future for the first Saltash **Pop-Up Shop** which we had supported directly for over a year.
- **Dementia Voice PL12** has gone from strength to strength since it became one of our Enterprises. It grew from an initiative launched by Patient Participation Groups, and it later established a drop-in service on Tuesdays at 4 Fore Street, and then a fortnightly Veterans Group, now at SHADO.

We continue to be compliant with the requirements of Companies House, and are financially stable. We are run entirely by volunteers, but, if the scale of our activities continues to increase, we may need to pay for staff help in order to secure a sustainable future for current and future projects.

None of this would be possible without consistent, and in some cases considerable, input from our stable group of Directors and other volunteers. We have one current vacancy for a Director.

We are also grateful to Saltash Town Council and Cornwall Council for their support to our work.

**Peter Thistlethwaite, Chair**  
February 24 2018

## **Saltash.net Annual Meeting report 2018**

As I said last year it is difficult for my report to sum up the last year at saltash.net in a few words, so, again, I would encourage you to look at the saltash.net website to expand on what I have written below.

**saltash.net community school** is a mixed 11 to 18 comprehensive school established in its present form in 1968. The school converted to Academy Status in April 2011, and is part of a Multi Academy Trust (SMART).

Its catchment area includes Brunel Community Primary School, Burraton Community Primary School, Bishop Cornish School, St Stephens School, Landulph School, Sir Robert Geoffrey's School, Landrake, and St Germans School.

The school website shows that the education provided in the school is wide ranging and there are significant links with the community and a lot of activities carried out by students but from my experience this is not appreciated by many I have had contact with. This is my opportunity to highlight some of these links and activities.

### **Examples of external involvement**

Members of the Town Council have visited the Sixth Form to explain their role as councillors and discuss both local and national issues for example on whether the voting age should be lowered to 16.

Governors have provided mock university interviews with students and given advice on job interviews.

A Shutdown the Stigma event; a mental health showcase organised by the Sixth Form students. was very successful and raised almost £800.

### **Activities**

A group of Year 11 students spent a day with Exeter Chiefs, as part of the 'Try for Change' project, which develops employability skills through rugby. A BBC Sport Relief film crew was present, and England Rugby has released a short video with footage from the day. The students offer their feedback on how the project has had a positive impact on their education.

As a result of this project, students had the opportunity to go and watch England train at Twickenham during February half term. They met with Prince Harry and rugby royalty Johnny Wilkinson, a number of England players as well as getting to train on the pitch. The students thoroughly enjoyed both experiences, and two will now play in a 'game of their lives' rugby match at half time, in front of 80,000 people, during the England v Ireland six nations clash at Twickenham in March.

Charlotte, one of Pennywell Farm's world famous miniature pigs who are on loan at the school, has given birth to nine healthy piglets.

Charlotte, who was bred at Pennywell Farm, arrived at the school shortly before Christmas, This is the first time that Pennywell have ever loaned one of their pigs, which all have a gentle, friendly character.

They will be a key focus of saltash.net's BTEC Animal Care course and Farm Club. Students will get the opportunity to develop leadership skills by applying to become livestock managers to help assist in the care of the micro pigs, and there will also be creative writing projects based around Charlotte and her piglets.

For those keen to watch Charlotte and her piglets' progress, the school has set up a live stream of their enclosure, which can be viewed on the school's website at the following link; [www.saltash.net/webcams](http://www.saltash.net/webcams).

On Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February saltash.net was delighted to invite over thirty organisations: colleges, universities, training providers, the military and other companies and organisations to a Post 16 pathways evening to set up stands and meet with parents and students.

A record amount of students from years 9-13 and parents attended the evening. All that attended were very positive and all of the organisations that came in were impressed with the attitudes of our students and the way they conducted themselves. The evening was a fantastic success and will help us enable our students to 'Believe and Achieve' as well as motivating them to raise their aspirations.

Year 13 students recently spent the day debating global solutions to climate change as part of a Mock United Nations Super Learning Day. The students represented twelve different nations – ranging in size from The Maldives to China – with each team fighting the corner of their chosen nation whilst trying to negotiate a real solution to benefit the whole planet.

Head of Sixth Form Adam Killeya said "The students did a fantastic job of getting into character and showing real empathy for the plight of different countries. They also learnt a lot about the reality of politics and it can be very difficult to get nations with different interests to agree meaningful action, even when the future of the planet is at stake".

Guest speaker Andy Pratt said "I congratulate the staff and students of Saltash.net for exploring the key issues of climate change with such enthusiasm. The young people I met today are the generation who are going to have to deal with the dangerous consequences of our current oil-addicted global economy.

"I think today provided an example of how we could make progress when different countries and viewpoints aim to work together and it sets a good example for our politicians and for all of us as citizens. We are all responsible for the world."

Councillor D Yates 23/2/2018

### **Report on Livewire youth project for Saltash Town Council**

Over the past year Livewire has continued working with various organisations including Saltash.net, the locality targeted youth support team, Social care, local colleges, alternative education providers and the youth offending service to deliver daytime programmes, 1 to 1 and group support and mentoring. This includes one young man who is attending Livewire for his full time compulsory education until he has finished his GCSE's in June this year. The work with Saltash.net has included the Building Better Opportunities (BBO) work whereby one to one support takes place during school time with a number of students identified by the school for the support.

Livewire has also continued to run the open accesses evening sessions which include Monday and Thursday evenings for 13 to 21 year olds and those with additional needs up to the age of 25 and Wednesday evenings for children in school years 6 to 8. During these sessions young people have the opportunity to engage in music lessons, art and drama, volunteering, various single issue programmes and group work or access 1 to 1 youth work support from a team of highly qualified and experienced professional youth workers.

In addition to this Livewire has also engaged in various festivals/events throughout the year including, running their own stages at Port Elliot and Boradmasters festivals and offering technical support to all other stages which in some cases included stage management at both festivals, support at Glastonbury festival, Saltash Regatta and various other outdoor events as well as running various other indoor events at Livewire including running Metal to the Masses Devon and Cornwall heats. All of these events have offered young people many opportunities for volunteering and skill development.

Livewire has also secured funding through the Global Make some Noise charity to develop a dedicated mental health provision at Livewire for one year possibly two years but are still waiting to hear about the second years funding.

Livewire again has a great debt of gratitude to Saltash Town Council as the grant for professional youth work has enabled a lot of this work to take place.

Councillor Taylor.

## **Saltash Area Road Safety Committee Annual Review**

Prepared for Town Council AGM, 1 March 2018

This forum continues to be energetically chaired by former Saltash Town- and ongoing Cornwall-Councillor Derek Holley. Its value is validated by continued attendance of representatives of local Parish Councils (St.Germans and Tideford, Hatt and Landulph, Landrake and Botus Fleming), Speedwatch. Heavy Haulage, Public, Cornwall Councillors and occasionally Police.

Meetings are held quarterly (see future dates below) normally in the Council Chamber, Saltash Guildhall, for which the committee is grateful of the support by Saltash Town Council.

For various reasons, Speedwatch has suffered a lack of resource and equipment recently, but sessions are hoped to restart shortly – faster sign-ups of volunteers is envisaged due to revised process and equipment re-validated. Anyone interested in participating as a volunteer can contact Saltash Guildhall on 01752 844846 in the first instance. Suggestions of locations with apparent problems will be accepted, but these have to be assessed by the police for safety compliance.

Carkeel roundabout Phase 2 has completed with the installation of FULL TIME traffic control on 3 of the 4 access routes. There have been several observations made of delays apparently caused by the sequencing of the lights – esp. exiting from Saltash and access from Waitrose – together with concerns about safety due to stationary vehicles with little queueing space on the roundabout itself. An update/feedback meeting is due on 12 March (10.00 in Guildhall).

There is significant concern that the Sandford-site development will have a severely detrimental effect on access and exit to Gilston Road/Callington Road, worsening congestion and impacting pedestrian safety across Gilston Road, where usage is anticipated to increase. The developers have made amendments within the site to optimise traffic flow, and will contribute to crossing points on Gilston Road but the capacity of the junction (esp. traffic exiting right) – and indeed Carkeel Roundabout – remain of significant concern.

A38 improvements are a hot topic; after being raised at SARS and subsequently taken to the CNP, the local MP got involved and things are moving on. A consultation on problems is ongoing, particularly the Saltash/Trerulefoot section which is apparently the most dangerous section of road in Cornwall! Issues include air pollution at Tideford: although the first upgrades are likely to be Hornintops junction and the Parkway Bridge in the Glyn Valley.

Significant infrastructure development is proposed in support of the policy of encouraging Walking/Cycling to reduce short-journey car use, and an initial “spine” phase from Carkeel Roundabout – Saltash Waterfront has been surveyed and a draft map prepared. There has been an initial consultation, and a review is being undertaken before wider

publication.

Several other issues are ongoing, here is a brief summary:

The main junction in Landrake continues to be problematic, particularly with congestion from school traffic. Also, heavy haulage vehicles from the operations depot on the Notter Bridge hill give concern for manoeuvring to access the main road. So far, no suitable alternative arrangements have been proposed, and a bypass is considered to be the solution! Meanwhile, it has been suggested that the eastbound lane-merge is advanced prior to the bend to increase visibility.

In Saltash, there is continued concern from residents of North Road about it being used as a Rat-run from the tunnel. It is anticipated that when the transit-time system is operational this may be quantifiable. Changes are proposed for the Liskeard Rd exit lane to the A38W, changing the Latchbrook junction, by closing the existing on-slip and utilising the existing (lower) exit as two-way. Parking Enforcement have been asked to increase hours in Fore St to clear bus bays and address overstaying. A request to re-paint the roundabout on the industrial estate beside Waitrose has been made.

Continued over-use of the short-cut through St.Mellion village to the Golf Club (despite being Access only) is worrying residents and parents.

School parking issues have receded this year, with St.Stephens having introduced a "drop-off" system, and others benefitting from more thoughtful car-usage – or even alternatives, such as the Landulph walking protest.

Tamar Bridge issues including congestion when there is an incident on the Parkway or at Carkeel are being reviewed by HE, and proposals for an envisaged toll increase are being developed.

Finally, a new Secretary is needed (with a small honorarium kindly financed by STC) due to the previous incumbent being no longer available – with grateful thanks to Mrs Helen Moram.

In the light of current weather warnings, it may be useful to note that Gritting Routes are shown on Cornwall's online mapping system.

Future meeting dates are: Tues 27 March, Tues 26 June, Mon 22 Oct, Mon 7 Jan

Cllr Miller.

**Annual Report for Saltash Town Council – 2018**  
**Chamber of Commerce**

Membership of the Chamber is open to all businesses in or serving Saltash, and meets on the first Monday of the month at China Fleet. The Executive are the current officers, who are: President, Bill Cotton; Chairman, Peter Ryland; Treasurer, Dougie Bond; (newly recruited) Secretary, Ayesha Slader and Membership Secretary, Dave Jones. Minutes are produced by the inimitable Martin Lister.

Throughout the year the Chamber has liaised with the developers of both Broadmoor Farm (CEG @Treledan) and Carkeel Roundabout (Quora@Sandford), as well as attempting to coordinate aspects of the defunct STIG organisation.

Treledan is at an early stage, where some development parcels have been identified, but detailed planning is yet to be developed. Certain infrastructure aspects will be forthcoming as development progresses, with the Stoketon junction upgrade intended to occur at an early stage. A primary school is intended for construction when the first couple of hundred homes are occupied, with some community, retail and possible light-industrial use identified.

The former Tesco (Sandford) site is well-advanced in planning, and the Chamber's input has helped shape this. It is felt that some aspects will adversely affect existing businesses, and representations to mitigate the effect on the Town Centre have been accepted, including some promotion of Fore Street by signage within the site (yet to be detailed).

Late last summer the Christmas Festival lost its new organisers (the Saltash Events Team), and the Chamber was asked if it could take on the arrangements. This was agreed, and largely due to the efforts of Danielle Frith, a successful and entertaining event coincided with the switch-on of the Town's revamped Christmas lights. The tradition of traders in the street putting up Christmas trees in the street was re-introduced after a gap of a couple of years due the trial of alternative arrangements. It is hoped that both of these initiatives can be continued and developed in the forthcoming year.

The Chamber has also taken over management of the Car Park refund scheme, and is assessing the viability and benefit to the town. It appears to be not highly used (~20/wk) and may not bring much benefit or justify the overhead in its current form.

Current membership of the Chamber is around 40, and new members are always welcome. The wider the membership the greater the accountability and therefore representation which can be promoted.

Prepared by: Cllr Steve Miller, CoC member and TC rep.

## **Annual Report to Saltash Town Council for May Fair – 2018**

After a very successful event in 2017, the existing committee publicised a request for volunteers to join them to plan the 2018 event, but little assistance was forthcoming. At the AGM Vera Forbes was elected to continue as Chair, Tanya Hatch as Treasurer and Chris Tandy volunteered as Secretary. Mayor Jean Dent was confirmed as Hon President, with Teresa Lindeyer and Hilary Frank also elected as committee, and Cllr Steve Miller accepted as TC representative.

This year marks the 40<sup>th</sup> fair since it was re-initiated after a popular event for the Queen's Silver Jubilee in 1977. Meetings are mainly held monthly, several kindly hosted by Teresa (yummy cake!) at her home when The Core became unavailable due to its own popularity! Venues will be similar to last year, utilising Fore Street plus Victoria and Longstone Park. It is hoped to have more of the smaller stalls in Fore Street, after last year several shops who had opted to have a (free) stall outside failed to materialise, leaving significant gaps in the line-up. This year it has been decided to charge retailers £20 (a significant discount) as an aim to obviate non-appearance.

The evolution of participants at the event from mainly local groups/charities to include more commercial stallholders seems to be a popular development, which has been assessed as leading to greater footfall and longer-duration of visits. Bookings are again being coordinated by Diverse Events, for whom Aaron Monk has a wealth of contacts and good reputation to source suitable attendees who create an attractive visitor-experience from far beyond the confines of Saltash, enhancing the town's profile.

The committee was pleased to again offer to host a Civic Parade travelling up Fore Street, leading to the official opening of the event, which was accepted by the Town Council. It is also grateful for awards from the various funds (Community Chest, Festival, S106 etc.) for grants to help defray some of the inevitable expenses in providing a free-to-attend community event, which nonetheless has many health and safety requirements to be complied with, as well as entertainment and infrastructure costs. However, it was disappointing to be refused use of the TC's Premises licence on the spurious grounds of insurance, and an opportunity to make presentations at the long-awaited Working Party review of criteria is eagerly sought.

With the run-up to the event on **5 May** additional meetings will be held in April, and volunteers to help on the day will be gratefully accepted. The assistance of the Saltash ATC and Barne Barton Ambassadors with road closures, setting and removing signage/cones, litter picks, stewarding and running errands is much appreciated by the committee.

Dates of future meetings:

15 March, 12 April, 26 April, **May Fair 5 May**, AGM 9 July.

Prepared by: Cllr Steve Miller, May Fair

### **The Core Youth Project**

The Core aims to provide young people with opportunities and activities which help build positive relationships, strengthen and develop self-esteem/confidence and empower them to have a positive impact on their community.

Charlotte Carpenter, lead youth worker along with her staff and volunteers are an integral to the success of the professional service, safety and wellbeing of the young people they serve.

The Core provides two open-access evening sessions a week providing a range of engagement activities and support when needed. An example of this support is the monthly young carers group. The core is engaged with saltash.net with TicTac 1:1 sessions.

The Core also runs a number of holiday and half-term activities including outdoor pursuits, trips out and a pop-up cinema. As well as hosting groups such as the Boxing Club, Climbing club and short mat bowls club.

Unfortunately this year sees the closure of the Cafe element of the Core, albeit temporary whilst the staff and users regroup and think of new avenues to move along with the kitchen space.

Councillor Casey Warrington