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Report to Saltash Town Council: October 4 2018

Our **Annual General Meeting** took place last week. It was the best attended we have ever had, and was lively throughout. We had displays of our Enterprises on the walls and lots of informal chat beforehand. Here are some key points:

Liam Bradley Liam was our founding chair, from whom I took over. We had the sad news that he had died the previous weekend. Steve Tait, the last of the founding Directors still on the Board gave an impromptu outline of the how the CIC had evolved from the original Saltash Partnership and the development of a Community Plan more than twelve years ago, highlighting Liam's lead role in it. The meeting reflected in silence in honour of his passing.

Reports If you wish to read the Chair's report, the Finance report and other papers, please go to www.communityenterprisespl12.co.uk/documents and open the AGM 2018 folder.

Election of Directors For the first time ever, we had an excess of applicants to be Directors over the number of vacancies. We see this as a positive message about our profile in the town.

Of our complement of 12 Directors, we have had three vacancies for some months; our Company Secretary (and Director) Christina Dixon also decided to retire at this stage; and three existing Directors are also obliged each year to retire in rotation, all seeking re-election. We received five other applications from Members for appointment as Director. This meant a total of 9 candidates for 7 vacancies. A ballot of Members was necessary. Tony Parry and Steve Tait were not re-elected.

As a result the Board now comprises:

Bob Austin, Richard Bickford, Rose Edwards, Peter Thistlethwaite, Rosie Waters, Peter Ryland, Peter Dungey, Jo Baskott, Carol Emmett, Christine Douglas, Mike Austin and Dave Waters.

Immediate Issues With such a major change of personnel, we will be embarking on a formal period of Induction Training and Team Building. We are about to appoint a part-time Administration Manager on a one-year contract to bolster our governance, because the scope of our organisation has gone beyond our capacity as volunteers. We also have to re-consider moving to charitable status, which may be a better organisational model for us, but would also be a tax-saving measure.

Scrapstore

We are hopeful that the Scrapstore will open its doors to the public this coming weekend, after massive efforts to get the shop ready and stocked. All the necessary legalities to take on the Lease until March next year have been completed.

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