

Notes



Meeting:	Cornwall Gateway Community Network Panel
Date:	Monday 3 December 2018
Time:	6.30pm
Location:	The Guildhall, Saltash Town Council

Present	Title/Representing
Derek Holley CC	Cornwall Councillor - Saltash East (Chairman)
Cllr Martin Worth	Chairman of Landulph Parish Council (Vice-Chairman)
Hilary Frank CC	Cornwall Councillor - Saltash South
Sheila Lennox-Boyd CC	Cornwall Councillor - Saltash North
Sam Tamlin CC	Cornwall Councillor - Saltash West
Jesse Foot CC	Cornwall Councillor - St Germans and Landulph
Gary Davis CC	Cornwall Councillor - Torpoint East
Cllr Gloria Challen	Deputy Mayor, Saltash Town Council
Cllr Steve Miller	Saltash Town Council
Cllr Richard Bickford	Saltash Town Council
Cllr Sarah Martin	Saltash Town Council
Cllr Bill Phillips	Saltash Town Council
Cllr Nigel Witton	St Germans Parish Council
Cllr Gerald Willis	St Germans Parish Council
Cllr Steve Barnes	St Germans Parish Council
Cllr Graeme Francis	Landrake with St Erney Parish Council
Cllr Dave Edwards	Vice-Chairman, Botus Fleming Parish Council
Cllr Nicky Roberts	Millbrook Parish Council
Inspector Julian Morris	Devon and Cornwall Police (min no 3)
Bob Austin	Director, Saltash CIC
Karen Pilkington	Love Saltash & Torpoint Advertiser
Alan Cousins	St Germans Public Transport Group
Ayesha Slader	Saltash Chamber of Commerce
Sally Hawken	Cabinet Member for Children and Wellbeing, Cornwall Council (min no 4)
Peter Hockin	Business Analyst - Finance, Cornwall Council (min no 4)
Jon Pert	Project Delivery Manager, One Public Transport System for Cornwall Project (min no 5)
Lesley Barlow	Project Commissioning Officer, One Public Transport System for Cornwall Project (min no 5)
Simon Mould	Head of Community Safety and Localism, Cornwall Council (deputising for Paul Walker, Service Director, Resilient Cornwall)
Paul Allen	Highways and Environment Manager, CORMAC
Catherine Thomson	Community Link Officer, Cornwall Council
Lisa Grigg	Communities Support Assistant, Cornwall Council

Apologies for absence:

George Trubody - Cornwall Councillor - Rame Peninsula
 Christopher Cook - Clerk to Botus Fleming Parish Council
 Councillor John Tivnan BEM - Torpoint Town Council
 Paul Walker - Service Director, Resilient Cornwall, Cornwall Council

Item	Key/Action Points	Action by:
1.	<p>Welcome and Introductions Cornwall Councillor Derek Holley welcomed all present and invited everyone to introduce themselves.</p>	
2.	<p>Public Participation No questions were raised. The Chairman advised that he would be happy to take any questions during the meeting following the presentations.</p>	
3.	<p>Devon and Cornwall Police Update - Inspector Julian Morris There has been a decrease in reported crimes across the network area compared to the same period last year, with the exception of St Germans which has seen a slight increase.</p> <p>Since the last meeting it has been confirmed the merger will not be going ahead but the strategic alliance with Dorset will continue.</p> <p>Some positive work has been undertaken in Liskeard and Looe with regard to Safe Places and Dementia Friendly initiatives and possible roll out to other areas is being explored. Councillor Frank highlighted that Dementia Voice PL12 was established 2 years ago for the Saltash area and surrounding villages and suggested they are invited to attend future Safer Saltash Meetings.</p> <p>Officers are continuing to work with Safer Saltash and the Tamar Bridge & Ferry committee to tackle community safety priorities including suicide attempts off the Tamar Bridge.</p> <p>The proactive work carried out to tackle drug trafficking and County Lines has led to the arrest of 3 key offenders.</p> <p>Staffing levels for this network area remain consistent. There has been some redeployment of officers but no changes are anticipated for the CNA.</p> <p>Inspector Morris was thanked for his attendance.</p>	CT
4.	<p>Cornwall Council draft budget 2019/20 and Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) - Cornwall Councillor Sally Hawken and Peter Hockin, Finance Officer, Cornwall Council Councillor Hawken gave a presentation on the Cornwall Council draft budget for 2019/20. Please see attached presentation.</p> <p><u>Questions, Comments & Answers</u></p> <p>Q. What is the current budget shortfall? A. We have a budget gap of £2.5m for the next financial year and it increases to £2.7m by the end of the MTFP. At present, we do not have a balanced budget. Between now and February we are looking at how the Council can balance that position to ensure we meet the legal requirement of a balanced budget.</p> <p>Q. How has this happened? A. Extra demand for services, less resources, impact of austerity and significant reductions in government grants which will continue over the</p>	

	<p>next four years. The provisional local government finance settlement is due to be released next week and we are fairly confident that the level of government grant we are anticipating will not change.</p> <p>C. It was noted that from April 2019, following an amendment to a government bill, Councils will have powers to charge greater Council Tax premiums on homes left empty for many years. Views are being sought on this as part of the budget engagement process. Cornwall Council has a designated empty homes team. For further information or to report an empty or unused property please visit; https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/housing/private-sector-housing/empty-properties/</p> <p>Q. Will voluntary contributions be taxable? A. Unsure. PH to follow up and report back.</p> <p>C. Voluntary contributions have worked in other areas particularly where there is an option to specify which service and area your contribution will be spent on.</p> <p>Q. Could county farms be sold off to help bridge the gap? A. Capital receipts can only be spent on capital projects.</p> <p>Q. What is the total value of the county farms? A. Unsure. PH to follow up and report back.</p> <p>Q. How much does Cornwall Council have in reserves? Why can't this be used to help fill the shortfall? A. There is £360m in reserves, however a significant amount of this relates to schools and partnerships with other organisations, PFIs, insurances etc. It was estimated that there is £35m unallocated. A Risk Analysis Assessment is undertaken as part of the budget setting process to ensure the Council has significant reserves for unforeseen eventualities. There is no specified minimum level the Council needs to have in reserves – it is the judgement of the Chief Operating & Section 151 Officer.</p> <p>Q. How do Cornwall Council's reserves compare to those of other Councils? A. We don't have this information.</p> <p>The panel were encouraged to respond to the consultation which closes on the 17th December. The online survey is available at; www.cornwall.gov.uk/budget2018</p> <p>Councillor Hawken and Peter Hockin were thanked for their attendance.</p> <p>A short 5 minute break was held.</p>	<p>PH</p> <p>PH</p> <p>ALL</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>One Public Transport System for Cornwall Project – Jon Pert and Lesley Barlow Please see attached presentation.</p> <p><u>Questions, Comments and Answers</u></p> <p>Q. How will charges be agreed for the Multi Modal Ticket? A. This is a complex issue where we need to work in partnership with the operators to agree best value etc. The Cornish Coach & Bus Operators</p>	

	<p>Association (CoCABOA) have established a body to work together to put joint proposals to the Council on issues such as ticketing and fares.</p> <p>C. There is a lot of emphasis on phase 1 and 2 'showcase corridors' but links to the wider network need to be considered, particularly for smaller villages who need the provision of small scale bus services. The unique geography of Cornwall needs to be taken into account.</p> <p>A. We acknowledge this but funding is an issue. We are open to looking at possible alternative delivery pilots for smaller villages as we recognise one size doesn't fit all.</p> <p>Q. Are passenger groups involved in discussions?</p> <p>A. Yes, a representative from Transport Focus – the national transport body for bus and rail - is a member of the Steering Group and we also engage with market testing panels (members of the public).</p> <p>Q. For Millbrook and surrounding parishes it takes 1hr 30 mins using public transport to get to Plymouth and is dependent on the ferries. It's a lengthy and costly journey so there is more reliance on individual transport.</p> <p>A. We use a variety of modelling tools including heat mapping which shows blackspot areas including travel distances and journey times. We are trying to reduce journey times and to make public transport as attractive and efficient an option as possible.</p> <p>Q. How can the community provide feedback and be involved in the process? Can the modelling tool be shared?</p> <p>A. CT to liaise with JP and LB.</p> <p>C. The new rail sleeper lounges are an excellent facility - they should have branding which shows Cornwall Council helped to fund them.</p> <p>C. The improvements under this project are welcomed. However, whilst reference is made to 2 extra trains an hour in each direction that is unlikely for this area. Reality is we are likely to get 1 train per hour with extra provision at commuter peak times including school journeys so we need to continue lobbying. Councillor Bickford to provide contact details to CT to whom representations can be made for circulation to the panel.</p> <p>Councillor Bickford confirmed that a refurbished station building will be provided at Saltash and thanked all involved in the project. The Chairman thanked Councillor Bickford for leading the project.</p> <p>It was noted that Saltash CIC had previously operated a bus service between Saltash and Torpoint but was not sustainable due to the lack of customers using the service. The CIC are currently looking at providing a service for the PL12 area incorporating St Germans. The Chairman thanked the CIC for the work they are doing on this.</p> <p>Jon Pert and Lesley Barlow were thanked for their attendance.</p>	<p>CT/JP /LB</p> <p>JP/LB</p> <p>RB</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Community Networks Highways Scheme – Paul Allen, Highways and Environment Manger (CORMAC) and Catherine Thomson, Community Link Officer</p> <p>CT recapped that the Highways Scheme provides £50,000 per year for four years to enable local highway works that would otherwise not be commissioned to be identified and agreed at each Community Network</p>	

	<p>Panel.</p> <p>Expressions of Interest were requested from the Town and Parish Councils and Cornwall Councillors. To date, 22 Expressions of Interest have been received from the Cornwall Gateway CNA.</p> <p>At its last meeting on 25th September, the panel approved 6 projects which had been identified as highly deliverable and have a total cost of £20,250.</p> <p>There were other projects presented at the meeting but the costs had not been finalised. It was agreed these schemes would be considered at the next meeting and that the Town and Parish Councils and Cornwall Councillors were further approached to ensure all Expressions of Interest had been submitted.</p> <p>CT clarified there were now 13 projects for consideration, with a combined estimated cost of £130,250. The schedule of projects was tabled for consideration.</p> <p>PA highlighted that the costs in the schedule were estimates so could be subject to minor alteration.</p> <p>CT clarified that any underspend or funding from projects not proceeding will be put back into the CNA allocation, and funding can be rolled forwards.</p> <p>It was queried how long it was likely to take for work to start on the approved schemes. PA and CT advised that once the schemes were approved by the panel, Client Briefs then had to be drafted for each scheme for approval by the Portfolio Holder.</p> <p>Once Portfolio Holder approved is received, the works order can then be sent to CORMAC, however, as all 19 networks are doing the same process, the demand placed on the works and designs teams will need to be taken into account. Concern was raised at how the overall 'priority order' will be decided.</p> <p>The panel agreed to recommend to Cornwall Council that;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Based on the approach taken previously, which focused on deliverability, the high deliverable applications be approved. These are CG13 and CG18 which total £7,500. ii. The remainder of the applications designated as medium deliverability and those with an estimated cost of less than £25,000 be approved bringing the total allocations to £50,250 – which is all of year 1. iii. The remainder of the schemes are estimated at £25,000 each and should be considered on the basis that the design work for all would be commissioned in year 2, with the roll out of the work to follow in year 3. iv. Further requests for Expressions of Interest for the remainder of the budget should be sought in autumn 2020. 	<p>CT/PA</p> <p>CT/PA</p> <p>CT/PA</p> <p>CT/PA</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Community Network Panel Priorities Update</p> <p>A38 Case for Action The A38 Case for Action leaflet used for the recent Westminster Briefing</p>	

	<p>was previously circulated with the agenda. The Chairman thanked Councillor Foot and the Safe 38 campaign group for their ongoing work.</p> <p>Tamar Water Transport As agreed at the last meeting a working group has been established involving Cornwall Councillors Davis, Frank and Trubody, Councillor Worth and relevant officers.</p> <p>An initial meeting was held which was productive and encouraging and acknowledged the benefits to be had in improving water transport links. An Economic Impact Assessment will be commissioned by Economic Development and technical plans previously drawn up for a jetty at Torpoint will be reviewed and costed. The Working Group is due to meet again in January.</p>	
8.	<p>Town and Parish Council Updates</p> <p><u>Landulph Parish Council</u> Councillor Worth updated that the Parish Council approved the Neighbourhood Development Plan which has been submitted to Cornwall Council for feedback. A new logo for the Parish Council has also been launched.</p> <p><u>Landrake with St Erney Parish Council</u> Councillor Francis was pleased to report that the Neighbourhood Development Plan was passed at referendum on the 8th November with 92.3% voting in favour and a turnout of 35.18%.</p>	
9.	<p>Devolution and Strengthening Community Networks Update CT circulated an update of the devolution projects in the CNA, which will be circulated to the panel every 6 months as part of the strengthening community network proposals agreed by the cabinet. Please see attached update.</p>	
10.	<p>Notes of the last meeting The notes of the last meeting held on 25th September were agreed.</p>	
11.	<p>Urgent Items</p> <p><u>Cornwall Council Off-Street Parking Place Order</u> An additional meeting has been arranged with Cllr Geoff Brown (Cabinet Member for Transport) on 12th December at Torpoint Fire Station at 2pm. Councillor Davis encouraged attendance as this has been arranged following representations made to the Cabinet Office that no meeting was originally scheduled for the area.</p> <p><u>Safer Cornwall Partnership Plan Consultation</u> Safer Cornwall's Partnership Plan is out of public consultation until the <u>13th December</u>. The plan sets out how the partnership will tackle crime, anti-social behaviour and other issues that impact on community safety over the next three years. Further details and the consultation survey can be found at; https://safercornwall.co.uk/partnership-plan-consultation/</p> <p><u>Air Quality</u> Councillor Witton asked if an update on the air quality priority could be included on the agenda for the next meeting.</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>CT</p>

