

Saltash Chamber of Commerce

Throughout the year the Chamber hold regular meetings, usually on the first Monday of each month at the China Fleet Club. Any retailers or traders are welcome to attend to decide if they would like to join, whatever their interest in the PL12 area. The more that participate the wider viewpoints can be represented - don't leave it to someone else!

Over the year there have been several significant threads of activity, summarised below:

Presentations were made by CEG, developers of the Broadmoor Farm (Treledan) site, which has the intention for about 850 homes and associated infrastructure to be delivered over the next decade, with work hoped to commence later this year. The proposed Stoketon Cross roundabout is a key deliverable to allow access once the initial builds are completed.

Other guest speakers have included Sheryll Murray, who talked about the A38 improvement initiative which now has priority from Cornwall Council and ministerial interest, as well as Colin Martin, CC for Lostwithiel and LD PPC for SE Cornwall.

The Chamber were asked to take over the remaining funds of the parking refund scheme, which is now depleted and under consideration of what might be an appropriate follow-on.

It also organised a successful Christmas Festival, including switching on the Xmas Lights, for a second year. Last year's Mayfair was another popular and successful occasion, but the Committee did not feel able to continue the commitment for another year.

The CoC was asked/offered to take it on, particularly due to their initial success with the Xmas Festival, although STC stated its intention to withdraw its Civic involvement.

All is going well in the run up to this year's event, and Diverse Events continue to provide support well in excess of what could reasonably be expected, although offers of assistance from individuals and groups, particularly for the day itself, will always be welcome.

The current political environment seems more open to infrastructure projects, and the Chamber is intending to participate fully in a new Vision for Saltash (Future Initiatives for Saltash Highstreet) in addition to its ongoing involvement with Safer Saltash which is more aimed at improvements in people issues.

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