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4 Fore Street, Saltash PL12 6JL

## **Report to Saltash Town Council: May 2 2019**

I am away from Saltash all next week and therefore unable to attend your meeting. Bob Austin, our Lead Director for Transport, will attend in my stead to answer any questions you may have.

I would like to start by wishing the Mayor and the Council every success in the year ahead. We look forward to continuing to work with you all.

Here is a quick update on our activity. All our work depends on voluntary effort, and we always need more individual volunteers - who will be given a warm welcome, whatever their interests, if they contact us at the Hub. See copy of flyer attached below.

### **Website**

Please note our new web address (above).

The platform and content has been totally revised in a project led by Peter Dungey, our Lead Director for IT. It is still work in progress, and we would be pleased to have feedback to help with the process of perfecting its functionality.

### **Conversion to Charity**

We held a formal General Meeting of members on April 9, which was well attended. After discussion, votes were taken on two Special Resolutions:

- (1) to convert the CIC to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, and
- (2) to adopt the proposed Constitution of the CIO.

The first was passed unanimously; the second was passed almost unanimously (just 2 abstentions, no votes against).

We made application to the Charity Commission the next day, and this was formally acknowledged. Later we were informed that there is a massive backlog of applications, and that the decision could not be made within the normal 40-day timescale. We do not expect to hear before September, which is very frustrating.

### **4 Fore Street**

Following the changes mentioned in my last report, the new Lead Director for the Hub will be Jo Baskott. Jo was one of the CIC's original Directors in 2006, and returned to the role in September last year after a period of time abroad and running her own business. She will be well known to many of you, and Jo was behind the success of the pop-up shop, which Gateway CIC supported, and which is now independent and known as Lovingly Local.

Jo is currently concentrating on leading plans for refurbishment and re-focussing of 4 Fore Street, including food hygiene. She is also coordinating our overall marketing and publicity. New materials will be unveiled for the May Fair.

Jo is also hoping to link the Hub more positively with Saltash Foodbank and Saltash Environmental Action in projects to help avoid food waste. More on this as it develops.

### **Health Services Consultations**

A meeting for “key local stakeholders” was held on April 24 in the Guildhall, led by NHS Kernow. This sought to canvass local opinion on future NHS plans for services in the area, as a preliminary to more formal public consultations later in the year. Although two years too late, with another year to be spent at this planning stage, the process got off to a good start. Clear messages were given, and will hopefully be acted on.

Three county councillors were present, and three town councillors - this was good because it is really important that local government comes to play a stronger role in health care developments. But I was particularly proud to see powerful representation from patients from the two Saltash Practices, and from Quay Lane Surgery at St Germans. We were able to link up with representatives from the St Barnabas League of Friends, and with Dr Morris from the Health Centre, who is another important ally. A “community led” solution would be a real achievement.

Two important facts:

- (1) we have seen NHS data which confirms what we suspected - a massive growth in the number of Saltash people having to be transferred to Liskeard Hospital on discharge from Derriford in the period since the beds were lost from St Barnabas. We are up for the fight to get NHS supported beds reinstated in the town as soon as possible.
- (2) The Health Centre and Port View Surgery have now formally taken over the Minor Injuries service previously at St Barnabas, and are being paid to do this by NHS Kernow. Progress at last.

### **Other Enterprises**

All Enterprises are going well. Specific news:

- *Belle Vue (West) Toilet Block* - we are just about to sign the lease to take over this building, which we hope to convert quickly so that a “man shed” (repair workshop) can be established, linked to the Scrapstore. There will also be other facilities for a craft workshop.
- *Transport* - demand for Hopper services remains strong from community groups, and the Wednesday Link service for shoppers is also popular. With good income from a couple of Cornwall Council contracts, community transport is doing very well in the town. **As a consequence, we do need more volunteer drivers and assistants - please pass the message on.**

**Peter Thistlethwaite**  
**Chair**

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**Together We Can, Together We Do.**



**If you can spare a few hours a month, we'd love to welcome you into our lively team. We manage a range of community-based projects, run solely by volunteers, to make Saltash and PL12 a better place to live and work.**

**Roles include Hopper drivers, passenger assistants for Hopper trips in Devon & Cornwall, shop helpers in the Community Hub and Scrapstore, Dementia Voice helpers, & more. If you'd like to help your community, please contact us for a chat.**

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