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4 Fore Street, Saltash PL12 6JL

## **Report to Saltash Town Council: September 5 2019**

Directors met last week, and some important decisions were taken:

**Application to convert to a charity.** We considered whether to resubmit our application with revised charitable objectives, but we decided to defer action on this for a while. This is because we need to be totally clear in our minds about what we wish to aim for in the future, a task that is not as easy as it sounds and should not therefore be rushed. We might even prefer, after deliberation, to re-focus our objectives as a CIC instead. So we are going to give ourselves a little time to undertake this exercise. We do wish to be seen to be using our know-how and resources to support local initiatives in all sorts of ways, and we may well in any case shift in this more “charitable” direction over the coming year.

**18 Belle Vue Road** We have submitted a formal proposal to Cornwall Council for the transfer of the freehold of the building to the CIC. Our current lease expires at the end of November and we need to be able to reassure our current tenants of the continuity of their premises, especially the Foodbank and Citizens Advice. (In fact, a new tenant is taking the risk and moving into the attic rooms this week, replacing Hemsley Fraser who have new premises in the town. The new tenant is a locally-run IT consultancy, Carbon Pixel.)

We will be grateful for the support of local councillors in any discussions of, or representations about, the future ownership/management of the building which they may encounter. I am happy to supply a copy of the proposal to councillors who request it for this purpose. We look forward to an outcome from Cornwall Council which will give us long-term security, and so free up our financial planning.

**Scrapstore to become independent** Following my report to you in August, a proposal was put to Directors for a new voluntary body to be created to run the Scrapstore, and this was approved. We hope that this will be effected during September. Piloting the project in the last year has proved very successful, and Directors believe it is totally viable. We take pride in being able to create another innovative outlet in Fore Street.

**Annual General Meeting** This will take place on Wednesday September 25 at Wesley Church, 6pm. Formal Notice has been sent to Members.

Despite the developments and uncertainties mentioned above, we remain financially sound, and are therefore able to respond positively to new opportunities or challenges as they arise.

## **Want to join in with events this Friday?**

- \* Local Food Market - at 4 Fore Street 10am to 2pm
- \* Hog Roast (and vegetarian alternatives) to say thank you to Members and volunteers at Landulph Memorial Hall from 6.30pm

**Peter Thistlethwaite**  
**Chair**

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