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Report to Saltash Town Council: December 5 2019

Season's greetings to all colleagues at Saltash Town Council.

18 Belle Vue Road - we submitted our dossier to Cornwall Council last month, but have now been told that our bid for a Community Asset Transfer will not be considered until December 19. That's going to be an important day for us.

Transport - our new Transport Director, Dave Waters, has undertaken an initial review and concluded that we can meet all our commitments, and work more efficiently, with two buses instead of three. So we have now sold a bus, which cuts our outgoings. However, it is no loss to the town since the bus is staying locally with Age Concern, with whom we cooperate well.

Otherwise, our usual range of Hopper services continues. We have a new contract from Cornwall Council to transport people with disabilities to their day centre. We have recruited and trained some additional volunteer drivers in recent months too.

Annual Accounts - these have been prepared by our Accountants, and are ready to submit to Companies House. We remain in a strong position financially, with a turnover of £100k, a small surplus, and reserves. We are planning to expand activities during 2020, once the Belle Vue situation is resolved.

Director appointments - we have received three applications from experienced people, and we are planning to meet them for the first time this week. This will be followed by interviews.

Christmas - As usual, we will be ensuring a good input into all community festivities in the town, including Santa's grotto at 4 Fore Street. Decorations have been made by our volunteer team there. We're hoping that this will enable more successful fundraising for projects - building on raising over £500 with our displays ahead of Remembrance Day. At Christmas we hope to be raising funds to support the Foodbank, who are already using a spare room at 18 Belle Vue Road for making their hampers.

We are having a Christmas social event to thank our volunteers next week.

Our November Directors meeting had to be put back one week, to Wednesday December 4. I will report verbally on Thursday.

Peter Thistlethwaite
Chair – 2nd December 2019