

Community Enterprises PL12

Chair's Report for Saltash Town Council, September 2020

We are continuing with all our enterprises as best we can with the current restrictions.

Digital Inclusion

This is moving steadily forward. Volunteers are currently being trained as Digital Champions, and we have a number of people who would like to benefit from the training.

We have been awarded £2000 funding from Waitrose & Partners to support this project. This will really help with purchasing the necessary equipment, furniture & PPE to enable us to help people develop their digital skills.

Belle Vue Building

Building work is well under way to convert the Citizens Advice offices, so that CAC can operate an extended service from here.

The large front office in the building is being redecorated to be used as a meeting/ training room, and will be available for local clubs & organisations to use. It will also be used for Digital Training.

Dementia Voice

We are continuing to support people as best we can, including distributing the weekly quizzes. We are hoping to soon be able to use the Hopper buses to resume trips for those who need them most. The buses need PPE & a fogging machine for sterilisation, & trips will be available for very limited numbers to comply with guidelines.

Hoppers

We are not currently planning to recommence our normal trips & services, due to strict guidelines and financial constraints. I hope to be able to report more positive news in the coming months.

Belle Vue Project

The Belle Vue ex-toilet block will be known as "The Loobrary" as it will incorporate the Digital Inclusion project, Digital Library, and the start of the Library of Things. We wanted to avoid using the word Library in the name, to avoid confusion with the Saltash Library. The Waitrose funding means we can now furnish the building & get it operational.

Community Hub

The community shop in the Hub sells products on behalf of local crafters and start-up producers, and we have seen a post-lockdown surge in the number of start-up crafters who would like to showcase their products here.

Since April, volunteers have been making face masks for us, using donated fabrics. These were initially given away to the elderly people we were helping through lockdown. Since the Hub has re-opened, we have been selling them at £3 each, with all the proceeds going towards community projects. To date, our volunteers have made over 500 masks.

From 1st September, we are revising the opening hours, and will be open until 3pm.

AGM

Our AGM will be held on Wednesday 30th September, via Zoom as an online meeting. Anyone wishing to attend should contact hub@cepl12.co.uk for an invitation.

New Directors

Following a successful campaign, I am excited to report that we are in the process of appointing new Directors, who will bring new skills, experience and enthusiasm to our Board.

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