



Notes

Meeting:	Cornwall Gateway Community Network Panel <i>Virtual MS Teams Meeting</i>
Date and Time:	Wednesday 9 th September 2020 at 6.00pm

Present:	Title/Representing:
Derek Holley CC	Cornwall Councillor - Saltash East (Chairman)
Cllr Martin Worth	Chairman of Landulph Parish Council (Vice-Chairman)
Jesse Foot CC	Cornwall Councillor - St Germans and Landulph
Hilary Frank CC	Cornwall Councillor - Saltash South
Sheila Lennox-Boyd CC	Cornwall Councillor - Saltash North
Sam Tamlin CC	Cornwall Councillor - Saltash West
Gary Davis CC	Cornwall Councillor - Torpoint East
Cllr Pete Samuels	Mayor of Saltash, Saltash Town Council
Cllr Sarah Martin	Saltash Town Council
Cllr Steve Miller	Saltash Town Council
Cllr John Tivnan BEM	Torpoint Town Council
Cllr Peter Bulmer	Antony Parish Council
Cllr Graeme Francis	Vice-Chair, Landrake with St Erney Parish Council
Cllr Dave Edwards	Chair, Botus Fleming Parish Council
Cllr Malcolm Fletcher	Botus Fleming Parish Council
Cllr Roy Hoskin	Vice-Chair, St John Parish Council
Cllr Paula Brooks	Vice-Chair, Sheviocck Parish Council
Inspector Rupert Engley	Devon and Cornwall Police (min no 2)
Jon Mitchell	Public Space Team Leader, Cornwall Council (min no 5)
Paul Allen	Highways and Environment Manager, CORMAC (min no 6)
Louise Wood	Service Director for Planning & Sustainable Development / CLT Representative
Catherine Thomson	Community Link Officer, Cornwall Council
Lisa Grigg	Communities Support Assistant, Cornwall Council
Apologies for absence: Cornwall Councillor John Crago - Torpoint West Cornwall Councillor George Trubody - Rame Peninsula Councillor Nicky Roberts - Millbrook Parish Council Rob Andrew - Head of Environment Assets and Service Delivery, Cornwall Council	

Item	Key/Action Points	Action by:
1.	Welcome and Introductions The Chairman, Cornwall Councillor Derek Holley welcomed all present.	
2.	Devon and Cornwall Police Update – Inspector Rupert Engley	

	<p>Inspector Engley summarised the latest crime figures for the sector (which includes Liskeard, Saltash, Looe and Torpoint), and was pleased to report an overall 10% reduction in recorded crime. Please see attached report.</p> <p>The number of assaults on officers in the sector over the last 12 months is also attached. The CNP were saddened to hear of the increasing number of assaults on officers across the emergency services and welcomed the introduction of the #unacceptable campaign.</p> <p>Positive staffing news for the sector with an increase in response officers; 3 new student officers have started within the last month, a further 3 are due to start in December, 3 external transferees have joined from other forces, as well as 2 internal transfers.</p> <p>Thanks were extended to Inspector Engley and officers particularly with regard to the recent challenges and ongoing Covid restrictions. The excellent partnership working with local organisations including Safer Saltash was also noted.</p>	
3.	<p>Public Participation There were no members of the public present.</p>	
4.	<p>Government changes to planning system – Louise Wood, Service Director for Planning & Sustainable Development / CC Corporate Leadership Team Rep Louise outlined the Government’s consultation on the proposed reform of the current planning system – please see attached briefing note.</p> <p>The changes aim to streamline and modernise the planning process with a new focus on design and sustainability to ensure that more land is available for development where it is needed. The consultation closes on 29th October 2020.</p> <p>The Government has also published a further document on short-term measures which includes changes to the standard method for assessing local housing. The consultation for this document closes on the 1st October 2020.</p> <p>Main issues and concerns;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The impact of the changes to permitted development and the Use Classes Order. ○ Raising the small sites threshold for affordable housing in urban areas from 10 to either 40 or 50 new homes. ○ The new methodology means a requirement to provide around 4,000 homes per annum which is significantly more than the existing standard methodology. ○ Redefining housing growth areas – significant amount of work to be done in a relatively short timescale. Capacity and resources to deliver. ○ Following a query, it was clarified that changing the use of a village pub would still require planning permission under the proposed changes. 	
5.	<p>Grow Not Mow – Jon Mitchell, Public Space Team Leader, Cornwall Council Jon outlined Cornwall Council’s new verge-cutting policy which aims to encourage wildflowers and pollinators, and will see annual cuts reduced to two or three.</p> <p>Cutting will still be undertaken around footpath edges, benches and fixtures, signage, and at junctions and bends ensuring visibility and safety. Noxious weeds will also be removed.</p>	

	<p>Questions, Comments and Answers</p> <p>Q. There needs to be greater publicity to make people aware of why this is being done. Social media comments say it's just another cost cutting exercise by the Council.</p> <p>A. We are aware there has been some negativity and we are proactively addressing this by working with local groups and volunteers to get them actively involved with seed planting etc. Further media coverage is planned and there are QR codes displayed at sites.</p> <p>Q. Does it apply to just verges or will it be cemeteries too?</p> <p>A. The new policy will apply to verges, recreation spaces, closed churchyards and cemeteries, of which the Council is responsible for 103 closed churchyards and 24 open cemeteries. The link below provides further information on maintenance standards for closed churchyards; https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/environment-and-planning/parks-and-open-spaces/closed-churchyards/</p> <p>Q. Bug Life has produced a map showing the B-Lines (bee corridors) in England, but there appears to be very few in South East Cornwall?</p> <p>A. Jon to seek an update on local initiatives and projects and will report back to the CNP.</p> <p>Q. Are there any plans to issue guidance on hedge cutting to landowners and farmers to help encourage pollinators?</p> <p>A. Jon to make enquiries and will report back to the CNP.</p>	<p>JM</p> <p>JM</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Community Network Highways Scheme Update - Catherine Thomson, Community Link Officer and Paul Allen, Highways Manager, CORMAC</p> <p>The latest update on the 19 schemes previously approved by the CNP was circulated. There are currently 4 outstanding schemes and it is hoped these will be completed by December.</p> <p>16 expressions of interest have been received for Year 4 schemes which will be considered at the next CNP meeting in December. The estimated total of these schemes amounts to £156,000, which is over the remaining budget of £87,000.</p> <p>This includes underspend of £37,000 from Years 1 to 3, as some schemes came in under budget. The panel will be asked to consider options for how this underspend is utilised i.e. towards the Year 4 schemes or part towards a mobile speed visor scheme for the network area which the CNP also previously wished to explore.</p> <p>It was highlighted that some parishes have benefitted from a number of highway schemes, whilst a few others had none and co-operation to ensure a fair allocation was encouraged for the forthcoming vote.</p> <p>It was clarified that the cost of the mobile speed visor is £18,000 based on 8 to 11 moves per year, however, 24 proposed sites have been put forward by parishes. Due to cost and the length of time it would take for the visor to rotate across the sites, it was agreed that CT will write to parishes asking them to confirm their priority site. Paul will then look at potential costings and suitability of each site.</p> <p>Cllr Bulmer requested an update on the Antony junction. Paul to seek an update.</p>	<p>CT</p> <p>PA</p> <p>PA</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parish are pleased to announce that it is hoped to have an official opening of the new permissive footpath which links Crafhole to Portwrinkle benefiting parishioners and visitors. <p><u>Saltash</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting regularly using Zoom which is working well. Downside is the lack of opportunity to interact before and after meetings. The Town Council is keen to progress its devolution projects with Cornwall Council. The Council was commended on the excellent new facilities at the Railway Station with special recognition to Councillor Richard Bickford. <p><u>Torpoint</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting regularly using Zoom which is working well. Main area of focus is the devolution of play parks and improving the play equipment. 	
8.	<p>South East Cornwall Economic Development Sub-Group Update - Gary Davis CC / Councillor Martin Worth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Productive meetings held and role of the group is becoming more prominent. Meeting to be held with Dave Rodda, Economic Growth Manager with a focus on agriculture. Discussions ongoing with Local Enterprise Partnership regarding future funding opportunities for SE Cornwall. 	
9.	<p>Community Network Panel Priorities</p> <p>Water Transport Working Group Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arcadis have been appointed by Cornwall Council to produce a costed proposal for a landing stage in Torpoint. Due to Covid the timetable has been slightly extended. Meeting to be arranged mid-late September for Arcadis to provide the Working Group with an update. <p>A38 Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Councillor Foot updated on the funding meeting held with Highways England, Cornwall Council and Safe38 in August. Air quality readings in Tideford during the lockdown were more than half the usual levels. Awaiting data for July. The South West Peninsula Road Safety Partnership is launching a further campaign for action to reduce accidents and collisions 'Driving for Better Business.' It was suggested the partnership attends the next CNP Meeting to provide further details. 	<p>CT</p> <p>CT</p>
10.	<p>Notes of the last meeting (17.06.20 & 12.02.20)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agreed as a correct record. 	
11.	<p>Urgent Items</p>	

	<p><u>Tamar Bridge and Torpoint Ferry</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update provided by Sam Tamlin, Cornwall Councillor and Joint Chair of Tamar Crossings. • Due to the significant financial shortfall as an impact of Covid19 and, as yet, with no formal offer of financial support from Central Government, the Joint Committee will consider options for future financing at its meeting on the 11th September. • Economic impact of tolls – Agreed the CNP should explore the commissioning of a study to demonstrate the impact on the SE Cornwall area. <p><u>Covid19</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was noted that there were social media reports concerning a possible case at an unnamed public house in Saltash. 	CT												
12.	<p>Next meeting date</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday 9 December 2020 <p>Potential agenda items to include;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Community Network Highways Schemes – consideration of year 4 schemes ➤ Stop Loan Sharks ➤ South West Peninsula Road Safety Partnership – ‘Driving For Better Business’ campaign. <p><u>The meeting closed at 8.55pm</u></p>	ALL												
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