



Meeting Title: Launceston Community Network Meeting

Date: Thursday 17th September 2020

Time: 6.00pm

Location: Microsoft Teams

Chaired by: Neil Burden CC

Attendees:

Neil Burden	Cornwall Councillor, Stoke Climsland
Adam Paynter	Cornwall Councillor, Launceston North & North Petherwin
Gemma Massey	Cornwall Councillor, Launceston Central
Jade Farrington	Cornwall Councillor, Launceston South
Adrian Parsons	Cornwall Councillor, Altarnun
Dawn Rogers	Councillor, South Petherwin Parish Council
Ian Nash	Councillor, Lezant Parish Council
Joan Heaton	Councillor, St Stephen by Launceston Rural Parish Council
Ren Jackaman	Clerk, Stoke Climsland Parish Council
Andi Wyer	Clerk, Boyton Parish Council
Debra Branch	Altarnun Parish Council
Dave Gordon	Launceston Town Council
Paul Ford	Cornwall Foundation Partnership Trust
Dan Harvey	Temporary Sector Inspector, Devon and Cornwall Police
Meredith Teasdale	CC, Strategic Director, Together for Families
Chris Sims	CC Community Link Officer
Nikki Drewett	CC Communities Support Assistant
Apologies: Helen Price	Werrington Parish Council
Margaret Young	Launceston Town Council

Notes

Minutes

Action

1 Welcome and Introductions

CLlr Neil Burden welcomed all present.

CS explained the structure of the meeting.

2 Review of Previous Meetings Actions

- Information/Maps from Natalie Warr regarding the A388 were circulated to Panel Members following the meeting. Ongoing meetings regarding Dawes House.
- Community Speedwatch (CSW)– since the meeting two people have come forward as volunteers.
CS joined the CSW team earlier this month and was really impressed by the setup. CS asked Town & Parish Councils to push this within their areas as CSW relies on volunteers.
- TRO – this was sent to Town & Parish Councils six weeks ago and comments/feedback due this week. CS not aware of any feedback as yet.

T&PCs

3 Policing Update

T/Insp 5635 Dan Harvey, Launceston Sector Inspector

DH provided a presentation to the Panel (attached).



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- Crime numbers are really low and reduced in all categories for Launceston apart from a small increase in public order offences. Pubs have reopened and there have been some issues due to the current situation.
- Speeding down considerably during the strict lockdown period and less vehicles on the road. Still fewer vehicles on the road, but speeding has increased again.

Minutes	Action
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Death on A30 – This had a significant impact on traffic with both carriageways on A30 closed for a period of time. Local areas were gridlocked for a number of hours A meeting will be arranged with partner agencies to discuss how to better deal with a similar situation should it arise in the future. Please contact DH with any suggestions. • The new Special Constable has now commenced duties and is recently qualified in using a laser detection speed gun. He has been to Pipers Pool and surrounding villages in the last week. 	<p>DH</p> <p>ALL</p>
<p>There was a discussion regarding the barriers on bridges in the Launceston area and if they are sufficient to stop people climbing over. CS confirmed that Highways England have agreed to raise the height of the parapets on the Hurdon Road bridge; this is in relation to future planned cycleway improvements and not in response to the recent death. It was agreed that the Panel would write to Highways England in support of Launceston Town Council.</p>	<p>Panel</p>

4 Phoenix Leisure Centre Update

Cllr Adam Paynter

CC still in negotiation with GLL to reopen as soon as possible – early to mid-October. Nothing has been finalised as yet and staff are currently furloughed. CC don't pay GLL a fee for the running of leisure centres, instead they collect a fee for usage. CC are currently lobbying Central Government as there has been no Government support. The Sports Minister visited Liskeard today. There should be a public announcement in the next ten days about the reopening of centres.

The children's play area is still closed which is causing frustration locally.

5 Town & Parish Council/ Cornwall Councillor Updates

Cllr Neil Burden CC

- There have been a few cases of Covid in the Network area
- Schools have now reopened

Meredith Teasdale CC

- Schools are now open across Cornwall
- Approx 82% attendance rate – some parents still have concerns regarding safety
- Some parents choosing to educate at home

Minutes	Action
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarity needed regarding Covid symptoms and common cold symptoms • Trying to ensure access to quick testing -MT to find out the details of testing centre at Launceston Rugby Club as panel members expressed some concern about not being able to access tests. 	MT

CLlr Gordon, Launceston Town Council

- Need to ensure the essential support to people remains in place throughout the next few months as the pandemic continues – e.g. prescriptions, shopping etc.
CS explained there are ongoing workstreams at CC that are looking at various elements and a local Community Hub has been set up by the Voluntary Sector Forum. If the situation deteriorates, may need to re start local community support.

CLlr Dawn Rogers, South Petherwin PC

- DR gave an update of the speeding issues in the Parish and grant funding allocated to Community Speedwatch.
- The Parish Council will lobby CC regarding the speeding issue and insist they are dealt with.
- The Parish website has been revamped and is now updated on a regular basis. Would be happy to support any CNP information.

6 Launceston Town Centre – Reopening Highstreets Safely & beyond

- DG reported that the majority of people would like to see the continuation of the current road closures in place, and re-siting the taxi rank would enhance the town. Need to grasp this opportunity to move the town forward
- GM – there has been a lot of work and collaboration to organise the road closures. Need to ensure there is support to local businesses from the Town Council, Chamber of Commerce and CC, and to secure funding for new signage to signpost people back into the town centre.
- Most shops are now open and Charity Shops are taking limited donations.
- CS explained there is a meeting next week with Highways, CC & LTC to discuss the road closures.
- Possible funding streams – CIL, Town Centre Revitalisation Fund – Can bid for some money for the town centre.

Minutes**Action****7 AOB**

- CS reminded Parishes regarding request for Flu Vaccine volunteers. Vaccination areas are being established in Cornwall - Wadebridge Showground as well as different parts of the East. CS will forward the email that was sent to T&PC's.
- DB reported that a number of parents she works with are struggling to access Covid tests locally with the closest being Birmingham.
- Mobile Speed Cameras – CS explained there is approx. £16K funding through S106 monies to support a mobile speed camera package over a 4 year period. The package costs approx. £18k. CS asked the Panel to consider additional £2K of the Community Network Highways Scheme budget. This would be use of an underspend and not an amendment.

CS

5 votes – Yes

1 vote - Abstain

8 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 10th December 2020, 6pm – Microsoft Teams (This will be a return to open public meetings)

Potential Topics

'Planning for the future' White Paper update

Covid19 Policy & Issues

Speeding Update