



Meeting Title: Launceston Community Network Panel

Date: Thursday 10th December 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
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
Andi Wyer	Clerk, Boyton Parish Council
Dave Gordon	Launceston Town Council
Paul O'Brien	Launceston Town Council
Paul Ford	Cornwall Foundation Partnership Trust
Ellie Mason	Launceston CIC
Barry Jordan	Cornwall Councillor, Tintagel
Pat Rogerson	Cornwall Councillor, Bodmin St Leonard
Jacque Gammon	Cornwall Councillor, St Mary's
Claire Hewlett	Camelford Town Council
Alan Burgis	Camelford Town Council
Stephen Simmons	Forrabury and Minster Parish Council
Veronica Stansfield	St Breward Parish Council
Chris Jarvis	Trevalga Parish
Phil Parsons	South Petherwin Parish Council
Sarah Knight	Clerk, Lanhydrock Parish Council
David Perry	Community Speedwatch
Andy Rogers	West Country Rivers Trust
Ralph Hudson	North Hill Climate Action Group
Pat Orridge	Chair/Trustee, The Orchard Centre
Ruth Goldstein	CC, Public Health Consultant
Oliver Jones	CC, Highways Manager CORMAC

Apologies:	Nigel Blackler	CC, Service Director for Infrastructure
	Kate Kennally	CC, Chief Executive
	Chris Sims	CC Community Link Officer
	Nikki Drewett	CC Communities Support Assistant
	Helen Bailey	Launceston Town Council
	Meredith Teasdale	CC, Strategic Director, Together for Families
	Janet Shearer	Withiel Parish Council

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1 Welcome and Introductions

Cllr Neil Burden welcomed all present, extending a special welcome to attendees from the Camelford & Bodmin community network areas who were present for the Local Outbreak Management Plan presentation.

CS explained the structure of the meeting.

2 Local Outbreak Management Plan

Dr Ruth Goldstein, CC Public Health Consultant provided a presentation and an overview of the Local Outbreak Management Plan to the Panel (attached with the notes).

RG explained to the Panel how Cornwall Council and partners will work together to manage any local outbreaks of Covid 19 in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly.

Question and Answers:

Q - Concerns were raised regarding the possibility of an increase in Covid19 cases following the easing of restrictions over the Christmas period and people becoming complacent.

A – Covid19 is very social and there is a risk of a third peak especially as some people are fatigued with the ongoing regulations and social distancing guidelines. RG urged people to continue to follow the government guidelines to help suppress infection rates.

Q – How will the vaccination programme progress?

A -The roll out of the vaccine is being led by the NHS and is being supported by CC and Public Health. This started yesterday at RCHT and the focus is on the over 80's (in residential care homes and those living in their own home), residential care workers and frontline NHS workers. People in these priority

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groups will be invited to receive the vaccine. The plan is in 3-4 weeks' time that GP Surgeries will be able to provide clinics to support the Vaccination Programme as it rolls out to other priority groups and the wider public.

People are still being advised to have the Flu Vaccine and people over the age of 50 are now being invited to receive this. The Covid19 Vaccine can be given 7 days after having the Flu Vaccine.

The Chair thanked Dr Ruth Goldstein for attending the meeting and providing a presentation to the Panel.

3 Community Network Highways Scheme

Chris Sims provided a Presentation to the Panel (included with the notes).

The Presentation included the 3 proposals:

1. Mobile Speed Activated Sign ((£10,685 request from the panel with section 106 monies paying the remaining balance of £10,000)
2. Second Speed Activated Sign (£20,685 request from the panel)
3. Deliver Laun20(3) Ladycross and Yeolmbridge (£5,000 request from the panel)

Total Cost £36,370

Oliver Jones, CC Highways Manager confirmed that if both signs were purchased, they could, where appropriate, be placed either end of a stretch of road/ village.

The Mobile Speed Activated Signs can be rotated around the Network Area. Some priority sites have already been nominated but OJ will review this on a regular basis.

OJ explained that the signs still collect speed data even when they are off and that they monitor the speed of every single vehicle movement, irrespective of which direction the sign is facing.

The signs display a speed advisory but are not able to facilitate additional messages, these would need to be put on information boards.

OJ confirmed the Speed Compliance Action Review Forum (SCARF) meeting took place 10 days ago and that Pipers Pool was discussed. OJ will be reporting back to the Parish.

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<p>Proposal</p> <p>The Chair asked the Panel if they were happy to support the 3 proposals, as detailed in the attached presentation.</p> <p>The voting members of the Panel were unanimously in favour that these schemes should progress and funding allocated accordingly.</p> <p>The Chair thanked CS and OJ for their presentation and overview to the Panel.</p>	
<p>4 Climate Change Working Group Feedback</p> <p>Chris Sims shared the draft Launceston Network Area Climate Change Action Plan 2020-21 (attached with the notes).</p> <p>CS talked to the Panel regarding the promotion of ‘Tree Wardens’ and asked that Town and Parishes take this back to their local Councils. It is hoped each Town and Parish will appoint a Tree Warden who would be an advocate for trees, planting and promoting the benefits of trees. Information can be found on CC Website:</p>	<p>T&PCs</p>
<p>The Cornwall Parish Tree Warden Scheme - Cornwall Council</p>	
<p>CS asked parish council and local group representatives to take the action plan back to their respective organisations with a view to asking that they commit to the actions within – in particular CS highlighted the following actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tree Wardens (action 3 - as noted above) • WHAT CAN YOUR COUNCIL/ ORGANISATION DO? (action 5) • Forest for Cornwall – identifying local landowners who might be supportive (action 6) • Carbon Audits (action 9) – is this something your organisation could do (*training and guidance is available)? 	<p>T&PCs & Local groups</p>
<p>Chris Sims provided a Presentation to the Panel on behalf of Sam Virgo-Brown which provided an overview on the Forest for Launceston (attached with the notes).</p> <p>Ellie Mason, Launceston CIC explained the Forest for Launceston is a community project and has been very well supported, including a Crowdfunder project to raise funds. A Consultation is being planned for the New Year to gauge exactly what the community would like to see, including facilities etc.</p>	

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<p>The land is currently being managed by CC Environment Service and Officers have been in the area surveying trees. CC Officers carry ID with them and wouldn't enter private land without prior arrangement.</p>	
<p>5 Public Questions</p> <p>None</p>	
<p>6 Town & Parish Council Updates</p> <p><u>St Stephens by Launceston Rural Parish Council – Cllr Heaton</u></p> <p>The Parish Council agreed two Tree Warden roles last week at their meeting. The Tree Wardens will be at Truscott and Langore. They are both experienced but would benefit from any training available.</p> <p>The Parish is very keen on the Climate Change Agenda and has a number of Green Policies which are included in the Neighbourhood Development Plan which can be found on the Parish Website.</p> <p>Currently trying to reduce light pollution including street lights.</p> <p>Where possible, leaving grass verges more fallow.</p> <p><u>South Petherwin Parish Council – Cllr Rogers</u></p> <p>The Parish has a Tree Warden in place.</p> <p>At the last Panel meeting the Parish had received £10K from the Government – this has been used for the Speed Awareness Campaign.</p> <p><u>Launceston Town Council – Cllr O'Brien</u></p> <p>3 years ago a great deal of work was undertaken on Western Road to improve visibility for drivers. Since permission was granted for the development no further works have been completed and remedial works appear to have been 'forgotten'.</p> <p>CS asked PO'B to email him the details and will look into this.</p>	PO'B/CS
<p>7 Cornwall Councillor Updates</p> <p><u>Cllr Farrington</u></p> <p>Confirmed the Pre-app for the Launceston College Expansion has been submitted, and a new Primary School opening in September 2021.</p>	

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The spending review took place two weeks ago. The Government have agreed a 1 year settlement, not the 4 years as expected. They have asked Councils/Local Authorities to increase Council Tax by a further 3% to fund Social Care as there is no White Paper as yet. This is being debated at present.

CC has spent additional monies to keep people safe during the Pandemic and are currently trying to recoup some of the money spent. Funding is going to be challenging in light of the pandemic.

Kate Kennally – CC Chief Executive

KK explained that she was attending the meeting in place of Meredith Teasdale and gave the Panel some feedback.

Really pleased to hear that works will be carried out on Ridgegrove and St Thomas Bridges. This will help to encourage people to walk & cycle. The works are planned to start mid/end January 2021.

Making Space for Nature projects/ambitions will be delivered at the same time.

Scarne Cross/ Medical Centre – good to see the medical centre expansion plans are underway. A planning application for supported accommodation on land adjacent to the Hospital is being submitted this Friday. The application is for 7 specialist flats designed for adults with health and social care needs.

KK said she was really pleased to have been able to attend the meeting and hear about the projects and work that is being carried out in the Launceston Community Network Area; Highways, Forest for Launceston etc.

KK thanked everyone for their hard work, especially in the community to support people during the pandemic & suppress the virus.

KK wished the Panel a very Happy Christmas.

8 Any Other Business

None

9 Date of Next Meeting

18th March 2021