

Clay Country Community Network Panel Monday 27th March

Julia and I attended this meeting which was held at Treverbyn Parish Council Meeting Room, Rockhill Business Park, Higher Bugle.

1. Welcome from Cllr Cole, apologies noted

2. Notes of meeting held on 6th February noted and a report on progress on action points arising from the meeting given by Roger Gates (Link Officer)

3. Public participation.

Mr R Coad raised several points: footbridge on public footpath missing since 2017 (replacement bridge may be part of an ongoing wider project, Cllr Luke to follow up)
local flooding and no-one seems to know where it is coming from and where the water goes to;
decanting of residents at Ballarat development didn't happen – Mr Coad has little confidence that any new restrictions imposed by Cornwall Council will be met. (Cllr Cole said there is an ongoing survey of legal and illegal sites in Cornwall, what is occupied/ empty, status of residents etc plus critique of figures that Cornwall Council is currently using)

4. Traffic and speeding issues

Cllr Luke has had complaints about traffic and speeding in his division caused by roadworks for the new road to the A30. Community speedwatch teams have not reformed after end of Covid – police liaison person is PCSO Relf if a community would like to set one up.

PCSO Tibbles thought location of speed cameras and average speed systems was due to local pressure rather than police concerns. Agreed that cameras would be useful on Bodmin Road as it is a long straight road.

5. Update on review of community networks

Now complete. Decision to reduce to 12 Community Partnership (CP) areas from 19 Community Network Panels agreed by executive rather than full council so some grumbles from Councillors whose areas have not fared so well. China Clay area has stayed together with Luxulyan added. Roger Gates will remain as Link Officer.

Meeting of Chairs and Vice-Chairs of CPs next week re governance issues etc. CC&LCP should receive about £203,000 of Shared Prosperity Fund funding – so may need a mechanism to decide which projects to prioritise/ fund across the area. There is the possibility to access additional SPF funding.

6. Shared Prosperity Funding

Applications have been sifted and those eligible were assessed on 31st March and decisions expected w/c 3rd April. (Cllr Cole has put in an application for some funding to purchase the Claytawc building)

Funding is available from the Community Capacity Fund to develop a project. The Good Growth Fund is looking for projects from communities and businesses.

7. Cornwall Council update

Sophie Hoskings ill and unable to attend.

Cllr Cole noted that the China Clay Area Strategy paper was now an official Cornwall Council document. Roger Gates chasing for the money promised to move from strategy to actions.

8. Highways scheme

Agreed projects completed or in progress. Cormac has visited Trethurgy to look at possibility of installing pavements.

Road changes to slow down traffic entering St Dennis from crossroads – only 2 responses to consultation.

9.Round table

Report from PCSO Tibbles. New Sector Inspector is Matt Trevivian, plus some new Neighbour Beat Managers (NBMs) otherwise known as PCs have joined the local team. (Team is now Inspector, Sergeant, 9 PCs and 6 PCSOs).

Work on St Stephens recreation ground has reduced anti-social behaviour, St Dennis has issues around bus shelters and off-road bikes on the roads.

NDPs – St Stephen still ongoing.

Government wants new local plans within 2 years that will supersede NDPs, but there will probably be national elections in 2024 so this may change.

10. Ongoing consultations

Property flood resilience scheme

11. Next meeting date to be decided as CCCNP will be replaced by CC&LCP.

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