

## DEVELOPMENT AND LOCALISM (D&L) COMMITTEE MEETING - THURSDAY 1ST APRIL 2021

### LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY HUB REPORT

**Income generation.** In addition to the income generated on the Account Transactions document for March 2021, the following cash only income was generated during the month of March 2021. This income will be banked on Monday 29th March 2021.

- Printing/photocopying = £3.00
- Seagull proof sacks = £21.00
- Dog waste bags = £2.00

**Social media.** Since the first National lockdown began on Monday 23rd March 2020, the number of Facebook followers has increased by 50%.

**Library and Information Service (LIS) partnership meeting.** The Town Clerk & RFO and CH&LDM attended a virtual LIS partnership meeting on Wednesday 24th March 2021. During the meeting a number of safety protocols for libraries to consider on reopening was mentioned, but staff were already familiar with them, as they had previously put them into practice.

Also during the meeting, a very good safeguarding brief was presented. Once a copy of the brief has been received, Viv Jewson will update all staff on current safeguarding issues and reporting processes. Viv is a Safeguarding Advocate, having recently received the relevant training via an online workshop hosted by Cornwall County Council.

**Overdue library fees/fines.** It is planned to reintroduce overdue library fees/fines from 1st June 2021.

**Reopening.** Preparations are progressing well to enable the Library and Community Hub to reopen on 12th April 2021. Drecklys Café will also provide food and drinks to customers seated outdoors at the rear of the building. A mini oven has recently been purchased, and staff are looking forward to baking home-made cakes and pastries on-site.

**Deep cleaning.** Preparation plans have included a thorough deep clean of the building, including the cleaning of windows by an external contractor, both inside and out.

**External events.** During April, the following events from the Universal Library Offers Calendar 2021 will be supported:

- World Autism Awareness Week Monday: 29th March - Sunday 4th April 2021.
- World Book Night: Friday 23rd April 2021.

**Commercial quality outdoor furniture.** The CH&LDM is currently looking at options to purchase commercial quality outdoor furniture. This furniture would be located at the front of the building, and primarily be used by Drecklys Café customers.

**Summer Reading Challenge 2021.** The aim of the challenge is to get children of ages 4-11 to read any six books of their choice during the summer holidays. It is run by the charity The Reading Agency.

The theme for the challenge this year will be Wild World Heroes, and it will launch in libraries in England and Wales on Saturday 10th July 2021. The Reading Agency will be developing the challenge in partnership with the WWF, for a very special nature themed challenge that will inspire young children to stand up for their planet.

