

## DEVELOPMENT AND LOCALISM (D&L) COMMITTEE MEETING - THURSDAY 3RD JUNE 2021

### LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY HUB REPORT

**Income generation.** Please access the Account Transactions document for May 2021.

**'Time for a Cuppa' event.** On Friday 21st May an event was held to raise funds for Dementia UK. Staff and volunteers generously baked the cakes, and an amazing £165.97 was donated. With takings from hot drinks amounting to £69.10, a combined total of £235.07 was taken on the day.

**Torpoint Environmental Action (TEA).** The Town Clerk & RFO arranged a TEA group meeting at the Library and Community Hub on Tuesday 11th May. During the meeting it was decided to support the Great British Spring Clean initiative, by holding a litter-picking event at Thanckes Park and adjoining beach on Saturday 28th May. The CH&LDM designed a poster for the event.

**Drecklys Café.** From Monday 17th May, the café was able to serve customers seated indoors, as well as outdoors.

**Pollenize CIC.** Twenty packs of science-backed rewilding seed packs was received from Pollenize CIC for giving away to customers and boosting local biodiversity.

**Arwenek Studio Community Arts CIC.** The CH&LDM recently met with Rosie French (Director and Studio Manager), who offered their support for future projects and events e.g. Friendship Café, Summer Reading Challenge, and Fun Palaces.

**Outreach.** Local schools have been sent details of the improved opening times, and have kindly included the information in their newsletters. Dates and times have been arranged to visit local schools in July to promote the Summer Reading Challenge.

**Welcoming back 0-5 year olds.** The CH&LDM and a member of staff are due to have a virtual meeting with Deborah Averill, the Cornwall Libraries Early Years Coordinator, on Thursday June 3rd. The meeting has been arranged as part of the planning process to deliver the first Rhymetimes session since March 2020, during the week beginning Monday 7th June. Due to certain restrictions still in place, it could be that the group will be limited to a facilitator, plus five adults and their children. However, this small group will be a big step forward back to normality.

**Events.** During June it is planned to hold the following events:

- **Volunteers Week - an opportunity to say thank you.** As part of Volunteers Week (1-7 June), Library and Community Hub volunteers will be invited to visit and enjoy some refreshments on Friday 4th June. Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer will also be welcome.
- **Celebration event/Heli Cream Tea.** As mentioned in the previous report, an event to celebrate the removal of all legal limits on social contact is due to be held in the Library and Community Hub on Friday 25th June. This day also happens to be National Cream Tea Day, so it is also planned to hold a Heli Cream Tea event in aid of the Cornwall Air Ambulance as well.

**Fun Palaces.** The CH&LDM has registered the Library and Community Hub with Fun Palaces. It is planned to hold a Torpoint Fun Palace on Saturday 2nd October. To find out more about Fun Palaces see [here](#).

**Torpoint Archives and Heritage Centre.** Discussions are continuing regarding the options available to reopen.