

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

### **LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY HUB REPORT**

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

**Torpoint Environmental Action (TEA).** The CH&LDM designed a poster promoting a competition to design a logo for TEA. Entry details to be sent to all local schools.

**Staff CPD.** On Friday 11th June, Kate Pumffrey took part in a virtual training session organised by Cornwall Library and Information Service, to boost confidence in Rhymetime delivery, plus learn a little about children's innate musicality. On Tuesday 15th June, the Library and Community Hub was closed to allow all staff to attend the virtual Universal Library Offer Seminar, organised by Libraries Connected.

**Citizens Advice Cornwall.** On Friday 18th June, the CH&LDM met with Cllr Kate Ewart, Cllr John Tivnan BEM, and Becky Moore, Service Delivery Manager for Citizens Advice Cornwall. The Library and Community Hub is a Citizens Advice Cornwall Help Hub for Torpoint and Rame.

**Devolution Funding.** On Monday 21st June, the CH&LDM joined the Town Clerk & RFO for a virtual meeting with Julie Zessimedes (Head of Cornwall Library Service), Catherine Thomson (Cornwall Gateway Community Link Officer), and Stephen Foster (Catherine Thomson's line manager). The meeting was arranged to discuss options for spending the £13K devolution funding on offer from Cornwall Council:

- **Option 1 - Set up a Befriending Network.** Building on a current partnership with local social prescriber, Jes Hirons. A Wellbeing Hub is to be held every Wednesday afternoon with Jes in attendance every other week.
- **Option 2 - Improve the exterior at the front.** An environmental theme that incorporates the new picnic tables and aligns with the Plants for Pollinators project and partnership with Pollenize CIC.
- **Option 3 - Improve the exterior at the back.** Erect a structure with a permanent waterproof roof and detachable sides.
- **Option 4 - Improve education and learning resources.** Integrate a Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math (STEAM) area within the building.

**Pilot Rhymetime.** On Wednesday 23rd June, the first Rhymetime session since March 2020 was delivered. This pilot session was restricted to a facilitator, plus five adults and their children. Plans are currently being made to deliver more sessions in the future.

**Heli Cream Tea.** Friday 25th June was National Cream Tea Day, and a Heli Cream Tea event was held in aid of the Cornwall Air Ambulance. Amount raised to follow.

**Celebration event.** An event to celebrate the removal of all legal limits on social contact was also due to be held on Friday 25th June. However, due to the removal date being extended to Monday 19th July, the event was cancelled until further notice.

**Events.** During July it is planned to hold/support the following events:

- Rhymetime.
- Summer Reading Challenge.

**Torpoint Archives and Heritage Centre.** Reopening discussions ongoing.