

DEVELOPMENT AND LOCALISM (D&L) COMMITTEE MEETING - THURSDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER 2021

LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY HUB REPORT

Income generation. Please access the Account Transactions documents for July and August 2021.

COVID-19. There was an easing of COVID-19 restrictions (step 4) on Monday 19th July 2021. However, on entry, all visitors have still been encouraged to wear face coverings, scan the QR Code, and use the hand sanitiser provided.

Summer Reading Challenge. The Summer Reading Challenge began on Saturday 10th July 2021. As of Friday 20th August 2021, 174 children have so far registered to take part. Young volunteers have been assisting with the administration of the challenge, including Lily Lyons, daughter of Facilities Operative Rachel Lyons.

Work Experience Placement. On Monday 19th July 2021, a pupil from Plymouth High School for Girls, Laura Jernstroem, began a 5-day work experience placement.

Fines Amnesty. Cornwall's libraries agreed to a two weeks fines amnesty from Monday 2nd August to Saturday 14th August 2021. However, the Town Clerk & RFO and Community Hub & Library Development Manager both agreed to extend the end date to 31st August 2021. Further discussions regarding whether fines should be permanently abolished or not, is required.

Events. The following events were planned to support the Summer Reading Challenge:

- Tuesday 3rd August 2021 - Drama with Jasmine in the library.
- Tuesday 10th August 2021 - Craft Workshop with Jasmine in the library.
- Wednesday 18th August 2021 - Arts and crafts with activity packs created by Awenek CIC
- Wednesday 25 August 2021 - Nature Trail in partnership with Friends of Thanckes Park.
- Friday 3rd September 2021 - The Screech Owl Sanctuary at the library.

Devolution Funding. Work is still ongoing investigating and researching information to justify the spending of 13K devolution funding on offer from Cornwall Council.

Facebook. The number of Facebook followers has increased by 60% since the start of the first lockdown.

Cornwall Air Ambulance. The final amount raised in aid of the Cornwall Air Ambulance was £305.19.

U3A Groups. The following U3A groups have either started/due to start in the near future:

- Chat and Totter.
- Creative Working Workshop.
- Family History Group.
- Photography.

Councillor Surgery. Cllr Kate Ewart has arranged to hold a councillor surgery every second Friday of the month, 1000-1200.

Pre Pandemic Groups. Confirmation of when/if the previously well established arts group and crafts group will start again, has yet to be received.

Wellbeing Café. Due to the local social prescriber, Jes Hirons, having her area of responsibility reduced, she will now be able to attend the Wellbeing Café every Wednesday afternoon.

BookTrust StoryTime Pilot. The library is one of three Cornwall libraries selected by BookTrust to take part in a story time pilot scheme aimed at U5s from low income families.

Volunteer Bakers. Cllr Robin Willoughby has recently joined the team of volunteer bakers who provide cakes for sale in Drecklys Café. Cllr Kim Brownhill is also a member of this team.

Torpoint Community College Volunteers. Two students from Torpoint Community College, Kate Teppin and Eliza Baker, have both expressed their interest in volunteering their services. It is hoped that their future involvement will attract a similar response from some of their peers; an age group that has previously shown little interest in visiting the library.

Torpoint Archives and Heritage Centre. Limited opening times now in place. Only two visitors allowed in the centre at any one time, and the wearing of face coverings is encouraged.