

## **DEVELOPMENT AND LOCALISM (D&L) COMMITTEE MEETING - THURSDAY 7 OCTOBER 2021**

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

**Income generation.** Please access the Account Transactions documents for September 2021.

**Newspapers.** From Wednesday 1 September, newspapers were once again available for customers to read.

**Summer Reading Challenge.** On Friday 3 September 2021, The Screech Owl Sanctuary visited the library as part of the Summer Reading Challenge offer. The event was very well attended, and the children had a great time. The Challenge itself finished on Saturday 18 September, with 188 children having registered to take part, and 92 having completed. A completion rate of 49%.

**Internet and computers.** On Thursday 16 September, the Community Hub & Library Development Manager (CH&LDM) met with Amanda Pennington, the Customer Liaison and Stakeholder Engagement Manager for Cornish broadband provider Wildanet. Items discussed included the free provision of superfast broadband, plus half a dozen laptops. Currently awaiting project manager approval via agreement/contract.

**New member of staff.** On Friday 17 September, Torpoint Town Council and library staff said goodbye to Kate Pumffrey. After six candidates were interviewed for the vacant role on Tuesday 28 September, Gwenda Hunt was offered the position.

**Emergency First Aid at Work training.** On Monday 20 September, the CH&LDM and Viv Jewson attended HSE approved Emergency First Aid at Work training in the Committee Room at the Council Chambers.

**Overdue charges.** On Thursday 23 September, the CH&LDM joined the Town Clerk & RFO for a virtual Library & Information Service partnership meeting. The main item on the agenda was a presentation and discussion on the future of overdue charges. During which it was discovered that Cornwall Council were planning to abolish overdue charges at their retained libraries. The Town Clerk & RFO said that in principle, she was supportive of their plan, but would need to see written confirmation of their intent before informing the Town Council.

**Macmillan Coffee Morning.** On Friday 24 September, a very busy Macmillan Coffee Morning raised £318.58.

**Freedom of Torpoint Parade.** On Sunday 26 September, the CH&LDM and Kate Jackson opened the library, and provided refreshments for VIPs and their guests attending the HMS Raleigh Freedom of Torpoint Parade.

**Employability skills.** A representative from Motiv-8 will be in the library on the first Wednesday of every month (starting Wednesday 6 October), to coach the necessary employability skills required for people to gain employment in their preferred role.

**Bob's Barn/Santa's Grotto.** The Lions will use Bob's Barn as a Santa's Grotto on the following dates:

- Saturday 27 November.
- Saturday 4 December.
- Sunday 5 December.
- Saturday 18 December.
- Sunday 19 December.