

DEVELOPMENT AND LOCALISM (D&L) COMMITTEE MEETING - THURSDAY 3 FEBRUARY 2022

LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY HUB REPORT

Income and expenditure. Please access the income and expenditure documents for December 2021 and January 2022.

Staff absence. A member of staff had a bad fall during the Christmas/New Year break, and fractured her right arm just below the shoulder. Her next appointment at the hospital is Wednesday 2 February. This unfortunate accident has resulted in plans to open the first Saturday of every month being temporarily suspended.

IT systems. The public network IT systems supplied by Cornwall Council have now been updated.

Local Devolution Funding. The DRAFT Grant Offer Letter and Funding received from Cornwall Council, relating to the improvements at the Library and Community Hub, was approved at the 20 January 2022 Town Council meeting.

Overdue fines compensation. The Town Council have recently received £1097.13 from Cornwall Council, as compensation for overdue fines being abolished as of 1 January 2022. This figure is 75% of the lump sum received from overdue charges during the 2019/20 financial year.

Items on loan. When discussing the merits or not of abolishing overdue charges, some councillors were concerned about what procedures would be in place to prevent customers from abusing the system. So it has been decided that customers accounts will be disabled if books go 10 weeks overdue. When books are returned or renewed, accounts will be activated again.

Lease. The lease for the building is being extended for a further three years.

Library and Information Service (LIS). On Wednesday 27 January, the CHLDM joined the Town Clerk & RFO for a virtual LIS partnerships meeting. The main items of interest were:

- **Healthy Start.** Help with food, milk and vitamins, for pregnant woman, and children under 4 years. See [here](#) for more details.
- **Census 2021.** 92% of Cornwall residents completed the Census online. The UK average was 89%.

Summer Reading Challenge. The theme and title for the 2022 Summer Reading Challenge is 'Gadgeteers', and will celebrate the key role of the imagination in both reading and the sciences.

Oakwood College. A student from Oakwood College will be assisting staff with rhymetime on Wednesday mornings.

Arts and crafts groups. The arts and crafts groups have started up again, on Friday mornings and Monday afternoons respectively.

Customer donation. A customer recently donated £10.00, because he was so impressed with the service he had received.

December 2021 events. During December 2021, the following events were held:

- Friday 4 December - Christmas Crafts Fair (£220.00 received from cash and card from stallholders and café).
- Wednesday 15 December - Christmas crafts activities for children with Motiv-8 and Awenek Studio CIC.

- Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 December - The Lions used Bob's Barn as Santa's Grotto.

February 2022 events. The following events are planned for February:

- Tuesday 1 February, 1000 - 1300 - 'Springboard' will be offering advice and support for local entrepreneurs to explore and develop their ideas
- February Half-Term, 21 - 25 February - See page 3 for details.

Future events planned. The following events have been planned so far. More will follow:

- Saturday 5 March - St Piran's Day.
- July-September (Dates TBN) - Summer Reading Challenge.
- Friday 30 September - Macmillan Coffee Morning.
- Saturday 1 October - Fun Palace. In partnership with Awenek Studio CIC.
- November (Date TBN) - BBC Children in Need.
- Friday 9 December - Christmas Crafts Fair.

FEBRUARY HALF-TERM ACTIVITIES

In partnership with Awenek Studio CIC, Friends of Thanckes Park, and Torpoint Environmental Action. A week of activities to inspire young children to create a better future by looking after our world.

Monday 21st, 10.00am - Midday

Decorate a Sea Turtle with shells, paint, and beach clean-up rubbish, at the Library & Community Hub.

Tuesday 22nd, 10.00am - Midday

Meet the Wild Tribe Heroes, and learn about the danger of plastic in our oceans, at the Library & Community Hub.

Wednesday 23rd, 1.00pm - 3.00pm

Environmental arts and crafts with Awenek Studio CIC, at the Library & Community Hub.

Thursday 24th, 2.30pm - 3.30pm

Under the microscope. Meet and greet a Marine Biologist, at the Library & Community Hub.

Friday 25th, 10.00am - 1.00pm

Birds, Bugs, and Bulbs. Building bird feeders, making bug hotels, and planting seeds at Thanckes Park friendsoftp@2018@gmail.com